

Chieftain Group plc

Opening of new premises on Teesside

Chieftain Group Plc (“Chieftain” or “the Group”), the Tyneside-based industrial services group, is pleased to announce the opening of new state-of-the-art premises on Teesside to further reinforce the presence of its R Blckett Charlton (“RBC”) subsidiary in the region. RBC opened for business on Teesside in February 2005 but has already outgrown its existing office space at The Wilton Centre.

The 2.5 acre site, on the Skippers Lane Industrial Estate in Middlesbrough, will be known as RBC House and will incorporate RBC’s Teesside regional office as well as dedicated workshops to meet the engineering demands of the North East process industries. The move comes following Chieftain’s acquisition of the trading name, fixed assets, stocks and work in progress of Bringover Limited (“Bringover”) in September and is part of a commitment by the Group to substantially grow its Engineering Services activities. The site will initially employ 35 people in the office and workshop but this is expected to increase further in the future. Bringover’s principal activity is the repair and maintenance of turbine and rotating equipment, both on-site at customers’ premises and at its dedicated workshop. This expertise is to be expanded to embrace valves, centrifuges and a broad range of pumps thereby offering a total asset management capability.

RBC is already in advanced negotiations over recruiting more well-known industry names to further enhance its presence on Teesside. Since the business opened on Teesside in February 2005, it has already grown substantially and is responsible for some 250 workers on customers’ sites including BASF, ConocoPhillips, Hydro Polymers and the Teesside Power Station.

Chieftain Group pays very close attention to safety on its sites and is pleased to announce in a separate release today that it is one of only 40 companies worldwide to have secured the British Safety Council Sword of Honour. The Sword of Honour scheme, now in its twenty-seventh year, recognises organisations that have implemented safety systems that are among the best in the world. This is the second time Chieftain has secured this coveted award.

Commenting on the new office on Teesside, Bill Taylor, Chief Executive of Chieftain Group Plc, said:

“From a standing start less than two years ago, RBC’s Teesside business has already outgrown its existing premises thanks to the contracts it has secured with major blue-chip clients in the process industries. Our relocation to dedicated offices and state-of-the-art workshop further reinforces our commitment to the process industry on Teesside and will safeguard skilled employment for the future”.

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