HOT ROCKS INVESTMENTS PLC (the "Company")

Death of Director

The Board of Hot Rocks Investments plc is very sad to announce the death of Mr Brian Rowbotham, non-executive Chairman of the Company.

Brian qualified as a Chartered Accountant with Deloitte & Touche and had a long career in the City including at Save and Prosper and F&C Management Ltd. Brian joined Teather and Greenwood in 1997 and was involved as partner and then Finance Director in the Company's flotation on AIM and subsequent move to the Official List. He ran his own consultancy specialising in turnarounds and startups until joining Hichens, Harrison & Co plc in 2005 – sold to Religare Enterprises in May 2008.

Gavin Burnell, Managing Director, comments:

"Aside from being a colleague, Brian was a good friend and he will be missed greatly. On behalf of the Company, we send our sincere condolences to his family and friends."

As a small company minimising its cost base there are no immediate plans to alter the composition of the Board though it shall be kept under review.

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