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Gooch & Housego PLC
("G&H" or the "Company")

Appointment of Non-Executive Director

Gooch & Housego PLC (AIM: GHH), the specialist manufacturer of photonic components & systems, is pleased to announce that Susan Searle has been appointed to the Company's Board as a Non-Executive Director with effect from 3 April 2023. Upon appointment, Susan will become a member of the Audit, Remuneration and Nomination Committees of the G&H Board.

Susan was a founder of Touchstone Innovations plc, and formerly its CEO. She has served on a variety of private and quoted company boards in engineering, healthcare and advanced materials, and held a variety of commercial and business development roles with Shell Chemicals, the Bank of Nova Scotia, Montech (Australia), and Signet Group plc. Previously Susan was the Senior Independent Director and Remuneration Committee Chair of Horizon Discovery Group plc, and Chair of Mercia Asset Management plc and Schroder UK Public Private Trust plc.

Susan is currently a Non-Executive Director and Chair of the Remuneration Committee of Qinetiq Group plc, Senior Independent Non-Executive Director and Chair of the Remuneration Committee of Benchmark Holdings plc, and Chair of Greenback Recycling Technologies Limited.

Gary Bullard, Chairman of Gooch & Housego, commented:

"I am delighted to welcome Susan to the Board of Gooch & Housego. She brings to the Group strong experience of commercialising new technologies and intellectual property, as well as ESG and Remuneration matters. I am sure Susan will make a valuable contribution to the continuing growth of the Gooch & Housego business."

Further regulatory disclosures

The following information is disclosed pursuant to Schedule Two paragraph (g) of the AIM Rules for Companies.

Susan Jane Searle (maiden name Price), age 59, currently holds or has held the following directorships or partnerships in the past five years.

Current Directorships or Partnerships	**Past Directorships or Partnerships**
Greenback Recycling Technologies Limited	Schroder UK Public Private Trust plc
Qinetiq Group plc	Mercia Asset Management plc
Benchmark Holdings plc	Horizon Discovery plc
	SS Businesses Limited

No further information is required to be disclosed pursuant to paragraph (g) of Schedule 2 of the AIM Rules.

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Notes to editors

1. Gooch & Housego is a photonics technology business headquartered in Ilminster, Somerset, UK with operations in the USA and Europe. A world leader in its field, the company researches, designs, engineers and manufactures advanced photonic systems, components and instrumentation for applications in the Aerospace & Defence, Industrial, Life Sciences and Scientific Research sectors. World leading design, development and manufacturing expertise is offered across a broad range of complementary technologies.