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

Appointment of Non-Executive Director

Gooch & Housego PLC, the specialist manufacturer of optical components and systems, is pleased to announce that Jim Haynes has been appointed to the Company's Board as a Non-Executive Director with effect from 12 March 2021.

Jim brings to the Group extensive experience from his distinguished executive career in the photonics industry where he held a range of senior leadership roles in engineering and operations, most recently Executive Vice President, Operations, at Oclaro/Lumentum. He has significant international experience having lived and worked in the UK, US and Canada and he was also responsible for growing Operations in Asia. He has been involved in the successful integration of a number of acquired businesses whilst also delivering on organic growth strategies.

Jim was formerly a non-executive director of Andor Technology plc, an AIM traded microscopy business acquired by Oxford Instruments plc in 2014. He is currently an advisor to Rockley Photonics, a silicon photonics technology company.

Gary Bullard, Chairman of Gooch & Housego, commented:

"I am delighted to welcome Jim to the Board of Gooch & Housego. He has many years of experience operating at Board level in international photonics businesses. Jim has particular expertise in technology and operations and I am sure he will make a valuable contribution to the continuing growth of the Gooch & Housego business."

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James Douglas Haynes (aged 59 years) currently holds or has held the following directorships or partnerships in the past five years.

Current Directorships or Partnerships	**Past Directorships or Partnerships**
None	Bookham Nominees limited Lumentum Technology UK Limited Oclaro Germany GMBH Oclaro (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd

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.

2. All financial information included in this announcement is sourced from unaudited management accounts and excludes any specific items. This announcement contains certain forward-looking statements that are based on management's current expectations or beliefs as well as assumptions about future events. These are subject to risk factors associated with, amongst other things, the economic and business circumstances occurring from time to time in the countries and sectors in which G&H operates. It is believed that the expectations reflected in these statements are reasonable but they may be affected by a wide range of variables which could cause actual results, and G&H's plans and objectives, to differ materially from those currently anticipated or implied in the forward-looking statements. Investors should not place undue reliance on any such statements. Nothing in this announcement should be construed as a profit forecast.