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

Appointment of Non-Executive Director

Gooch & Housego PLC, the specialist manufacturer of optical components and systems, is pleased to announce that David Bauernfeind has been appointed to the Company's Board as a Non-Executive Director with effect from 1st May, 2017. David will also chair the Audit Committee.

David has extensive experience of finance and strategic leadership roles in a range of sectors including Aerospace & Defence, Industrial, Technology and Support Services, Publishing and Distribution. He brings substantial expertise in M&A and large deal structuring.

David is currently Chief Financial Officer and Board member of Connect Group plc.

Previously, David was Chief Financial Officer and Board member of Xchanging plc and instrumental in the successful sale of the Group to CSC in June 2016.

David holds a BSc from the University of Wales and is a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales.

Gareth Jones, Chairman of Gooch & Housego, commented:

"David Bauernfeind brings extensive strategic and financial management experience drawn from experience in an impressive group of multi-national public corporations across a range of sectors. The Board looks forward to benefiting from his wisdom and expertise."

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David Gregory Bauernfeind (aged 48 years) holds or has held the following directorships or partnerships during the last five years:

Current Directorships or Partnerships	*Previous Directorships or Partnerships*
Bertram Trading Limited	
Connect Limited	Xchanging Europe Holdco Limited
Connect2U Limited	Xchanging plc
Connect Books Limited	Xchanging Solutions Limited
Connect Care Limited	Xchanging UK Limited

Connect Education Limited
Connect Education & Care Limited
Connect Group plc
Connect Logistics Limited
Connect News & Media Limited
Connect Parcel Freight Limited
Connect Parcels Limited
Connect Services Limited
Connect Specialist Distribution Group Limited
Dawson Books Limited
Dawson Book Services Limited
Dawson Espana Agencia De Ediciones S.L.
Dawson France SAS
Dawson Finance Company Limited
Dawson Guarantee Company Limited
Dawson Holdings Limited
Dawson Iberica SRL
Dawson Limited
Dawson Media Direct Australia Pty Limited
Dawson Media Direct China Ltd
Dawson Media Direct GmbH
Dawson Media Direct Holdings Inc
Dawson Media Direct Inc
Dawson Media Direct Limited
Dawson Media Direct Middle East FZ LLC
Dawson Media Direct NV
Dawson Media Direct Reklamcilik Anonim Sirketi
DMD Holdings Ltd
Erasmus Antiquariaat En Boekhandel B.V.
Hammond Bridge Limited
Hammond Bridge Trustees Limited
Hedgelane Limited
Houtschild Internationale Boekhandel B.V.
Jack's Beans Limited
Magpie Investments Limited
Martin-Lavell Limited
Pass My Parcel Limited
Phantom Media Limited
Smiths News Holdings Limited
Smiths News Limited
Smiths News Instore Limited
Smiths News Investments Limited
Smiths News Trading Limited
Studentpacks Limited
Supply Zone Limited
The Big Green Euro Machine Limited
The Big Green Parcel Group Limited
The Big Green Parcel Machine Limited
The Big Green Parcel Holding Company Limited
The Consortium Limited
The Consortium for Purchasing and Distribution Limited
Tuffnells Parcels Express Limited
Wordery.com Limited
White Hall Flats Limited
Xchanging US Funding Limited
Xchanging US Holdings Limited

There are no other matters which are required to be disclosed with regards to the appointment of David Bauernfeind pursuant to Rule 17 and paragraph (g) of Schedule Two of the AIM Rules for Companies.

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.