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## WOOD GROUP OFFICALLY OPENS NEW OFFICE IN GLASGOW

Allister Langlands, Chief Executive of John Wood Group PLC ("Wood Group") officially opened the Group's new 27,000 sq ft engineering office in Glasgow's NOVA Technology Park today. Since starting up in Glasgow two years ago, Wood Group Engineering (North Sea) Ltd, part of the Group's engineering & production facilities division, now employs 330 highly qualified engineers and technical staff in the Glasgow office.

"We opened our Glasgow office as a long-term strategic initiative to give us an additional resource pool of skilled engineers, improving our ability to manage increasing workloads for North Sea clients and for clients in Russia and North Africa," said Allister Langlands. "We continue to grow our investment programme to extend our international reach and broaden our range of services and we are well positioned to take advantage of the ongoing opportunities in today's strong energy market. The Group's global headcount has risen by 3,000 during 2007 and is now over 23,000."

Wood Group was the first major tenant for Scottish Enterprise Glasgow's custom-built NOVA Technology Park in the city's Robroyston area which forms a cornerstone of Glasgow city's strategy for attracting new high-tech research and development businesses in the future. This is the third office building occupied by Wood Group in Glasgow over the last two years, the Group has outgrown its previous offices as a result of strong growth. During 2007 the Glasgow office doubled in size from 150 to 330, with 20% of

staff recruited from other industry sectors. The 330 includes over 20 graduates and

trainees.

Pat Delany, General Manager of the Group's Glasgow office said, "Over the last two

years our team in Glasgow has demonstrated a real pioneering spirit to achieve such

remarkable growth and I want to thank our employees, contractors and clients for their

support. We aim to further increase our headcount in Glasgow next year, including

graduates and trainees, as our existing workload expands and as we take on more

overseas business."

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**Notes to editors:** 

**Wood Group** is an international energy services company with more than \$4 bn sales, employing more than 23,000 people worldwide and operating in 46 countries. The Group has three businesses-Engineering & Production Facilities, Well Support, and Gas Turbine

has three businesses-Engineering & Production Facilities, Well Support, and Gas Turbine Services-providing a range of engineering, production support, maintenance management and industrial gas turbine overhaul and repair services to the oil & gas, and power

generation industries worldwide.

Wood Group Engineering (North Sea) is an international contracting organisation

providing technically and commercially innovative solutions for the management, operations, maintenance, engineering, design, modification and decommissioning of

offshore and onshore oil & gas facilities.

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