



HHG PLC

HHG appoints Duncan Ferguson to Board

HHG PLC chairman Sir Malcolm Bates today announced the appointment of a new non-executive director, Duncan Ferguson, to the HHG Board with immediate effect.

Commenting on the appointment Sir Malcolm said "I am delighted that we have been able to attract such an experienced actuary as Mr Ferguson to serve on the HHG Board. His background with Bacon & Woodrow, and latterly with B&W Deloitte and previous Presidency of the Institute of Actuaries will be of the utmost value to the Group."

Currently chairman of both Alba Life and Royal & Sun Alliance Life Holdings, Mr Ferguson is also a non executive director of HBOS Financial Services (having previously been a director of Halifax Group plc), Illium Insurance, and Windsor Life.

A Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries, he served on the Council of the Institute from 1989 to 2000 and as President from 1996 to 1998. He was also a member of Council of the International Actuarial Association from 1996 to 2002.

Born and educated in Edinburgh, Mr Ferguson is a graduate of Trinity College, Cambridge after which he joined Bacon & Woodrow as an actuarial student. In 1975, he joined Eagle Star as director of the International Division. He rejoined Bacon & Woodrow in 1988 as head of its insurance practice and was appointed senior partner in 1994. He retired in May 2003, two years after Bacon & Woodrow merged its insurance practice with Deloitte and Touche.

Mr Ferguson has confirmed that the only details to be disclosed in connection with LSE listing rule 6.F.2 (b) to (g) are that he was Actuary and a director of Nation Life which went into voluntary liquidation in 1974.

Following this appointment, the HHG Board comprises three executive and six non-executive directors including the Chairman. As reported at the HHG AGM held on 10 June 2004, Sir Malcolm Bates, Peter Costain and Sir William Wells all intend to retire from the Board at or before the 2005 AGM.

Sir Malcolm Bates said "Mr Ferguson's appointment is part of the ongoing process to renew the Board with Directors who are able to maintain the appropriate depth and breadth of skill and experience, and to ensure safe stewardship for shareholders."

Mr Ferguson will stand for election at the HHG AGM in 2005.

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