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**Gooch & Housego PLC
(The “Company”)**

**Resignation of Chief Financial Officer and appointment of Interim Finance Director &
Company Secretary**

Gooch & Housego PLC, the specialist manufacturer of optical components and systems, announces that Mr Peter J. Quinn has resigned from the Board, and from his positions as Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary, and will cease to be an employee of the Company with effect from 31 March 2009.

With immediate effect, Mr Paul Heal, currently a non-executive director of the Company, will become Interim Finance Director and Company Secretary. Paul Heal is a Chartered Accountant and a former Partner of PricewaterhouseCoopers. For the duration of the period during which Paul Heal has Board responsibility for the finance function he will step down from both the Audit and Remuneration Committees.

Andrew Boteler, currently Head of Finance Europe in the Company’s Components & Materials Division, becomes acting chief financial officer and will report to Paul Heal and the Board. Andrew Boteler is a Chartered Accountant and was previously Finance Director of SIFAM Fibre Optics Ltd, which was acquired by Gooch & Housego in May 2007.

These arrangements are short term and it is intended that a permanent Finance Director appointment will be made in due course.

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