

**For immediate release**

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

**Appointment of new executive director**

Gooch & Housego PLC, the specialist manufacturer of optical components and systems, today announces that Mr Andrew Boteler will join the Board and take up the position of Chief Financial Officer with effect from 1 August 2009. Andrew Boteler is currently Acting Chief Financial Officer of the Company. Also on 1 August 2009 Mr Paul Heal will step down as Interim Finance Director and resume his role as a non-executive director and Chairman of the Audit Committee.

Andrew Boteler, 43, is a Chartered Accountant with extensive experience in manufacturing industry. After training with Ernst & Young he held several positions in industry as a Financial Controller before becoming the senior Finance Officer in the UK for US telecommunications components group JDSU. In 2002 he was part of the team that bought out the JDSU UK fibre optics business that became SIFAM Fibre Optics Ltd. Andrew Boteler was Finance Director of SIFAM Fibre Optics Ltd until it was acquired by Gooch & Housego in May 2007.

Mr. Boteler has been a director of the following companies within the last five years: -

SIFAM Fibre Optics Ltd.  
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There are no other disclosures required under Schedule Two (g) of the AIM rules.

Gareth Jones, Chief Executive of Gooch & Housego, commented:

“In working closely with Andrew for the past two years I know him to have an in-depth knowledge of not just our financial matters, but our customers, technologies and products as well. He is already a member of the team and I am pleased to be able to welcome him to the Board. I would also like to thank Paul Heal for his assistance over the past few months.”

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