

FAIRPOINT.

9 September 2008

Fairpoint Group plc – Directorate Change

Fairpoint Group plc (“Fairpoint” or “the Group”) is pleased to announce the appointments of Andrew James Heath, and John Allkins to the board effective 9 September 2008.

Fairpoint also announces that as disclosed in the Group’s trading update of 10 June 2008 Michael Blackburn has retired from the role of Chairman and from the Board. Matthew Peacock has been appointed as Non-Executive Chairman. Both changes are effective from 9 September 2008.

John Allkins, aged 59 is appointed as Senior Independent Non-Executive Director. John was previously Group Finance Director for MyTravel Group plc and is also a Non-Executive Director of Intec Telecom Systems plc, Molins plc and Renold plc.

Andrew Heath, aged 41, is appointed as Finance Director, having joined the Group in April 2007 and having being appointed as Company Secretary and acting Finance Director in December 2007. Andrew was previously Vice President Corporate Accounting for Capital One Bank (Europe) plc.

Matthew Peacock, Chairman of Fairpoint, said

“I am delighted to confirm Andrew’s position as Finance Director and welcome the addition of John, who brings a wealth of valuable experience to the board, as Senior Independent Director, “

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Additional Information:

In accordance with Schedule 2(g) of the AIM rules, the following information in relation to the appointments of John Allkins and Andrew James Heath is disclosed.

In the previous five years John Allkins has been a director of the following companies:

Current Directorships

Intec Telecom Systems plc
Renold plc
Molins plc

Previous Directorships

MyTravel Group plc
Thomas Cook Group Plc
MyTravel Aviation 757 Leasing Limited
MyTravel Airways Ltd
Parkway 2005 Limited
MyTravel Treasury limited
MyTravel UK limited
Parkway Northern Europe holdings A/S

In the previous five years Andrew James Heath has been a director of the following companies:

Current Directorships

Clearstart Partnerships Limited
Clearstart UK Limited
Debt 3 Payment Plan Limited
Debt Free Direct (Australia) Limited
Debt Free Direct Group Limited
Debt Free Direct Limited
DFD (Investments) Limited
DFD Equity Release Limited
DFD Mortgages Limited
Lawrence Charlton Limited
The Debt Advice and Money Solutions Group
Limited
Treegrove Limited
Up and Up Group plc
Up and Up Limited

Previous Directorships

Capital One Management (South Africa) pty

There are no further matters to be disclosed in relation to these appointments pursuant to AIM rule 17.