



DIRECTORSHIP CHANGE

It is with considerable shock and great sadness that I have to announce the sudden death overnight of Alasdair Culshaw, our Finance Director. Since joining the company in September 2004, Alasdair not only became a key member of the team but was also a much respected and admired colleague. He will be greatly missed.

The board of Hartest Holdings plc have convened today and will make further announcements about his replacement in due course.

David R Leeming
Chairman

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