



**ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING AMOUNT DUE FROM FORMER
SUBSIDIARY**

Hartest Holdings plc ("Hartest") has been informed that Administrators have been appointed to Lab Furnishings Limited, the company that acquired the former Laboratory Furniture division of Hartest in April 2003. In view of this, the Board of Hartest has decided to make immediately full provision against all amounts due from Lab Furnishings Limited in respect of the outstanding loan, and accrued rent and interest, which at 31 March amounted to £626,000.

The Board of Hartest believes, however, that the failure of Lab Furnishings Limited will not materially impair the prospects or financial stability of Hartest and therefore this announcement is made as a matter of record only.

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