

## **NWF GROUP PLC APPOINTMENT OF NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

NWF Group plc ("NWF"), the diversified sales and distribution group, announces that as of the 1 October 2007, Richard Whiting, 43, will join the Board of NWF and assume the position of Chief Executive Designate. Current Chief Executive Graham Scott will continue in his capacity until 31 October 2007 and then hand over to Richard.

Richard joins NWF from fully listed Heywood Williams Group plc where he has been Group Finance Director since November 2004. Richard joined Heywood Williams in 2002 as Business Development Director.

Prior to his work at Heywood Williams, Richard held a number of senior roles. From 1988-2002 he was at Novar plc (formerly Caradon plc), working in the building products sector. From 2000-2002 he was Managing Director of the datacom division of Brand-Rex Ltd., one of Europe's leading data communication cabling systems providers.

Commenting on the appointment, Chairman of NWF, Mark Hudson said: "I am delighted that Richard will be joining us in October. He has an impressive breadth of experience and a track record of executing and delivering comprehensive business goals. We welcome him to the NWF Board and are looking forward to working with him in order to build on the growth we have so far achieved and continue our notable success."