

## **APPOINTMENT OF NON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

NWF Group plc ("NWF Group" or the "Group"), the diversified sales and distribution company, announces the appointment of David Robert Southworth, as a Non Executive Director of the Group with effect from 1 May 2006.

David Southworth, FCCA, age 57 was Chief Executive and then Executive Chairman of P&P plc, which subsequently became Skillsgroup plc, a market leader in the IT technical training market. David was instrumental in transforming the business from a small private product-based business, to a major provider of people-based IT consultancy and training. Over the course of his fourteen year tenure at P&P / Skillsgroup he oversaw more than 20 acquisitions, flotation in 1988, and grew the business to a market capitalisation of over £300 million.

David comes to NWF with a wide-ranging understanding and experience of both quoted and unquoted companies the majority of which operate from the North West of England, where he has spent the majority of his working life. He has been and is currently chairman of a number of diverse businesses, listed and private, whose activities stretch from manufacture to marketing and software.

Graham Scott, Chief Executive of NWF commented: "I am delighted that David is joining us and look forward to the valuable contribution his appointment will make to the Group. He has already more than demonstrated his abilities and knowledge of growing a business both organically and via acquisition through his work at Skillsgroup. I welcome him to the Board."

### **Current Directorships:**

Delineo Limited  
Delineo (Yorkshire) Limited  
Frenkel Topping Group plc  
GA Perkins Limited  
Pleasington Golf Links Company Limited  
Recite Group Limited  
Recite Limited  
Speed 9683 Limited

### **Past Directorships in the previous 5 years:**

Burtonwood Brewery plc  
Csols plc  
Portfolio Art and Design Limited  
P&P Corporate Limited  
Skillsgroup Holdings Limited  
Skillsgroup plc  
W&DB Estates Limited  
Wockhardt UK Limited

There is no further information required to be disclosed under Schedule 2 (g) of the AIM Rules.

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