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RPC Group Plc

Pre-close Trading Statement

RPC Group expects that overall sales will have increased on a like-for-like basis in the second half of 2007/8 compared to the first half and compared to the same period last year. For the year as a whole the Group anticipates that underlying operating profit* will be little changed from last year as a result of continuing input cost pressures (particularly polymers) and weakening UK market demand.

Exceptional costs will be significantly higher than last year as the restructuring efforts have continued at a high level in the second half in order to provide a strengthened business going forward. Good progress continues to be made with the integration of the recently acquired businesses. Finance charges will be above last year because of higher borrowings, weakness of sterling and increases in interest rates on the floating portion of our bank debt.

*Underlying operating profit is stated before restructuring costs and impairment losses

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