

Punch Taverns plc

Re: Directorate

Punch Taverns Plc ("Punch" or "the Group") today announces the appointment of two new directors to the Board, with immediate effect.

The Directors are pleased to announce the appointment of Deborah Kemp to the Board. Deborah has over 20 years' experience in the pub industry. She joined Punch at its inception in 1998 and has held a number of senior positions within the Group prior to her appointment as Managing Director of the Leased Business in March 2007. Deborah joins the Board as an Executive Director.

In addition, Mark Pain joins the Board as a Non Executive Director. Aged 46, Mark brings with him approaching 10 years' experience as a FTSE 100 Main Board Director covering: housebuilding, retail and wholesale banking, consumer and business finance and life assurance, both in the UK and selected European markets.

Mark is currently Chief Financial Officer of Barratt Developments plc. He was previously at Abbey National Group PLC, where he held a number of senior management roles from 1989 to 2005 including Group Finance Director (1998-2001) and Customer Sales Director (2002-2005).

Prior to this, Mark was at TSB Group PLC (1987-1989) and Touche Ross and Co. (now Deloitte & Touche). Mark is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants (FCA).

No information is required to be disclosed in respect of Mark Pain or Deborah Kemp pursuant to Listing Rule 9.6.13R (1) to (6).

Giles Thorley, Chief Executive, said:

"I am delighted to welcome both Mark and Deborah to the Board. These new appointments will further strengthen our existing skill set at Board level as we continue to build the UK's premier pub company."

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