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## **Non-Executive Director reappointments at the Tote**

Gerry Sutcliffe has reappointed Mrs Noel Harwerth and Sir Ian Good CBE as Non-Executive Directors of the Horserace Totalisator Board (known as the Tote). Their terms will run until the Tote is sold, and otherwise for a maximum of three years, from 16 January 2010.

### **Noel Harwerth**

Mrs Harwerth is the deputy chair of Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (Europe), and a non-executive director of Royal and Sun Alliance Insurance Group Plc and Logica CMG. She has a lifelong interest in horses and racing.

### **Sir Ian Good CBE**

Sir Ian is the Chairman of Edrington Group, a Scottish distiller with numerous brands including Famous Grouse whisky. Sir Ian is also the Chairman of Hamilton Park Racecourse, the Robertson Trust and Scottish Racing Marketing Ltd. He is a Steward of The Jockey Club.

### **Background**

The Tote is a statutory authority, which was first established as the Racecourse Betting Control Board by the Racecourse Betting Act 1928. It was founded to enable racegoers to bet by means of a totalisator (i.e. horserace pool betting) for which it has the exclusive licence; and to raise money for racing.

It was given its present official name (the Horserace Totalisator Board) in 1961, but has always been known as the Tote. Since 1972, the Tote has also had the authority to conduct a fixed odds betting business and now competes widely in the bookmaking market.

A diverse and modern betting business with racecourse, pool, retail, telephone and internet divisions, the Tote's exclusive horserace pool betting operation is available in 98% of the UK retail market and at each of Britain's 60 racecourses. This contributes to a turnover of more than £2.9 billion a year allowing British horseracing to benefit from contributions of £10.4m in 2008-9.

Appointments to the Tote are made by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport. All public appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the appointment process. However, in accordance with the original Nolan recommendations, there is a requirement for appointees' political activity (if any declared) to be made public. Ms Harwerth and Mr Good have declared no political activity. Non-executive Directors are offered £12,195 per year in remuneration.

The current Tote Board Directors are:

Mike Smith (Chairman)

#### Executive Directors

Trevor Beaumont



Philip Whitehead

Non-executive Directors

Leonard Cowburn

Sir Ian Good CBE

Noel Harwerth

Mark McCafferty

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