

Meriden Group plc (“the Company”)

Trading Statement and Directorate Change

Further to the Company’s announcements on 7 and 13 September 2006, the administration petition filed by the Company has been refused by the Court and therefore the winding up petition that Seafrance SA issued is due to be heard in Court on 18 October 2006.

The Company also announces that the Chairman, Mr Derek Hall, has resigned from the Board with immediate effect. Russell Stevens will assume the role as acting Chairman for the time being.

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