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Trading Update

Total sales in the 16 weeks to 4 January 2008, including Blueheath, were up 1.3% on the same period last year. Like-for-like non-tobacco sales were up 2.4% and like-for-like tobacco sales declined by 7.9% due to the ban on smoking in public places. Sales, stock, profits and net debt remain in line with management expectations.

Charles Wilson, Chief Executive said,

“This is a solid performance in a challenging market and Booker continues to make good progress.”

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