

Regulatory Announcement

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Merchant Securities plc (“the Company”)

Board Change

Merchant Securities plc, the institutional and retail client stockbroking company specialising in corporate finance, retail client investment management services and institutional sales trading, announces the appointment to the Board of Christopher Matthew Hyde, ACA, MSI (age 55) as Finance Director with immediate effect. Chris replaces Stephen Whelton who has left the company to pursue other career opportunities. Steve resigned from the company on 20 March 2008.

Chris is a London School of Economics graduate and chartered accountant having qualified with Arthur Andersen in 1978. Chris has held senior positions in finance and operations throughout his career, most notably with Credit Suisse First Boston, Oppenheimer Group, Bank Brussels Lambert and as Head of Finance & Administration of the shareholder activist arm of Hermes Pensions Management. More recently, Chris has completed various assignments within financial services as an Interim Finance Director and/or Chief Operating Officer.

Chris is member of Compliance, Operations and Risk professional forums of the Securities and Investment Institute and is also an active participant in several other City professional and financial services interest groups.

Chris was a director of several UK companies within the Bank Brussels Lambert Group (“BBL”), which entered Members’ Voluntary Liquidations as a consequence of the acquisition of BBL by the ING Group. Chris previously held directorships with UK and

other subsidiaries of the USA based Oppenheimer & Co., Inc and Oppenheimer Capital L.P. Groups; shortly after he resigned as a director some of these subsidiaries were re-structured following the acquisition of their USA parents by Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce and the Pacific Investment Management Company ("PIMCO") respectively.

There is no other information that is required to be disclosed under Schedule 2 paragraph (g) of the AIM Rules.

Anthony Fabrizi, Chief Executive, Merchant Securities says:

“We are delighted that Chris has agreed to join us and believe he will make an important contribution to the business. Chris’ experience will be vital as we continue to grow and develop the business.”

“On behalf of the board, I would like to thank Steve for his five years of service, and wish him every success in the future.”

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