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Dear Sirs

NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I enclose a copy of a press release sent to the London Stock Exchange in accordance with our 12g3-2(h) exemption from the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in connection with our ADR program.

Yours faithfully

Liz Eddington
Company Secretariat

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P&O is pleased to announce that Sir David Brown is to be appointed to the Board as a Non-Executive Director with immediate effect.

Sir David has been Chairman of Motorola Limited since 1997, having joined the company in 1991 as Director of UK Operations in its cellular infrastructure business. A graduate in electrical engineering, Sir David has led a distinguished career in telecommunications and electronics. He is a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering, a Chartered Engineer and a Fellow of the Institution of Electrical Engineers. He is also Deputy President of the Institution of Electrical Engineers and a member of the President's Committee of the Confederation of British Industry.

Sir David's interests include the promotion of links between engineering and education. He is a Past-President of The Association for Science Education, the professional body for Britain's science teachers.

Commenting on the announcement, P&O Chairman Lord Sterling said: "It gives me great pleasure to welcome Sir David to the Board. I am sure that his wealth of experience at the highest levels in British industry will enable him to make an excellent contribution. My Board colleagues and I look forward to working with him."

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