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A leading international supplier of speciality plastic, fibre, foam and packaging products

APPOINTMENT OF TWO NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

The Board of Essentra plc (“Essentra” or “the Company”) today announces the appointment of two Non-Executive Directors, both of which take effect from 1 July 2013.

Lorraine Trainer is currently a Non-Executive Director and Chairman of the Remuneration Committee at Jupiter Fund Management plc, and a member of their Audit and Nomination Committees. She also served on the Board of Aegis Group plc for eight years where she was latterly Chairman of their Remuneration Committee, coming off that Board in March 2013 on the sale of the company to Dentsu. Lorraine began her executive career at Citibank, and had some 20 years’ experience in Human Resources at such blue-chip companies as the London Stock Exchange and Coutts NatWest Group. She currently combines her Board work with consultancy at and around Board level in Director development.

Peter Hill, CBE, is Chairman of the speciality chemicals company Alent plc, where he also chairs the Nominations Committee. Peter was previously Chief Executive of Laird PLC, a leading global electronics and technology company. Before joining Laird plc in 2001, Peter worked for BTR plc – subsequently Invensys plc – in a variety of increasingly senior operational and strategic development roles, prior to which he held positions at such companies as Costain Group plc, Consolidated Gold Fields plc and Rio Tinto plc. For over 20 years, Peter has also served on a number of Boards, ranging from Oxford Instruments plc to UK Trade & Investment.

Commenting on today’s announcement, Jeff Harris, Chairman, said: “On behalf of the entire Board, I am delighted to welcome Peter and Lorraine to Essentra. Not only have they both enjoyed highly successful executive careers, they also bring to the Company a wealth of Board experience and insight, gained in a variety of industries and over a number of years. My fellow Directors and I look forward to working with them, as the Company continues to make progress in the successful delivery of its Vision 2015 strategic objectives.”

In accordance with Listing Rules 9.6.13 (1), Lorraine Trainer has advised that she is a current Director of Jupiter Fund Management plc and a former Director of Aegis Group plc.

In accordance with Listing Rules 9.6.13 (1), Peter Hill has advised that he is a current Director of Alent plc and a former Director of Cookson Group plc, Meggitt PLC and Laird PLC.

Both Lorraine Trainer and Peter Hill confirm that there are no other details to be disclosed under Listing Rule 9.6.13 (2) to (6).

As at the date of this announcement, neither Lorraine Trainer nor Peter Hill has any interest in the ordinary shares of Essentra.



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About Essentra plc

Essentra plc is a FTSE 250 company and a leading international supplier of speciality plastic, fibre, foam and packaging products. Through its four principal operating divisions, Essentra focuses on the light manufacture and distribution of high volume, essential components which serve customers in a wide variety of end-markets and geographies.

Component & Protection Solutions

Component Distribution is a global market leading manufacturer and distributor of plastic injection moulded, vinyl dip moulded and metal items. Operating units in 23 countries serve a very broad industrial base of customers with a rapid supply of primarily plastic products for a variety of applications in industries such as hydraulics, pneumatics, electrical controls and construction.

The Pipe Protection Technologies business specialises in the manufacture of high performance innovative products from commodity resins to engineering-grade thermoplastics and polymer alloys for use in a range of end-markets. Locations in four countries, combined with a wide distributor network, serve customers around the world.

Porous Technologies

A global market leading developer and manufacturer of custom fluid handling components, engineered from a portfolio of technologies that includes bonded and non-woven fibre, polyurethane foam and porous plastic. Representing leading innovations used in healthcare, consumer and industrial applications, its enabling components are found in a wide range of products from medical diagnostics tests to advanced wound care pads, inkjet printer cartridges, writing instruments, clean room wipes and air fresheners. Customers in over 56 countries are served from six manufacturing facilities with research and development centres supporting the division globally.



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Packaging & Securing Solutions

A leading global provider of packaging and securing solutions to a diversified blue-chip customer base. With a focus on delivering value adding innovation, quality and service to customers through a range of cartons, tapes, leaflets, foils and labels for the consumer and specialist packaging, point of sale and paper & board industries. The division is also a leading supplier of authentication technologies and identity solutions. Customers in over 100 countries are served from facilities operating in eight countries.

Filter Products

The only global independent cigarette filter supplier. The nine worldwide locations, including a UK-based research facility and three regional development centres provide a flexible infrastructure strategically positioned to serve the tobacco industry. The division supplies a wide range of value adding high quality innovative filters, packaging solutions to the roll your own sector and analytical laboratory services for ingredient measurement for the industry.

Other

Enitor BV is a leading custom profile extruder located in The Netherlands and offers a complete design and production service. One of the first companies to extrude plastics in 1956, Enitor is now one of Europe's most advanced suppliers of co-extrusions and tri-extrusions to all branches of industry.

Headquartered in the United Kingdom, Essentra's global network extends to 29 countries and includes c. 5,000 employees, 42 principal manufacturing facilities, 64 sales & distribution operations and 5 research & development centres. For further information, please visit www.essentra.com