Directorate Change

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(The leading pan-European value-added distributor providing specialist design-in, sales and marketing services for international suppliers in the field of Electronic Components, I.T. Products, I.T. Parts and Industrial Controls)

Retirement of John Curry and
Appointment of Richard Moon as Non-Executive Chairman

As foreshadowed at the time of the announcement of its interim results on 6 December 2004, Acal plc announces the retirement of John Curry as Chairman and a Director of the Company, and the appointment of Richard Moon as Non-Executive Chairman with effect from 1 April 2005.

John Curry and Tony Laughton, Chief Executive of Acal, together founded Acal some 18 years ago.

Richard Moon, who joined the Board of Acal plc as a Non-Executive Director on 1 September 2004 and became Non-Executive Deputy Chairman on 6 December 2004, has a wealth of experience in the electronics industry with an impressive track record in Defence, Civil Aerospace, Telecoms, Information Technology and Services as Managing Director, Chief Executive and Chairman. These roles were with blue chip companies such as Thorn EMI, Racal, where he was on the main plc Board, and Thales, where he was Chief Executive of Thales plc and a member of the Executive Board in Paris. He was also a member of the National Defence Industry Council during 2001 and a Vice President of the Federation of Electronics Industry. Since leaving Thales in 2002 he has held a number of non-executive director or chairman positions in Continental Europe, with IFCO Systems NV and Netia SA, as well as in the UK with Vivista Holdings Limited, Securistyle Limited, Oxford Bio-Signals Limited and e-San Limited.

Tony Laughton, Chief Executive of Acal commented:-

"Having worked with John since Acal's beginning, it is with great regret that we have to say farewell. John's influence on the strategic direction of the Group is well known, but as important and valuable has been his pragmatism, clear thinking and judgement. He will be greatly missed."

"We are delighted to welcome Richard Moon in his new role as Non-Executive Chairman. His knowledge and international experience in the telecoms, aerospace and other sectors of the electronics industry will be of value to Acal in developing the Group."

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Notes to Editors:-

1 The Acal Group is a leading European, value-added distributor providing specialist design-in, sales and marketing services for international suppliers in the fields of Electronic Components, Information Technology Products, IT Parts Services and Industrial Controls. Its value-added philosophy and geographic coverage enables Acal to provide specialist knowledge and support to customers on a pan-European basis.

2 Design-in is the process by which Acal's sales engineers work with customers and suppliers to procure components which meet the specific technical and performance needs of the customers.

3 Acal has operating companies in the UK, Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Scandinavia and the USA.

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