

**ROBINSON plc**  
**AGM Statement**

Robinson plc ("Robinson" or "the Company"; stock code: RBN), the custom manufacturer of paperboard and plastic packaging based in Chesterfield, will hold its Annual General Meeting today at 11:30am. Richard Clothier, the Chairman, will make the following statement at the meeting:

"The tough market conditions in our industry in recent months have been widely reported and Robinson is not immune. The combined rise in raw material costs, especially resin, and energy costs is proving difficult to pass on. Margins are under pressure and, in North America, this is exacerbated by the strength of the Canadian dollar.

"A slow start in sales this year in Paperboard in the UK has led to a small number of redundancies. Where we have achieved sales gains, they have been offset by business moving offshore, a trend particularly evident within our toiletries and cosmetics business.

"However, the establishment of our new factory in Poland is progressing as planned. The property acquired last August has been fitted out to the standards required by leading food brands and is already supplying several of our customers who have moved production facilities to Central Europe. In the start-up phase this inevitably has a negative effect on earnings, but we expect the unit to start contributing in the second half of 2006.

"Given this environment, it is unlikely that the Company will match last year's underlying profits, but we anticipate that the sale of some of our surplus property will generate substantial additional income. We are in advanced stages of negotiation over the sale of two properties; contracts will be subject to the buyer securing the necessary planning consents, but we do expect to realise a significant surplus to book value on completion."

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