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Interim Management Statement

Tomkins, the global engineering and manufacturing group, sets out below its Interim Management Statement covering the period from 4 January 2009 to 11 May 2009, and provides an update on its outlook for the year ending 2 January 2010.

James Nicol, Chief Executive Officer, commented:

“Our performance continues to be adversely affected by the global economic slowdown and its negative impact on most of our end-markets. Management remains focused on implementing our restructuring initiatives, lowering costs, generating cash and executing our strategy, including expanding our green product offering and growing our engineering and services business. We expect performance in the first half of 2009 to remain weak, especially compared with the first half of 2008. I am pleased to announce that we have strengthened our financing position by extending the maturity of our committed bank funding to May 2012.”

Trading Update

Industrial & Automotive

During the first quarter of 2009, our Industrial and Automotive business group continued to see significant year-on-year declines in volumes on a global basis. The original equipment businesses were affected by plant shutdowns and short work weeks across many customers, and in the case of Chrysler and General Motors, concerns regarding their potential bankruptcy. For the 12 month period to 4 April 2009, sales in North America to Chrysler and General Motors accounted for 1.3% and 3.8% of the Group's sales respectively, and the accounts receivable balances at 4 April 2009 were \$8.4 million and \$14.1 million respectively. The industrial aftermarket businesses were affected by reductions in overall industrial activity. However, our global automotive aftermarket continued to demonstrate its resilience and maintained sales in line with the first quarter of 2008.

Building Products

Revenues at our Air Systems Components business group were down marginally compared with the first quarter of 2008. Some softening in the US non-residential markets towards the end of the quarter was offset by contributions from acquisitions made in 2008. The residential businesses continued to experience challenging market conditions associated with the continued decline in US housing construction. Cost reduction initiatives continue to help mitigate the impact of reduced volumes.

Other Building Products experienced significant declines in the residential housing, recreational vehicle and manufactured housing markets, as previously indicated.

Project Eagle and Project Cheetah

We continue to make good progress with the execution of projects Eagle and Cheetah, having announced the closure of 12 facilities so far this year. We expect to realise the benefits of these projects throughout the year.

Financial Position (unaudited)

There was no material change in the financial position of the Group during the period. As at 4 April 2009, the Group's net assets were \$1,620.5 million (29 March 2008: \$2,335.4 million, 3 January 2009: \$1,739.3 million) and net debt was \$582.8 million (29 March 2008: \$682.6 million, 3 January 2009: \$476.4 million).

The Group's financing position is strong, with unsecured bonds totalling £400 million, of which £150 million matures in December 2011 and £250 million matures in September 2015. The Group also has a £400 million committed bank facility which matures in August 2010. We have recently extended our committed bank funding with a \$450 million forward-start committed bank facility which matures in May 2012. We remain focused on cash flow generation by seeking incremental opportunities to reduce capital expenditure and improve working capital efficiency.

Outlook for the remainder of 2009

The Board expects that conditions in most of the Group's end markets will continue to remain challenging throughout the remainder of 2009. Performance in the first half of 2009 is expected to be weak compared with the first half of 2008. However the second half of 2009 should show some easing on a comparable basis due to the benefits of our restructuring projects coupled with an anticipated slowdown in the rate of decline in many of our end-markets.

Industrial

- **North America (18.6% of Group sales)**
Industrial markets in North America are expected to remain challenging throughout 2009, in both the original equipment and aftermarket sectors. For 2009, declines of around 20% are expected in these markets.
- **Europe (5.4% of Group sales)**
European markets are expected to demonstrate a similar weakness to the North American markets.
- **ROW (5.8% of Group sales)**
Industrial activity across the remainder of Tomkins' geographic markets is expected to weaken year-on-year, partially offset by some early improvements in India and China.

Automotive Aftermarket

- **North America (10.7% of Group sales)**
The North American automotive aftermarket is expected to remain broadly in line with prior year.
- **Europe (6.0% of Group sales)**
The European automotive aftermarket is expected to demonstrate a similar trend to North America.
- **ROW (2.7% of Group sales)**
Sales in the Group's other geographies, most notably China and Brazil, are also expected to be broadly in line with prior year.

Automotive Original Equipment ("AOE")

- **North America (8.8% of Group sales)**
North American AOE production is expected to decline by around 30% in 2009. The first half of 2009 is expected to be negatively impacted by further plant shut downs announced at Chrysler and General Motors. Production volumes are expected to be down around 25% year-on-year in the second half of 2009, compared to a decline of 45% in the first half year-on-year.
- **Europe (5.5% of Group sales)**
European AOE production is expected to decline by around 20% in 2009. Some benefits may arise from the impact of Government-backed scrapping programmes.
- **ROW (7.5% of Group sales)**
AOE production in both China and India is expected to achieve mid single digit percentage growth in 2009, but production in Brazil is expected to decline by mid single digits on a percentage basis. Some benefits may arise from the impact of scrapping programmes in a number of these markets.

Non-Residential Construction (16.9% of Group sales)

- US Non-Residential Construction is expected to decline by around 25% on a square foot basis, and around 20% on a value basis in 2009.

Residential Construction (9.2% of Group sales)

- Residential Construction, as measured by housing starts, is expected to decline by around 30% in 2009.

Other markets include manufactured housing and recreational vehicles and in total account for 2.9% of Group sales. The share of Group sales shown is based on sales for the 12 months ended 4 April 2009.

Demand-side visibility remains challenging, with conditions in most of our end-markets remaining uncertain. However, the combined experience of our managers will enable us to continue to mitigate the impact of these difficult end-market conditions. Our strong balance sheet and continuing focus on cash and costs will position the business for recovery.

Notes to editors

Tomkins is a global engineering and manufacturing group with market and technical leadership across two business groups: Industrial and Automotive and Building Products. Tomkins plc's ordinary shares are listed on the London Stock Exchange under the symbol TOMK and also trade in ADR form on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol TKS.

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