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THE PEBBLE GROUP PLC ("The Pebble Group", the "Company" or the "Group")

ADMISSION TO TRADING ON AIM AND FIRST DAY OF DEALINGS

The Pebble Group, a provider of products, services and technology to the global promotional products industry, is pleased to announce the admission of its ordinary shares to trading on the AIM market of the London Stock Exchange. Dealings will commence, at 8.00 a.m. today, under the ticker "PEBB.L" and the ISIN GB00BK71XP16.

The Pebble Group operates two focused and differentiated businesses in the global promotional products industry: Brand Addition is a leading provider of promotional products to global brands that utilises its global network to source and deliver complex and creative solutions to support marketing efforts of its multi-national clients. Facilisgroup provides subscription-based services to SME promotional products distributors in the US and Canada. Its suite of services includes business intelligence software, buying power and community events.

The Company has raised approximately £79 million through the placing of 75,433,954 new ordinary shares at a price of 105 pence per share. The selling shareholders will receive gross proceeds of £56 million through the placing of 53,549,754 existing ordinary shares. Berenberg is acting as Sole Global Coordinator and Broker for the transaction and Grant Thornton as Nominated Adviser.

Christopher Lee, Chief Executive Officer of The Pebble Group, said:

"Joining AIM today is another landmark on the development of our Group, allowing us to invest more readily in the future growth and development of the business and enable us to incentivise our people and maximise our potential.

"As we enter this next phase, I would like to thank everyone who helped The Pebble Group plc achieve a successful flotation today, most especially our own people, who have made the global business we have today and are the backbone of the Group."

Following the publication of the Admission Document, the following additional information falls to be disclosed: in the five years preceding the date of the Admission Document Yvonne Monaghan was formerly a director of Fresh Linen Holdings Limited, Fresh Linen Limited and Pure Laundry Limited.

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About The Pebble Group plc - <u>www.thepebblegroup.com</u>

The Pebble Group is a provider of products, services and technology to the global promotional products industry, comprising two differentiated businesses, focused on specific areas of the promotional products market:

Brand Addition - www.brandaddition.com

The Group's promotional product merchandise business, Brand Addition, is a leading provider of promotional products to global brands. Brand Addition utilises its global network to source and deliver complex and creative promotional product solutions to support the marketing efforts of its multi-national clients, who operate in sectors which include health & beauty, fast moving consumer goods, transport, technology, banking & finance and charity. Brand Addition's clients primarily comprise major global brands.

Facilisgroup - www.facilisgroup.com

The Group's SaaS business, Facilisgroup, provides subscription-based services to SME promotional product distributors in the United States and Canada. Facilisgroup's suite of services includes business intelligence software, buying power and community events. Through its @ease proprietary software, Facilisgroup offers a SaaS technology platform that enables its network of Partners to improve order management, CRM and sales analysis and reporting. Facilisgroup also provides its Partners with access on favourable terms to a selected group of preferred suppliers, by consolidating the purchasing power of its Partners. This attracts rebates from suppliers, who in turn benefit from access to a network of selected distributors.

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