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Judges Scientific plc

("Judges Scientific", "Judges" or the "Company")

**Appointment of Group Acquisitions Executive**

Judges Scientific, the group focused on acquiring and developing companies in the scientific instrument sector, is pleased to announce the appointment of Rik Armitage as Group Acquisitions Executive with immediate effect.

Rik will support David Cicurel, CEO of Judges, as the Group continues to execute its strategy, further build its capacity to grow the pipeline of potential deals and maintain its disciplined acquisition process. He will join the Group's recently formed Executive Committee.

Rik has over thirty years' experience in strategy and M&A in manufacturing and technology businesses. He was most recently with Oxford Instruments plc where, since 2020, he was Head of Corporate Development and helped identify and complete three acquisitions in laboratory instruments and scientific cameras. Prior to this, Rik spent 14 years with the defence company Chemring Group plc, where he implemented an acquisition-based growth and diversification strategy, completing twelve acquisitions in energetic materials and defence electronics across the UK, Europe and US.

**David Cicurel, Chief Executive Officer, commented:** "We are delighted to welcome Rik to Judges. He brings with him a vast amount of experience and we look forward to benefitting from his expertise as the Group continues to execute its buy and build growth strategy."

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**Notes to editors:**

Judges Scientific plc (AIM: JDG), is a group focused on acquiring and developing companies in the scientific instrument sector. The Group now consists of 25 businesses acquired since 2005.

The acquired companies are primarily UK-based with products sold worldwide to a diverse range of markets including: higher education institutions, scientific research facilities, manufacturers and regulatory authorities. The UK is a recognised centre of excellence for scientific instruments. The Group has received five Queen's Awards for innovation and export.

The Group's companies predominantly operate in global niche markets, with long term growth fundamentals and resilient margins.

Judges Scientific maintains a policy of selectively acquiring businesses that generate sustainable profits and cash. Shareholder returns are created through the reduction of debt, organic growth and dividends.

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