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Year End Trading Statement

RWS Holdings plc (RWS), Europe's leading provider of intellectual property support services (patent translations and searches) and technical translations, today provides an update on trading for the year ended 30 September 2007, as well as an update on the London Agreement. It intends to announce its preliminary results on 11 December 2007.

Trading update for the year ended 30 September 2007

Revenue and profit before tax are expected to surpass market expectations which are considerably ahead of the prior year, and to achieve new record levels. There have been strong performances across all of our business areas; patent translation, technical translation and patent search, accompanied by further margin improvements and favourable foreign exchange movements.

Patent translation, which represents 80% of Group revenue, achieved further progress driven primarily by growth in the number of patent grants worldwide and significant new client activity.

Technical translation, which accounts for 14% of revenue and focuses on high margin, high quality technical translation services, showed strong organic growth. On 11 June 2007 we announced the acquisition of Japanese Language Services Limited ("JLS") and can confirm that JLS is already making a useful contribution to revenues and profits.

Patent search represents 6% of Group revenue and has achieved good growth and further margin improvements, reflecting a return to growth in the core patent search activities and a stellar performance, ahead of our expectations, from our proprietary subscription database, PatBase.

RWS' balance sheet demonstrates enhanced strength, backed by net cash of £21 million and shareholders' funds of £26 million. With the significant progress achieved in the year ended 30 September 2007 and our confidence in the Group's continued progress in the current year, we expect to increase the final dividend in line with the increase in profits.

London Agreement

RWS has consistently drawn shareholders' attention to the possible

implementation of the London Agreement. In our preliminary results announced on 12 December 2006 we stated that opposition to French ratification had weakened, that the Board was monitoring developments in France and that plans were well in hand to limit any material financial downside were the agreement to be implemented. The new French government secured approval from the National Assembly on 26 September. It is anticipated that the issue of ratification will be debated in the Senate on 10 October and, if approved, the London Agreement would probably come into effect in March 2008.

We are, therefore, confident that implementation will have no effect upon our results for the first half of 2007/08. Our core patent translation activities (into English primarily for the US Patent Office) are in excellent shape and unaffected by the London Agreement; the potential loss of work comprises the into European language translations performed by freelancers and hence we do not anticipate any material restructuring costs. Our best estimate of the likely reduction in profit in the second half of 2007/08 is of the order of £1 million, before any redeployment of the Group's substantial cash balances into focussed acquisitions.

Strategy

The Board's strategy is to grow both organically and by selective acquisitions in the high level technical translation and intellectual property support services spaces. As part of our planning to limit the financial effects of the potential implementation of the London Agreement, we have already built a firm platform for medium to long term growth with the extension of our services to Japan and have received encouraging levels of interest in our nascent Chinese operation. In non patent translations we expect the JLS acquisition to be followed by others during 2007/08.

Andrew Brode, Executive Chairman, commented:

"RWS has delivered another strong performance in 2006/07, driven by the high level of demand for all of its market-leading services.

"The continued expansion of our intellectual property protection and technical translation services makes us confident of further progress in the new financial year which we expect to supplement with further acquisitions designed to offset the impact of the London Agreement in future years."

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About RWS

RWS is Europe's leading provider of intellectual property support services (patent translations and technical searches) to the medical, pharmaceutical, chemical, aerospace, defence, automotive and telecoms industries. RWS is based in the UK with offices in Europe, New York, Tokyo and Beijing, and is listed on AIM, the London Stock Exchange regulated market (RWS.L).

For further information please visit: www.rws.com

About the London Agreement

The London Agreement is an optional agreement between member states of the European Patent Convention, which will allow European patents to be protected within signatory states if they are fully translated into either English, German or French, whilst only the claims of the patent will need to be translated into the national language, thereby reducing the patent translation requirements of signatory countries. Germany, the UK, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Iceland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Monaco and Slovenia have ratified the London Agreement, whilst Sweden and Denmark have approved it, with enforcement remaining contingent upon French ratification.