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Murgitroyd Group PLC
Coats plc outsources administration of its Trade Marks to Murgitroyd

The Board of Murgitroyd Group PLC ("Murgitroyd" or "the Group"), the European Patent and Trade Mark Attorneys, is delighted to announce that Coats plc ("Coats") has decided to outsource the administration of its Trade Marks to Murgitroyd.

Under the terms of the agreement Murgitroyd will take over functions of Coats' Intellectual Property ("IP") department which includes two Trade Mark Attorneys and two support staff with approximately 7,000 active Trade Mark files. A fixed fee will be paid per annum in addition to costs. After a short handover period three staff will transfer to Murgitroyd's Glasgow office in early June. The fourth staff member, who is the existing head of the IP department, will assist the integration process until his retirement at the end of June.

Coats plc is a global leader in sewing, thread and needlecraft products with more than 25,000 employees engaged in customer service, manufacturing and distribution in 67 countries worldwide. Since 1755 Coats has established a tradition of landmark innovations in products, colour technology and manufacturing processes, many of which have become global industry standards.

Commenting on the agreement, Ian Murgitroyd, Chairman of Murgitroyd, said:

"We are delighted with Coats' decision to outsource the administration of its Trade Marks to Murgitroyd which is an innovative extension of our client service. Coats is a market leader in its field and the sizeable Trade Mark portfolio offers a great opportunity for the Group. We are excited at the prospect of working with Coats under this new arrangement and hope this will lead the way for other outsourcing projects of this nature."

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