## MACFARLANE GROUP PLC - APPOINTMENT OF TWO NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

The Board of Macfarlane Group PLC ("Macfarlane") is pleased to announce the appointments of Mike Arrowsmith and Stuart Paterson as non-executive Directors. They will join the Board with effect from 26 September 2012 and 1 January 2013 respectively. Stuart will also chair the Audit Committee with effect from 1 January 2013.

These appointments add significant relevant experience and strength to the Board of Macfarlane. Mike was Group Chief Executive of Linpac Group Ltd, a food and consumer packaging company, and previously Chief Executive of Tibbett & Britten Plc, the international third party logistics group. Stuart is currently Finance Director at Forth Ports Limited, the UK port operations and property group, and previously held a number of senior financial and general management roles at Motorola Corporation, Aggreko PLC and Johnston Press PLC.

Graeme Bissett, Chairman, today said:

"I am delighted to add to the strength of the Board with the appointments of Mike and Stuart. Both have very relevant experience with Mike's background in packaging and logistics, and Stuart's financial experience in listed companies. I look forward to working with them to progress the development of the Group".

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## **Notes to Editors**

### Mike Arrowsmith

Mike was Group Chief Executive of Linpac Group Ltd, a market-leading international food and consumer packaging company with manufacturing operations across five continents and sales of £1.1 billion, from 2005-2010. Prior to this he worked for Tibbett & Britten Plc, the £1.5 billion sales third party logistics group, from 1999-2005, joining the board in a senior commercial role before leading the transformation of the group as Chief Executive from 2001-2004 prior to its sale to Exel Plc. He served as a non-executive director of Enodis Plc from 2004-2008. In 2010 Linpac Group Ltd completed a creditors voluntary arrangement as part of an agreed financial restructuring exercise.

#### **Stuart Paterson**

Stuart is a Chartered Accountant and is currently Chief Financial Officer at Forth Ports Limited, joining in March 2011 when it was listed on the London Stock Exchange. In June 2011, the group was acquired by Arcus Infrastructure Partners. Prior to his current role, Stuart was CFO of Johnston Press PLC from 2001-2010 completing a number of acquisitions and a complex refinancing exercise in 2009 and he has extensive experience in dealing with pension matters. Stuart previously worked in senior financial management roles at the electronics group Motorola Corporation, and then as Group Finance Director and then Managing Director Europe for Aggreko PLC, the global power hire group. He served as a non-executive director with Devro plc from 2006 to April 2012, where he chaired the Audit Committee.

There are no other disclosures required under LR9.6.13 of the Listing Rules in relation to these appointments.

# **Macfarlane Group PLC**

- Macfarlane Group PLC is a UK group focused on packaging-related activities with 60 years experience in the UK packaging industry and is listed on the London Stock Exchange.
- The Group has two divisions:
  - o Packaging Distribution is the leading UK distributor of a comprehensive range of packaging consumable products.
  - Manufacturing Operations comprises businesses designing and assembling transit packaging for the protection of high value fragile items and the design and printing of high quality self-adhesive and re-sealable labels used by major FMCG companies.
- Macfarlane Group is headquartered in Glasgow, Scotland, and employs over 700 people at 22 sites, principally in the UK and Ireland.
- The Group services 20,000+ customers in the UK, Europe and the USA providing 600,000+ lines to a wide range of industry sectors including: consumer goods; logistics; electronics; food manufacturing; retail; internet and mail order.