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Pre-close Trading Update

Hampson Industries PLC (“Hampson” or “the Group”), the international precision engineering group, today announces an update on current trading prior to its financial year end on 31 March 2007. The Group’s preliminary results will be announced on 6 June 2007.

Trading Profit* for the year ending 31 March 2007 is expected to be ahead of market expectations, despite a substantial adverse movement in the US dollar/sterling exchange rate during the course of the year.

Aerospace

As anticipated, global aerospace markets have remained buoyant throughout the financial year and the outlook is expected to remain positive for the foreseeable future as a result of the current order books and rising production rates at Boeing and Airbus.

The potential impact of delays experienced at Eclipse Aviation in achieving production certification for the Eclipse 500 VLJ, which was highlighted at the beginning of February, has now been mitigated through careful control of costs and a well coordinated working relationship with our customer.

Better-than-expected progress has continued to be made during the second half in improving operational performance at the larger facilities of the Aerospace Components & Structures division in the UK. Margins in this division will therefore be ahead of those achieved in the first half and considerably higher than those realised over the same period last year.

The acquisition of Composites Horizons Inc., completed on 5 January 2007, has been fully integrated to plan within the Group’s Transparencies, Composites & Plastics division and is performing in line with our expectations.

Automotive

Demand for automotive turbochargers remains at healthy levels, with increasing opportunities for growth from our new facility in Bangalore becoming evident. For the year ending 31 March 2007, overall profitability in this division will be lower than last year as a result of net start-up costs in India and costs associated with the introduction of many new parts for new programmes that launch in 2007/08, as indicated at the half year stage.

Outlook

Looking ahead to 2007/08, with current order books at record levels the Board expects to see increased volumes in both aerospace and automotive turbocharger markets, leading to another year of growth consistent with our objective of year-on-year real growth.

**Trading Profit is defined as Operating Profit before restructuring and rationalisation costs, impairment charges, amortisation of intangible assets on acquisition and changes in the fair value of financial instruments.*

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Notes to Editors :

Hampson Industries PLC is listed on the main market of the London Stock Exchange. The Group's operations are structured into four segments, operating from 16 manufacturing facilities spanning three continents. Through its international operations, the Group provides leading-edge, fully-integrated engineering and manufacturing solutions for:

- Aero structural components and assemblies
- Performance-critical components for gas turbine engines
- Close tolerance components & rotating assemblies for turbochargers, fuel delivery & hydraulic applications
- Precision tooling systems for large, composite aero structures
- Specialist engineering & industrial components

Approximately 80% of the Group's sales are derived from its aerospace activities, the balance from the specialist automotive and industrial markets.

Hampson has a clear growth strategy based on both organic and external investment. Over the last two years, the group has completed four acquisitions in the USA (Texstars Inc, Coast Composites Inc, Lamsco West Inc. and Composites Horizons Inc) as well as invested \$20m in a new purpose-built aerospace assembly and high speed machining cell to support the revolutionary new Eclipse 500 Very Light Jet programme, to which it is one of the major supply partners (www.eclipseaviation.com).

Recent investment in a new manufacturing facility in Bangalore is a core element of the Group's growth strategy and marks Hampson's commitment to developing a centre of manufacturing expertise on the Asian continent.

The Hampson group employs over 1,800 people worldwide.

For more information on Hampson: www.hampsongroup.com