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Interim Management Statement

Hampson Industries PLC (“Hampson” or “the Group”), the international aerospace and precision engineering group, today issues its second Interim Management Statement as required by rule 4.3 of the Disclosure and Transparency Rules of the UK Listing Authority.

Aerospace

Demand in the Group’s core aerospace markets has continued to remain very buoyant. With 2,876 orders for new commercial aircraft taken by Airbus and Boeing, 2007 has been a record year for order intake in the aerospace industry. Orders have now been placed for over 6,900 new aircraft in the last three years. At 31 December 2007, the combined order book of Airbus and Boeing stood at 6,848 aircraft, an increase of 37% compared to the same position in 2006, and a 14% increase since September 2007. With seven and a half years of work now in backlog, OEM production rates are set to continue to rise progressively over the next two years.

In these buoyant market conditions, the Group’s aerospace portfolio has, as expected, extended its strong first half performance. Each of the Group’s aerospace businesses has generated improved operating performance. In particular, CHI, the specialist high temperature composites business acquired in January 2007, has continued to perform at levels above the Group’s pre-acquisition expectations and, with growing share on the F-35 programme, has seen its order book reach record levels. Increasing the Group’s exposure to the trend towards increased use of composite structures remains a key strategic growth priority.

As previously reported, a full and final settlement has been reached with Eclipse Aviation concerning all outstanding claims and disputes and the Group continues to work with Eclipse to support efficient production of the Very Light Jet programme.

Automotive Turbocharger

The previously planned improvements in operational performance in the Automotive Turbocharger business have been achieved substantially as expected. As a result, losses incurred during the first half year have been extinguished and profitability restored to the division. Targeted business improvement activities remain on-going across the business with the result that efficiency levels should increase further in the final quarter of 2007/08 and into the following year.

Board

The Board is pleased to announce the appointment, with effect from 1 March 2008 of Stephen Henwood as Non-Executive Director. A Chartered Management Accountant, Stephen Henwood has held a number of senior positions within BAE Systems, latterly as Group Managing Director, International Programmes. He is currently a Non-Executive Director of Nord Anglia Education plc.

There are no other disclosures relating to Stephen Henwood’s appointment under Listing Rule 9.6.13 (1) to (6).

Outlook

The outlook for aerospace remains largely unchanged from previous guidance. Demand in the global commercial aerospace market is expected to continue to remain strong for the foreseeable future. Military aerospace demand is also expected to remain robust. Against this background, the Group's principal aerospace businesses are expected to continue to perform strongly. The Group's order book remains strong and the Board will continue to pursue opportunities for further growth. Results for the automotive turbocharger business are expected to continue to show progressive improvement during the final quarter of the current financial year and a marked improvement in the following financial year.

The Board is confident that the Group will meet its expectations for the current year.

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About Hampson:

Hampson Industries PLC is listed on the main market of the London Stock Exchange (Symbol: HAMP). The Group's operations are structured into three segments, operating from 14 manufacturing facilities spanning three continents. Through its international operations, the Group provides leading-edge, fully-integrated engineering and manufacturing solutions for:

- Advanced aero structural components and assemblies
- Performance-critical components for gas turbine engines
- Close tolerance components & rotating assemblies for automotive turbochargers
- Precision tooling systems for large, composite aero structures

Approximately 85% of the continuing Group's sales are derived from its aerospace activities, the balance from the specialist automotive markets.

The Hampson group employs over 1,900 people worldwide. For more information on Hampson: www.hampsongroup.com

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