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18 February 2010

Hampson Industries PLC

Results of Firm Placing and Placing and Open Offer

On 2 February 2010, the board of directors of Hampson Industries PLC ("Hampson", the "Group" or the "Company") announced details of a capital raising by way of a firm placing and placing and open offer to raise £59.5 million (approximately £55.6 million net of expenses) through the issue of 119,012,408 New Ordinary Shares at an issue price of 50 pence per New Ordinary Share. 59,506,204 New Ordinary Shares were to be issued pursuant to the Firm Placing and 59,506,204 New Ordinary Shares were to be issued pursuant to the Placing and Open Offer. The Open Offer Shares pursuant to the Placing were subject to clawback to satisfy valid applications by Qualifying Shareholders pursuant to the Open Offer. The Firm Placed Shares were not subject to clawback and were not part of the Open Offer.

The Open Offer closed for acceptance at 11.00 a.m. on 17 February 2010. The Company is pleased to announce that it has received valid acceptances in respect of 44,163,486 Open Offer Shares from Qualifying Shareholders. This represents approximately 74.22 per cent. of the Open Offer Shares offered. The remaining 15,342,718 Open Offer Shares, representing approximately 25.78 per cent. of the Open Offer Shares, have been allocated to the Placees with whom they have been conditionally placed.

The Capital Raising remains conditional on, amongst other things, the approval of Shareholders at the General Meeting, to be held at 11:00 a.m. on 18 February 2010, and Admission occurring by no later than 8:00 a.m. on 19 February 2010, or such later time and/or date as Investec may decide (being not later than 5.00 p.m. on 1 March 2010).

Applications have been made to the UKLA for the New Ordinary Shares to be admitted to the Official List and to the London Stock Exchange for the New Ordinary Shares to be admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's main market for listed securities. It is expected that Admission will become effective at 8:00 a.m. on 19 February 2010 and that dealings in the New Ordinary Shares will commence at 8:00 a.m. on 19 February 2010.

The New Ordinary Shares, when issued and fully paid, will be identical to, and rank in full with, the Existing Ordinary Shares for all dividends or other distributions declared, made or paid after Admission and in all respects will rank *pari passu* with the Existing Ordinary Shares as at the date of issue.

The New Ordinary Shares (in uncertificated form) are expected to be credited to CREST accounts on or around 8.00 a.m. on 19 February 2010 and definitive share certificates for the New Ordinary Shares are expected to be despatched to certificated shareholders by no later than 26 February 2010.

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This announcement ("this Announcement") should be read in conjunction with the full text of the Prospectus. A copy of the Prospectus is available for inspection at the UK Listing Authority's Document Viewing Facility, the registered office of the Company at 7 Harbour Buildings, Waterfront West, Dudley Road, Brierley Hill, West Midlands, DY5 1LN and at the offices of Eversheds LLP at One Wood Street, London EC2V 7WS during normal business hours on any weekday (Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays excluded) up to and including 19 February 2010.

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