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**ORIEL SECURITIES APPOINTS NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

The Board of Oriel Securities Limited is pleased to announce the appointment of Bim Sandhu as a non-executive director.

Mr Sandhu is Chief Executive and sole shareholder of The Santon Group of development companies. He has considerable experience within the property sector having previously been a director of The Courage Pub Company PLC, managing director of the Raven Group of companies and Chief Executive of Raven Mount Plc.

Commenting on the appointment, Simon Bragg, Chief Executive, said:

"I am delighted to welcome Bim to Oriel's Board. His entrepreneurial skills, financial acumen and deep understanding of the property world will all be of great benefit as we look to develop our business in a market that presents many opportunities."

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## Notes to Editors

Oriel Securities is an established, leading corporate and institutional stockbroking and advisory firm with an excellent reputation and a proven track record across the UK market. It is an employee owned company with a partnership culture and an equity participation model and is dedicated to delivering the very best to clients by offering superior, independent advice, the very best in ideas and stability and continuity of service.

The Facts\*:

Oriel Securities:

- Offers: Research; Sales, Sales Trading & Execution; Corporate Finance and Corporate Broking
- UK only Sales and Trading desks with 21 dedicated salesmen and traders
- Makes markets in over 150 stocks
- Has 26 analysts covering 500 large, mid and small cap stocks across 11 sectors
- Has been awarded the following recognition by Thomson Extel for its excellence in research:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> for General Retail
  - 1<sup>st</sup> for Oil & Gas
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> for Investment Funds on a Pan European basis
  - Top ten showing in a further seven sectors, namely, Media, Real Estate, Insurance, Consumer Goods, Leisure, Support Services and Construction.
  - 6<sup>th</sup> leading Brokerage firm Extel Survey of UK Small Caps
- Has 57 retained corporate broking clients
  - Which combined have an average market cap of in excess of £200m
  - Which breakdown into
    - 12 FTSE 250
    - 4 Midcaps
    - 20 FTSE Small Cap
    - 21 AIM
- Undertook in 2009 36 corporate transactions with an aggregate value of more than £4 billion and helped corporate clients to raise £1.1 billion
- Has 96 employees

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\*Information is correct as of 02/03/10