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ORIEL SECURITIES HIRES MARK HOWSON TO STRENGTHEN ITS SUPPORT SERVICES TEAM

Oriel Securities, the leading independent UK corporate and institutional stockbroking and advisory firm, announces that **Mark Howson** is joining Oriel's Research team. Mark will be working with Hector Forsythe and Anthony Codling as Oriel continues to strengthen its Support Services and Housebuilders research effort.

Mark has over twenty years' stock-market experience and was most recently at ABN Amro/RBS Group where he worked in the Support Services & Construction team for over 10 years.

Mike Trippitt, Head of Research, said: *'I am delighted that Mark is joining the Research team at Oriel. Mark and Hector, working alongside Anthony, will make a formidable combination in the sector, capable of building on an excellent 2011. Mark's appointment will also allow us to further capitalise on our already strong corporate franchise in this sector. This is an important hire for Oriel Securities.'*

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About Oriel Securities

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 40 dedicated salesmen and traders
- We trade in just over 400 stocks
- RSP team offers a full service to our broking clients.
- Research coverage of 272 large, mid and small cap stocks across 14 sectors
- Has been recognised by both Starmine and Thomson Extel for its excellence in research and strength of recommendations
- Has 59 retained corporate broking clients – Which combined have an average market cap of £342m, including 14 FTSE 250 constituents

- Has undertaken 26 transactions for clients in the past 12 months with an aggregate value of more than £2bn; has helped corporate clients to raise over £1.5bn in the past 12 months
- Currently has 136 employees and expects to grow to around 150 employees by the end of 2011

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*Information is correct as of 25/08/11