

## **GUINNESS PEAT GROUP PLC**

### **Proxy votes at the forthcoming AGM**

Guinness Peat Group plc (“the Company”) announces, pursuant to regulation 5.8.4 of the UK’s Disclosure and Transparency Regulations, that discretionary proxies in respect of between 97,092,852 and 122,577,008 ordinary shares of 5p each (“Shares”) and consequent voting rights (i.e. between 6.7% and 8.4% of the total) have been granted to Sir Ron Brierley (as Chairman of the meeting) for the Company’s Annual General Meeting to be held on 22 May 2009 (“AGM”). The number varies from resolution to resolution to be considered at the AGM.

Sir Ron Brierley also holds 46,472,905 Shares (representing 3.20% of the total voting rights) in his own name.

All the voting rights relating to these proxies revert to the relevant shareholders at the conclusion of the AGM.

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