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Press release

## **PROPOSED SALE OF FOSECO'S CARBON BONDED CERAMICS BUSINESS TO EXPEDITE ANTI-TRUST CLEARANCES**

Cookson Group plc ("Cookson"), a leading materials science company, announces that today, a conditional agreement was entered into to sell Foseco plc's ("Foseco") Carbon Bonded Ceramics business ("CBC") to companies owned by RHI AG. The CBC business had revenue of approximately £20 million for the year ended 31 December 2006 and gross assets of approximately £9 million as at 31 December 2006.

Completion of the transaction is conditional, amongst other things, on the acquisition of Foseco by Cookson, which is expected to be completed in the first half of 2008.

When the proposed acquisition of Foseco by Cookson was announced on 11 October 2007, it was stated that completion was conditional, amongst other things, on receipt of anti-trust clearances in the US and EU. The intention to dispose of Foseco's CBC business, in order to expedite these clearances, was announced at that time.

Progress in relation to the proposed acquisition of Foseco is continuing in accordance with the announcement made on 18 December 2007.

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### ***About Cookson Group plc***

Cookson Group plc is a leading materials science company operating on a worldwide basis in Ceramics, Electronics and Precious Metals markets.



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The Ceramics division is the world leader in the supply of advanced flow control refractory products and systems to the global steel industry and a leading supplier of specialist ceramics products to the glass, solar and foundry industries. It is also the regional leader in the US, UK and Australia in the supply and installation of monolithic refractory linings.

The Electronics division is a leading supplier of advanced surface treatment and plating chemicals and assembly materials to the automotive, industrial, construction and electronics markets.

The Precious Metals division is a leading supplier of fabricated precious metals (primarily gold, silver and platinum) to the jewellery industry in the US, the UK, France and Spain. Products include alloy materials, semi-finished jewellery components and finished jewellery.

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