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ANNOUNCEMENT TO BE MADE BY PROSPECTIVE AIM COMPANY AT LEAST 10
BUSINESS DAYS PRIOR TO ADMISSION

COMPANY NAME: James Halstead plc

COMPANY ADDRESS: Beechfield Hollinhurst Road Radcliffe Manchester M26 1JN

COUNTRY OF INCORPORATION: England and Wales

COMPANY BUSINESS: Manufacture, distribution and marketing of commercial and domestic floor coverings

DETAILS OF SECURITIES TO BE ADMITTED (ie, where known, number of shares, nominal value and issue price): 27,415,771 ordinary shares 10p nominal value

200,000 5.5 per cent. preference shares 100p nominal value

CAPITAL TO BE RAISED ON ADMISSION: Nil

FULL NAMES AND FUNCTIONS OF DIRECTORS, INCLUDING SHADOW AND PROPOSED
DIRECTORS: Geoffrey Halstead - Chairman and Chief Executive Mark Halstead - Chief Operating Officer Gordon Richard Oliver - Finance Director James Anthony Wild - Non-Executive Director

PERSON(S) INTERESTED IN 3% OR MORE OF THE ISSUER'S CAPITAL, EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE ISSUED SHARE CAPITAL STATING WHETHER BEFORE OR AFTER ADMISSION: James Halstead & H Livesey - 16.29% James Halstead & Arthur Halstead - 4.99% Forest Nominees - 3.79% Prudential Client HSBC GIS Nominees (UK) Ltd - 3.65%

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ALL PERSONS TO BE DISCLOSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SCHEDULE 2, PARAGRAPH (G): N/A

ANTICIPATED ACCOUNTING REFERENCE DATE: 30 JUNE

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NOMINATED ADVISER: Brown, Shipley & Co. Limited One King Street Manchester M2 6AW

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NOMINATED BROKER: Brown, Shipley & Co. Limited Founders Court Lothbury London EC2R 7HE

DETAILS OF WHERE (POSTAL OR INTERNET ADDRESS) THE ADMISSION DOCUMENT WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM WITH A STATEMENT THAT THIS WILL CONTAIN FULL DETAILS ABOUT THE APPLICATION AND THE ADMISSION OF ITS SECURITIES: Brown, Shipley & Co. Limited One King Street Manchester M2 6AW

DATE OF NOTIFICATION: 8 February 2002