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JAMES HALSTEAD PLC**Pre Close Trading Statement**

James Halstead plc, the commercial flooring manufacturer and distributor, is providing the following trading update ahead of its interim results for the half-year to 31st December 2014.

In his AGM trading update on 5th December 2014, Mr Geoffrey Halstead noted that he had every expectation of a record year in terms of turnover and profit.

At this stage, with turnover around 6% ahead of the comparative six months, it seems clear that the first half year is in line with the Chairman's expectations.

As a significant exporter the current weakness of the Euro is not helpful to our business but a stronger Sterling and the lower price of oil are compensatory in their effects on energy costs and raw material prices.

Confidence in the full year is unchanged and remains positive.

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