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HALFORDS GROUP PLC ("HALFORDS") INTERIM MANAGEMENT STATEMENT

At its Annual General Meeting, to be held at 12:30 pm today, Halfords, the UK's leading auto, leisure and cycling products retailer, will be announcing the following Interim Management Statement relating to the period from 31 March 2007 to 13 July 2007.

Current Trading Update

Total sales growth in the 15 weeks to 13 July 2007 was 10.3%, 7.2% on a like-for-like basis. Overall sales have benefited from the introduction of both new product ranges, particularly in cycling, touring and camping, and from trading initiatives resulting in continued positive growth in each of our key trading areas.

Gross margins remain in line with the guidance given at the preliminary results announcement and management remains confident that full year margin will be broadly in line with that reported last year.

Business Highlights

Halfords' first Central European store was opened in Cestlice in the Czech Republic on 29 June 2007.

An exclusive range of Boardman premium cycles and cycle accessories are now being sold in the two standalone Bikehut stores and in the larger Halfords' superstores.

The share buy-back programme remains on track and in the period 31 March 2007 to 23 July 2007 Halfords purchased 1.045m of its own shares for an aggregate consideration of £4.098m.

Commenting on this Statement, Ian McLeod, Halfords' Chief Executive said:

"Halfords' sales performance since the trading update at the preliminary results has remained in line with our expectations. Our continued positive sales growth, achieved across each of our categories, continues to demonstrate the company's defensive and resilient qualities and maintains our confidence in our future growth prospects"

Cautionary Statement

This statement contains certain forward-looking statements with respect to the financial condition, results of operations, and businesses of Halfords Group plc. These statements and forecasts involve risk, uncertainty and assumptions because they relate to events and depend upon circumstances that will occur in the future. There are a number of factors which could cause actual results or developments to differ materially from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are made only as at the date of this announcement. Nothing in this announcement should be construed as a profit forecast. Except as required by law, Halfords Group plc has no obligation to update the forward-looking statements or to correct any inaccuracies therein.



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Halfords Group plc will announce details of trading for the 26 weeks ended 28 September 2007 on 4 October 2007 and will present its Interim Results Announcement on Thursday 22 November 2007.

Notes to Editors:

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Halfords Group plc

Halfords is the UK's leading auto, leisure and cycling products retailer, employing in excess of 10,000 staff and operating from 430 stores including; 15 smaller format, neighbourhood, stores and two standalone Bikehuts (located in Brighton and Putney).

Established in 1892 as F.W. Rushbrooke and subsequently renamed Halfords in 1907, the Company was floated on the London Stock Exchange in June 2004. The Group sells 11,000 different product lines, ranging from car parts and cycles through to the latest in-car technology, alloy wheels, child seats, roof boxes and outdoor leisure and camping equipment. Halfords' own brands include *Ripspeed*, for car enhancement, *Bikehut*, for cycles and cycling accessories, including the *Apollo* and *Carrera* brands and *Urban Escape* for its premium range of camping equipment. Stores offer a "we fit" service for car parts, child seats, satellite navigation and in-car entertainment systems, and a "we repair" service for cycles.

Halfords announced on 8 June 2006 its intention to buy back £50m of its own shares over a two-year period. Since announcing its share buy-back programme Halfords has purchased 10.049m of its own shares for an aggregate consideration of £33.980m at an average share price of 338.1 pence.