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Update on Recruitment of new Chairman

As the search for a Chairman is taking a little longer than forecast, I thought it appropriate to give the market a progress update.

Our Search Consultants, after extensive research, compiled lists of potential candidates in February - March 2009. A list of eight highly qualified candidates - none associated with our Company - was presented to the PFL Board on 23 April 2009. The Board was favourably impressed by the seniority, experience and expertise of each of the candidates. It was agreed that the Lead Search Consultant should contact each candidate to determine their interest in our Chairmanship.

Currently, the Consultant is meeting, face to face, with each candidate to outline Patties history, performance and plans, to determine their interest and suitability. It is disappointing there have been unforeseen delays, but to ensure a robust and independent recruitment, the Board is committed to maintaining due process.

We are confident that we will be able to announce an appointment in June - July 2009.

ERNEST W BARR
Acting Chairman

