

13th September 2011

Fairpoint Group plc – Directorate Change

The Board of Fairpoint is pleased to announce the appointment of John Gittins as Finance Director of Fairpoint Group plc (“Fairpoint” or “the Group”), effective from October 1st, 2011.

John, aged 51, is a graduate of the London School of Economics and qualified as a Chartered Accountant with Arthur Andersen. He has over 17 years of experience as a Finance Director in the public markets, with growing service businesses including Spring Group plc, Vertex Data Science Limited and Begbies Traynor Group plc.

John is also non executive director and chairs the audit committee of the Electricity North West group of companies, the regulated electricity distribution business for the North West of England.

John’s appointment follows the resignation from the Group of Andy Heath.

Matthew Peacock commented:

“The Board would like to welcome John to the Group and are confident that his wide ranging experience across a range of high growth service businesses will allow him to make a valuable contribution to the Group.

We would also like to thank Andy for his valuable contribution to the Group over the last 5 years and to wish him well for the future.”

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Additional Information:

Further information on Mr Gittins required by Rule 17 and Schedule 2(g) of the AIM Rules for Companies is detailed below:

- (a) the Director's full name is John Anthony Gittins and he has no previous names;
- (b) the Director is not a director or partner of any companies or partnerships other than Fairpoint and the following:

Electricity North West Limited

- (c) in the last five years, the Director has been but is no longer a director or partner of the following companies or partnerships:

NCC Group plc

Begbies Traynor plc

United Utilities plc

Vertex Data Science Limited

There are no further disclosures for Mr Gittins as required under Schedule 2(g) of the AIM Rules for Companies.