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HERMES SUPPORTS BOARD CHANGES AT FAST SEARCH & TRANSFER

Hermes Focus Asset Management Europe (“HFAME”) supports the proposal put forward by Orkla ASA to substantially strengthen the Board of Directors of Fast Search & Transfer ASA. HFAME believes the proposed directors will be able to bring the necessary discipline to allow the company to re-gain the confidence of the market and to face the challenges of a growing and competitive business environment going forward.

Notes to editors:

About Hermes Focus Asset Management Europe (“HFAME”)

Hermes Focus Asset Management Europe Ltd. (“HFAME”) is the manager of the Hermes European Focus Fund, one of the specialist shareholder engagement funds of Hermes, a major European institutional fund management organisation. As at 30 September 2007, Hermes had over € 75 billion of assets under management; at the same date, HFAME had funds under management of ca. EUR 2.2 billion invested in continental European equities on behalf of 24 institutional investors from across the globe (including 21 pension funds, together representing over 8 million members and beneficiaries).

HFAME seeks to maximise the long-term value of companies in which it invests through addressing issues relating to strategy, capital structure as well as governance and management.

HFAME currently owns approximately 9% of the voting capital of Fast Search & Transfer.

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