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25 August 2005

**Recommended Offer by
Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein Limited
on behalf of
Huveaux PLC ("Huveaux") for
Epic Group plc ("Epic")**

Posting of compulsory acquisition notice

Huveaux announces that as at 3.00 p.m. on 25 August 2005, valid acceptances of the Offer had been received in respect of 21,802,647 Epic Shares, representing approximately 90.16 per cent. of the existing issued ordinary share capital of Epic.

As valid acceptances of the Offer have been received in respect of more than 90 per cent. in value of Epic Shares to which the Offer relates, Huveaux intends to apply the provisions of sections 428-430F of the Companies Act 1985 to acquire compulsorily all outstanding Epic Shares under the terms of the Offer. Accordingly, Huveaux will be shortly posting formal notices under section 429 of the Companies Act 1985 to Epic Shareholders who have not yet accepted the Offer.

The Offer will remain open until further notice.

As previously announced, application has been made to the London Stock Exchange for the trading of Epic Shares on AIM to be cancelled. The cancellation of admission will take effect on 20 September 2005.

Words and expressions defined in the Offer Document dated 28 July 2005 shall have the same meaning when used in this announcement. Copies of the documents posted to Epic Shareholders on 28 July 2005 are available for inspection at the Document Viewing Facility of the UK Listing Authority at The Financial Services Authority, 25 The North Colonnade, London E14 5HS.

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