



Press Release - The Little Group Purchase Holt Jackson Book Company Ltd

For Immediate Release

The Little Group Ltd, comprising Askews Library Services Ltd, Browns Books for Students, Gardners Books Ltd and Book Protectors Ltd, is pleased to announce that The Holt Jackson Book Company Ltd, has joined The Little Group Ltd with effect from 29th February 2008.

Kevin Holden, former Chairman and CEO remains on the board of directors and will be actively involved in the day-to-day running of the company along with the existing senior management team. Kathryn Pattinson - Managing Director of Askews - joins the board as the new Managing Director. Both companies will continue to trade within their own identities bringing combined strength and individuality to their customers.

The Holt Jackson Book Company Ltd in Lytham, Lancashire was established in 1932 and is a highly respected supplier of books to the library market, both in the UK and internationally. The company has an annual turnover of approximately £17m. The partnership with The Little Group Ltd will enhance its resources to the benefit of its customers. Annual sales across the group will be in excess of £200m.

Jonathan Little, Chairman of The Little Group said:-

“We are pleased to welcome Holt Jackson to the Group, complementing our purchase last year of Askews to strengthen the supply chain and support services to the Public Library market. Under the direction of Kevin Holden and his senior managers, they have offered a well respected and much appreciated service to their library customers and we look forward to building on this to provide even better services in the future for both new and existing customers.”

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