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HOMES FOR SCOTLAND ELECTS NEW CHAIRMAN

Homes for Scotland, the representative body for the residential development industry in Scotland, has elected a new Chairman for the year 2007/8.

Ronnie Jacobs, Regional Chairman of Miller Homes, assumed his new role at Homes for Scotland's Annual General Meeting on 11th May 2007.

In his inaugural speech he said: "Scotland is on the verge of a housing crisis. We are simply not providing enough new homes to meet the country's real needs - that is, to meet latent demand, to house immigrants and to replace aging housing stock. The Scottish Executive has failed to recognise the part that the private sector can play in addressing Scotland's housing problems and I am determined to ensure that housing is a real focus of attention for the new Administration".

The organisation's membership provides more than 90% of the 25,000 new homes built in Scotland every year. As an industry, housebuilding is responsible for the employment of more than 110,000 people across the country and contributes over £5 billion to the Scottish economy but it faces a number of challenges to its future growth and success.

About Homes for Scotland:

Homes for Scotland (<u>www.homesforscotland.com</u>) is the representative membership body for the home building and residential development industry in Scotland. Its member companies provide over 90% all new homes in Scotland and the industry is the largest single user of the planning system in Scotland.

The Homes for Scotland Board is drawn from member companies and comprises leaders in the Scottish housebuilding industry. The position of Chair rotates annually.

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