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SWALLOWFIELD PLC

(Registered in England and Wales with company number 01975376)

Swallowfield House
Station Road
Wellington
Somerset
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7 October 2009

Dear Shareholder,

Notice of the 2009 Annual General Meeting

I am pleased to enclose the Report and Accounts for Swallowfield plc (the "**Company**") for the year ended 30 June 2009.

Annual General Meeting

This year's Annual General Meeting (the "**AGM**") of the Company will be held on Thursday 5 November 2009 at 12 noon at Swallowfield House, Station Road, Wellington, Somerset TA21 8NL. The notice of the AGM is set out on page 3 of this document. This letter summarises the items of business to be transacted at the meeting and on pages 5 and 6 of this document there are notes explaining these resolutions.

Ordinary Business

- **Resolutions 1 to 7** deal with the directors' report and financial statements for the period ended 30 June 2009 (resolution 1); the directors' remuneration report for the period ended 30 June 2009 (resolution 2); the final dividend (resolution 3); the re-election of Shena Winning as a non-executive director (resolution 4); the re-election of Peter Houston as a director (resolution 5); the granting of authority to directors to determine the auditors' remuneration (resolution 6); and the re-appointment of Grant Thornton UK LLP as the Company's auditors (resolution 7).

Special Business

- **Resolution 8** deals with the authority of the directors to allot new shares in the capital of the Company.
- **Resolution 9** deals with the seeking of approval in respect of the disapplication of pre-emption rights.
- **Resolution 10** deals with the purchase, by the Company, of its own shares.

Board Structure

Shareholders will be aware from my report dated 10 September that Richard Organ will retire from the Board at the end of October and, as indicated at the last AGM, the Board will have only two independent non-executive directors, which it continues to believe will be an appropriate structure for a group of our size and market listing.

Shareholders will be aware, that prior to last year's AGM, there had been opposition from two of the Company's major shareholders, Mr Peter Gyllenhammar and Western Selection plc, regarding the structure and composition of the Board. Shareholders who attended last year's AGM will recall that both parties publicly gave their support to the Company and by implication to the Board. We have continued a dialogue with these shareholders during the year. We hope that they will continue to support the Board on the successful development of the Company, and our plans for profitable growth against the challenging targets we have set for the next three years. Nevertheless we would again ask all shareholders to support the Board in its management of the Group.

The Directors therefore strongly urge you to vote your shares in favour of all the attached resolutions.

Action

If you are unable to attend the meeting or wish to register your proxy votes now in relation to the resolutions proposed, you should complete the enclosed Form of Proxy and return it to the Company's Registrars, Computershare Investor Services PLC, The Pavilions, Bridgwater Road, Bristol BS13 8AE, by no later than 12 noon on Tuesday 3 November 2009, following the instructions on the form. Please see the notes to the notice of AGM and the Form of Proxy for full details about the appointment of proxies.

Recommendation

Your Board considers each of the proposed resolutions to be in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders as a whole. Accordingly, your directors unanimously recommend that you vote in favour of the resolutions, as they intend to do in respect of their own beneficial shareholdings.

If you have any questions regarding any of the business to be conducted at the AGM, please contact Ian Mackinnon, Chief Executive Officer, or Peter Houston, Group Finance Director, on +44 (0)1823 662241.

Yours sincerely

S Winning
Chairman

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the twenty third Annual General Meeting (the "**AGM**") of Swallowfield plc (the "**Company**") will be held at Swallowfield House, Station Road, Wellington, Somerset TA21 8NL on Thursday 5 November 2009 at 12 noon for the following purposes:

As Ordinary Business

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolutions each of which will be proposed as ordinary resolutions:

1. To receive and adopt the annual statement of accounts and the reports of the directors and auditors for the year ended 30 June 2009.
2. To approve the directors' remuneration report for the year ended 30 June 2009.
3. To declare a final dividend of 4.1p per ordinary share.
4. To re-elect S J Winning as a director.
5. To re-elect P R V Houston as a director.
6. To authorise the directors to determine the auditors' remuneration.
7. To re-appoint Grant Thornton UK LLP as auditors to hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company.

As Special Business

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolutions of which resolution 8 will be proposed as an ordinary resolution and resolutions 9 and 10 will be proposed as special resolutions:

8. That, in substitution for any equivalent authorities and powers granted to the directors prior to the passing of this resolution, the directors be and they are hereby generally and unconditionally authorised pursuant to section 551, Companies Act 2006 (the "**Act**") to exercise all powers of the Company to allot shares in the Company, and grant rights to subscribe for or to convert any security into shares of the Company (such shares, and rights to subscribe for or to convert any security into shares of the Company being "**relevant securities**") provided that this authority shall be limited to relevant securities up to an aggregate nominal amount of £190,106, representing approximately one third of the nominal value of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company as shown in the audited accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2009 and, unless previously revoked, varied or extended, this authority shall expire at the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company, except that the Company may at any time before such expiry make an offer or agreement which would or might require relevant securities to be allotted after such expiry and the directors may allot relevant securities in pursuance of such an offer or agreement as if this authority had not expired.
9. That the directors be and they are hereby empowered pursuant to section 570(1) of the Act to allot equity securities (as defined in section 560(1) of the Act) of the Company wholly for cash where such allotment is either pursuant to the authority of the directors under section 551 of the Act conferred by resolution 8 above, or by virtue of section 573 of the Act, in either case as if section 561(1) of the Act did not apply to such allotment provided that:
 - (a) the power conferred by this resolution shall be limited to:
 - (i) the allotment of equity securities in connection with an offer of equity securities to the holders of ordinary shares in the capital of the Company in proportion as nearly as practicable to their respective holdings of such shares, but subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the directors may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements or legal or practical problems under the laws or requirements of any regulatory body or any stock exchange; and
 - (ii) the allotment, otherwise than pursuant to sub-paragraph (a) (i) above, of equity securities up to an aggregate nominal value equal to £28,141, representing approximately 5% of the nominal value of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company as shown in the audited accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2009; and

- (b) unless previously revoked, varied or extended, this power shall expire on the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company except that the Company may before the expiry of this power make an offer or agreement which would or might require equity securities to be allotted after such expiry and the directors may allot equity securities in pursuance of such an offer or agreement as if this power had not expired.
10. That the Company be and is hereby unconditionally and generally authorised for the purposes of section 701 of the Act to make market purchases (within the meaning of section 693(4) of the Act) of its ordinary shares of 5p each ("**Ordinary Shares**") provided that:
- (a) the maximum number of Ordinary Shares authorised to be purchased is 1,125,000 representing approximately 10% of the Company's issued ordinary share capital as shown in the audited accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2009;
- (b) the minimum price which may be paid for any such Ordinary Share is 5p exclusive of any expenses payable by the Company;
- (c) the maximum price which may be paid for an Ordinary Share shall be an amount equal to 105% of the average middle market quotations for an Ordinary Share as derived from the AIM Index of the London Stock Exchange Daily Official List for the five business days immediately preceding the day on which the Ordinary Share is contracted to be purchased; and
- (d) this authority shall, unless previously renewed, revoked or varied, expire on the earlier of the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting and the date falling 12 months after the date of the passing of this resolution, but the Company may enter into a contract for the purchase of Ordinary Shares before the expiry of this authority which would or might be completed (wholly or partly) after its expiry.

By order of the Board
Alan Farrer-Halls
Secretary

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TA21 8NL

7 October 2009

Members should refer to the explanatory notes that accompany this notice.

1. A member who is entitled to attend, speak and vote may appoint a proxy to attend, speak and vote instead of him. A proxy need not also be a member of the Company but must attend the AGM in order to represent you. A member may appoint more than one proxy provided each proxy is appointed to exercise rights attached to different shares (so a member must have more than one share to be able to appoint more than one proxy). A form of proxy is enclosed. The notes to the form of proxy include instructions on how to appoint the Chairman of the AGM or another person as proxy.
2. The following documents are available for inspection at the registered office of the Company during the usual business hours on any weekday (Saturday, Sunday or public holidays excluded) from the date of this notice until the conclusion of the AGM and will also be available for inspection at the place of the AGM from 11.45 a.m. on the day of the AGM until its conclusion:
 - (a) copies of the executive directors' service contracts with the Company and letters of appointment of the non-executive directors; and
 - (b) the register of directors' interests in the capital of the Company.
3. The Company pursuant to regulation 41 of the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001, specifies that only those shareholders registered in the register of members of the Company at 6.00 p.m. on Tuesday 3 November 2009 (or if the AGM is adjourned, two working days before the time fixed for the adjourned AGM) shall be entitled to attend and vote at the AGM in respect of the number of shares registered in their name at that time. Any changes to the register of members after such time shall be disregarded in determining the rights of any person to attend or vote at the AGM.
4. Please note that communications regarding the matters set out in this notice of Annual General Meeting will not be accepted in electronic form.
5. As at 6 October 2009 (being the last business day prior to the publication of this Notice), the Company's issued share capital consists of 11,256,416 ordinary shares, carrying one vote each. Therefore, the total voting rights in the Company as at 6 October 2009 are 11,256,416.

Explanatory notes to the resolutions as proposed at the 2009 Annual General Meeting:

Ordinary Business:

Resolution 1 (Annual accounts and reports)

The directors present the accounts, directors' report and auditors' report to the shareholders at the AGM.

Resolution 2 (Remuneration report)

All companies quoted on the main market of the London Stock Exchange are required by law to produce for each financial year a directors' remuneration report which sets out the remuneration committee's policy in relation to directors' remuneration, together with the remuneration and benefits paid to directors during the year. Such companies are also required to put an ordinary resolution to shareholders approving the report at the meeting at which the Company's report and accounts for that year are laid.

The Company moved its listing from the main market of the London Stock Exchange to AIM in May 2006, and is, therefore, no longer required to produce a directors' remuneration report. In meeting their commitment to high standards of corporate governance, the directors have voluntarily prepared a directors' remuneration report for this financial year, and Resolution 2 seeks approval of this directors' remuneration report, which is set out on pages 27 to 29 of the report and accounts 2009.

Resolution 3 (Final dividend)

This resolution concerns the Company's final dividend payment. A final dividend can only be paid after the shareholders at a general meeting have approved it. The directors are recommending a final dividend of 4.1p per ordinary share in respect of the year ended 30 June 2009 which, if approved, will be payable on 27 November 2009 to the shareholders who are on the register on 13 November 2009.

Resolutions 4 and 5 (Re-election of directors)

In accordance with the provisions of the Company's articles of association regarding the retirement of directors by rotation, S J Winning and P R V Houston are submitting themselves for re-election. Biographical details of the directors submitting themselves for re-election can be found on pages 22 and 23 of the report and accounts.

Resolutions 6 and 7 (Auditors' remuneration and appointment)

Shareholders are required to authorise the Directors to fix the auditors' remuneration and also to appoint auditors at each general meeting at which accounts are presented. Resolution 6 authorises the directors to set the auditors' remuneration and Resolution 7 proposes the re-appointment of Grant Thornton UK LLP as auditors of the Company for the financial year ending 30 June 2010.

Special Business:

Resolution 8 (Directors' power to allot securities)

Resolution 8 seeks to renew the directors' general authority under section 551 of the Companies Act 2006 (which replaces section 80 of the Companies Act 1985 from 1 October 2009) to allot new shares in the capital of the Company. This general authority is to allot shares up to an aggregate nominal value of £190,106, representing approximately one-third of the nominal value of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company as shown in the latest audited accounts of the Company in addition to the allotment of shares to satisfy existing employee share options. Unless renewed, revoked, varied or extended, this authority will expire at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held in 2010.

The directors do not have any present intention of exercising this authority but they consider it desirable that the specified amount of authorised but unissued share capital is available for issue so that they can more readily take advantage of possible opportunities.

Resolution 9 (Disapplication of pre-emption rights)

Resolution 9 seeks approval for the renewal of the authority given at last year's Annual General Meeting to permit the directors to (i) allot equity shares in connection with rights issues without having to obtain prior approval from shareholders on each occasion, and (ii) to allot a small number of shares for cash without first being required to offer such shares to existing shareholders. In accordance with current guidelines, the maximum nominal amount of shares that may be issued for cash under this authority is limited to £28,141. This

represents approximately five per cent of the nominal value of the issued share capital of the Company as shown in the latest audited accounts of the Company. Unless renewed, revoked, varied or extended, this authority will expire at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held in 2010.

The Directors consider that the power proposed to be granted by Resolution 9 is necessary to retain flexibility, although they currently have no intention of exercising such power.

Resolution 10 (Market purchase of shares)

Under its articles of association and section 693 of the Companies Act 2006, the Company has power to purchase its own shares. Resolution 10 is proposed to renew the general authority given at last year's Annual General Meeting to enable the Company, subject to certain limitations, to purchase shares in the market for cancellation and/or for holding in treasury. This authority would last for the period until the conclusion of the Company's Annual General Meeting to be held in 2010. Such authority would allow for purchases to be made on the terms set out in the Resolution of up to a maximum number of 1,125,000 ordinary shares (representing just under ten per cent of the present issued ordinary share capital). (A purchase of the proposed maximum of 1,125,000 ordinary shares at the share price of £1.095 on 2 October 2009 would involve the Company in the expenditure of approximately £1,231,875 before stamp duty and commissions, and at the minimum permitted price would involve the expenditure, on the same basis, of £56,250).

As at 6 October 2009, there were outstanding options to subscribe for a total of 50,000 ordinary shares in the Company, representing approximately 0.4 per cent of the Company's issued share capital at that time. If the Company was to exercise in full the proposed authority to purchase its own shares and prior to such purchase the Company's issued share capital remained unchanged, the shares for which there are outstanding options to subscribe would represent approximately 0.5 per cent of the Company's issued ordinary share capital as reduced by those purchases.

The directors would use the share purchase authority with discretion and purchases would only be made from funds not required for other purposes and in the light of market conditions prevailing at the time. In reaching a decision to purchase any shares, your directors would take account of the Company's cash resources and capital, the effect of such purchase on the Company's business, any impact on earnings per share or on net tangible assets per share. No announcement will be made by the Company in advance of market purchases but any purchases made by the Company would be announced by 8.30 a.m. on the business day next following the transaction.

In renewing this authority the Board is not indicating any commitment to purchase ordinary shares. The authority, if conferred, will only be exercised if to do so would be in the best interests of shareholders generally.