



MONSOON TO INTRODUCE NEW, TOUGHER TESTING REGIME FOR LEAD CONTENT

Monsoon plc announces that, following recent public concern about the possible use of lead and lead derivatives in children's jewellery, it intends to become the first leading British retailer to implement a stringent new testing regime. This regime is based on the current screening system in the US where no product can contain more than 0.06% lead, or six hundred parts per million, irrespective of plating or enamelling. The new regime will be introduced as soon as operationally feasible.

Monsoon currently ensures that all its children's jewellery comply with EU regulations (EN71 Pt3 of the Toy Safety Regulations) and screens accordingly. It hopes these new tougher standards will set an example for other retailers to follow. Monsoon intends to work with its key suppliers to ensure they find alternative materials to eradicate the use of lead in the manufacturing process, in a way that will maximise the benefit to the environment.



STATEMENT REGARDING PRODUCT RECALL

Monsoon confirms that it has ordered a voluntary product recall on its Angels spotty enamel Butterfly Necklace, Bracelet and Ring set, style number 199369. This followed an investigation, which showed that the product may contain trace quantities of nickel which, if worn next to the skin, may cause a mild allergic reaction. The products recall has already taken effect through all Monsoon's worldwide stores and franchisees and no other Monsoon products are affected.