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Statement on behalf of Inver House Distillers

Re: appointment of Martin Leonard as Managing Director

Inver House Distillers, the Scotch Whisky subsidiary of global drinks business International Beverage Holdings Ltd, has appointed Martin Leonard to the position of Managing Director with the announcement that Graham Stevenson is to leave the business in September this year.

Mr Leonard (55) is the company's current Operations Director, having joined Inver House Distillers in 2000 as Group Quality Manager and then Operations Manager for the main warehousing and blending site. He has held the post of Operations Director since 2007 with responsibility for the five Inver House Distilleries in Scotland – Pulteney, Balblair, Balmenach, Speyburn and Knockdhu – plus all maturation, blending and bottling, logistics, health and safety and quality assurance across the business.

Prior to this Leonard spent ten years with United Distillers (now Diageo) initially as a Research Scientist and laterally in operations and procurement. He is also a Director and former Chairman of the Scotch Whisky Research Institute; a member of the Operations Committee of the Scotch Whisky Association and Chairman of its Customs & Excise Committee; and a Keeper of the Quaich.

Current Managing Director Graham Stevenson will depart Inver House Distillers after 23 years at the helm to take up a new role at The Glenallachie Consortium.

Commenting on his appointment Mr Leonard said: *'After 17 years with the Inver House Distillers business I am very much looking forward to taking up this new position, bringing my experience and knowledge of working in every aspect of operations to the role. My ambition is to continue the dedicated leadership of Graham Stevenson, who leaves our business and brands in excellent shape for future growth and success.'*

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