



**Dyson Group plc**  
("Dyson" or "The Group")

### **INTERIM MANAGEMENT STATEMENT**

Dyson Group Plc (LSE:DYS), the materials technology company, announces its Interim Management Statement for the period from 10 October 2008 to 17 February 2009.

As previously announced, sales in the Performance Materials division have decreased over the 10 months to 31 January 2009. This reduction is 16% compared with the corresponding period in the previous year, due primarily to decreased sales of Ecoflex® products into the automotive markets.

The Thermal Technologies division's sales were within 3% of the prior year levels following a strong first-half performance. Additional factory optimisation projects are currently underway.

The Dytech business is progressing to plan and opportunities to develop the energy sector with alliances and partnerships are underway in preparation for future revenue growth.

Energy costs are at a higher level relative to the previous year, but prices have reduced over recent months. In addition, recent weakening of Sterling has improved the Group's competitive position for order intake and has already started to impact Group trading to a limited extent.

As previously announced, the Group has already implemented cost containment measures which have included staff reductions, short-time working and production shut-downs in order to align costs with the current level of demand.

Constructive discussions with both of the Group's banks, namely Lloyds TSB and Svenska Handelsbanken, are ongoing with regard to debt facilities and banking covenants. The Group will provide an update to the market in due course.

On 23 December 2008, the Group announced that it had exchanged contracts for the conditional sale of its freehold land and buildings on Fulwood Road, Sheffield ("Property Disposal"), which was conditional, *inter-alia*, on shareholders' approval in a general meeting being given by no later than 31 March 2009. In light of the ongoing discussions with the banks, the Group today announces that the contract for the Property Disposal has been cancelled. Other than the clarification referred to, there has been no significant change affecting any matter contained in the announcement made on 23 December 2008 and no other significant new matter has arisen, which would have been required to be included in that announcement had it arisen at that time.

The restructuring of the Group, as announced in June 2008, is now at an advanced stage, with the implementation of the functional organisation and the recruitment of new professional management now complete. Further restructuring projects to streamline the Group are being continually evaluated.

**Patrick Lammers, CEO of Dyson Group said**, "In light of the current economic climate, the Group is continually reviewing its business operations and priorities, in order to ensure that it is well-positioned to take advantage of strategic opportunities when market conditions improve. The medium- and long-term outlook remains positive as we continue to implement the Group restructuring that will refocus Dyson on its core areas of operation."

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