

CINEWORLD GROUP PLC
Pre-Close Trading Update

Cineworld Group plc ("Cineworld" or the "Group") will publish its preliminary results for the twelve months ended 27th December 2007 on 18th March 2008. Prior to entering its close period, Cineworld issues the following trading update.

The UK Cinema industry enjoyed a solid year during 2007 with UK industry box office up 6.9% against the previous year, according to information collated by Nielsen EDI. This reflects the strong film release schedule which included Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix, Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End, Shrek 3 and The Simpsons Movie. Set against this backdrop, Cineworld performed well, increased its market share of box office to 23.7% in the period (2006: 23.5%) and grew admissions at its continuing sites by 4.8%. The Group expects to report EBITDA for the 2007 financial year towards the top of the range of current market expectations.

In May 2007, Cineworld opened a new cinema in Didcot, Oxfordshire, which is performing ahead of expectations and brings the total number of cinemas in the estate to 73 with 758 screens. Our national expansion plans remain a key strategic priority for the Group as we seek to deliver growth for our shareholders. March 2008 will see the opening of a new 12 screen cinema in High Wycombe and towards the end of the year a new five screen cinema is scheduled to open at Haverhill. We have also signed contracts on two further sites in Aldershot & Witney, currently scheduled to open in 2009.

In October 2007 we announced a deal with Real-D to bring 3-D digital technology to certain cinemas across the estate. This deal coincided with the release of the 3D version of Beowulf, which launched in the UK on 16th November 2007, and we feel confident its success will encourage the release of further films in this format. It also strengthens Cineworld's leading position in the digital arena and we are proud to be able to offer our customers the largest digital estate of any cinema operator in the UK.

Discussions with Carlton Screen Advertising ("CSA") concerning the screen-advertising sales contract are continuing. While these are in progress the Group has agreed with CSA that the full contracted amount can be paid on a month by month basis rather than six monthly in advance; the first instalment was received by the Group at the end of December 2007.

The Group is pleased to report that 2008 has started strongly with the successful release of *I Am Legend*. Whilst it is very early in the new financial year, the outlook for 2008 looks promising with a compelling line up of proven film franchises which include *The Chronicles of Narnia*, *Batman*, *The Mummy*, *Harry Potter*, *Star Trek*, *James Bond* and a new instalment of *Indiana Jones*.

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Notes for Editors and Analysts:

- Cineworld is the UK's second largest cinema operator with 73 sites and 758 screens, including five of the eight highest grossing cinemas in the UK and Ireland.
- The Group listed on the Main Market on May 2nd 2007.
- As at 27 December 2007 the number of shares in issue was 141.7m.