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CHARITABLE TRADING DAY AT LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE GROUP ON 2 APRIL

- Equity trading fees from London and Milan to be donated to LSE Group Foundation

- At least £500,000 expected to be donated to charity

- Charity Market Open Ceremony to be held on 2 April at 8am

- Nick Hurd MP, Minister for Civil Society to attend Ceremony

On Monday April 2, the London Stock Exchange Group will, for the first time in its history, donate a full day's worth of equity trading fees from the London Stock Exchange, Borsa Italiana and Turquoise – in excess of £500,000 – to charity. The money raised will be donated to the LSE Group Foundation which funds charitable projects in the UK, Italy and Sri Lanka.

In addition, the LSE Group's new UK partner charity will be announced and welcomed to open trading at the London Stock Exchange. In Milan, the new Italian partner charity will attend a charity breakfast and the unveiling of a new celebratory banner outside Palazzo Mezzanotte, Borsa Italiana's Milan headquarters.

Customers and friends of the LSE Group are encouraged to get involved on the day by taking part in a new online charity trading game. By making an online donation, participants will get the chance to win a £2,000 donation of their own to the charity of their choice. The URL for the game will be announced on Monday.

Xavier Rolet, CEO, LSE Group said:

"I'm delighted to be announcing our first ever charitable trading day. Set up in 2010, our Foundation has already donated more than £1.2m to charities in the markets in which we operate.

"Being a good corporate citizen is about much more than the bottom line; it is about taking part in the communities in which we operate, in conducting ourselves with integrity and behaving in a way that makes us individually and collectively proud. I hope as many of our customers and friends as possible get involved with our activities on the day."

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