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Appointment of Deputy Chairman

John Menzies plc, the logistics support services group, is pleased to announce the appointment of William Thomson as non-executive Deputy Chairman with immediate effect. He will also succeed Gavin Reed as Chairman when he steps down at the Annual General Meeting in 2002.

William Thomson, aged 61, has been a non-executive director of John Menzies plc since 1987. He is Chairman of E G Thomson (Shipping) Ltd and British Assets plc.

Gavin Reed, Chairman of John Menzies plc, said:

"It is my intention to stand down as Chairman at the AGM in 2002, when I shall have held that position for 5 years. William has an excellent understanding of the whole group and has had a huge impact in the various different roles he has performed since joining the Board. He is also extremely experienced in International Distribution and Logistics. I am particularly pleased that he has accepted the Board's invitation to succeed me. "