

Board Change: John Menzies plc appoints new MD at its Distribution division

John Menzies plc today announces that Ellis Watson is leaving the Company to join the main board of FirstGroup plc and will be replaced as an executive director by David McIntosh with effect from 24 July 2009.

David McIntosh, 46, is currently Commercial Director at Menzies Distribution and has been with John Menzies for 19 years. He has played a significant role in the recent publisher negotiations and the Board strongly believe that he is the right man to take Menzies Distribution through the next stage of its development as the focus turns to delivery following the recent new business gained.

Ellis Watson is leaving with our best wishes after an enormously productive four years.

William Thomson, Chairman, John Menzies plc said:

I am delighted that David will be joining the Board to replace Ellis. David has been with the Company for many years in a variety of roles and since joining Menzies Distribution in 1999 he has developed strong relationships with publishers and retailers as well as having a sound knowledge of the newspaper and magazine supply chain. David played a key role in the recent, lengthy, OFT investigation, was an integral part of Ellis's team during the recent and ongoing publisher negotiations and led our recent expansion into new related business areas.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ellis for his outstanding contribution during the last four years during which he has revolutionised the division and leaves it in extremely good health. He leaves with our best wishes and I am sure he will go on to achieve great success in his new role".

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