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## RESULT OF VOTING AT THE GENERAL MEETING OF RECKITT BENCKISER GROUP PLC

**HELD ON 4 MAY 2017** 

The resolutions proposed at the Annual General Meeting of Reckitt Benckiser Group plc (the "Company") held earlier today were passed by the requisite majority by poll. The results are set out below:

## STATEMENT OF POLL

RESOLUTION	No of votes For	%	No of Votes Against	%	Total No of Votes Cast	No of Votes Withheld
To receive the 2016 report and financial statements	519,624,101	100.00	20,189	0.00	519,644,290	1,237,007
2. To receive and approve the Directors' Remuneration Report	452,280,484	87.38	65,301,720	12.62	517,582,204	3,295,372
3. To declare a final dividend	520,145,832	100.00	1,437	0.00	520,147,269	733,881
4. To re-elect Adrian Bellamy	334,891,091	85.26	57,891,639	14.74	392,782,730	128,072,383
5. To re-elect Nicandro Durante	513,866,390	99.24	3,919,080	0.76	517,785,470	3,038,595
6. To re-elect Mary Harris	515,252,406	98.95	5,476,685	1.05	520,729,091	94,804
7. To re-elect Adrian Hennah	517,537,637	99.39	3,193,100	0.61	520,730,737	93,328
8. To re-elect Kenneth Hydon	312,428,440	69.22	138,920,360	30.78	451,348,800	69,506,318
9. To re-elect Rakesh Kapoor	506,346,495	97.39	13,593,264	2.61	519,939,759	884,356
10. To re-elect Pamela Kirby	475,594,699	91.48	44,291,803	8.52	519,886,502	936,689
11. To re-elect Andre Lacroix	508,231,358	97.60	12,499,445	2.40	520,730,803	93,262
12. To re-elect Chris Sinclair	517,409,938	99.36	3,318,002	0.64	520,727,940	96,125
13. To re-elect Judith Sprieser	467,830,763	93.66	31,657,769	6.34	499,488,532	21,335,045
14. To re-elect Warren Tucker	518,431,479	99.56	2,297,663	0.44	520,729,142	94,823
15. To re-appoint PricewaterhouseCoopers	510,042,694	98.41	8,231,980	1.59	518,274,674	2,549,321

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16. To authorise the Audit Committee to determine the Auditor's remuneration	516,708,984	99.23	4,018,738	0.77	520,727,722	95,339
17. To authorise the Company to make political donations	503,871,044	97.27	14,131,230	2.73	518,002,274	2,820,642
18. To renew the Directors' authority to allot shares	483,312,815	93.14	35,587,172	6.86	518,899,987	1,938,900
19. To renew the Directors' power to disapply preemption rights in respect of up to 5 per cent of issued share capital (Special Resolution)	508,431,235	97.93	10,724,894	2.07	519,156,129	1,684,987
20. To renew the Directors' power to disapply pre- emption rights in respect of an additional 5 per cent of issued share capital (Special Resolution)	497,243,900	95.78	21,899,345	4.22	519,143,245	1,695,867
21. To renew the Company's authority to purchase its own shares (Special Resolution)	513,219,402	98.60	7,264,042	1.40	520,483,444	340,671
22. To approve the calling of General Meetings on 14 clear days' notice (Special Resolution)	467,076,779	90.06	51,542,890	9.94	518,619,669	2,204,446

A copy of the above results will shortly be available on the Company's website at <a href="https://www.rb.com">www.rb.com</a>.

A copy of the resolution will be submitted to the National Storage Mechanism and in due course will be available to view at http://www.morningstar.co.uk/uk/NSM.

As at the close of business on 3 May 2017, the issued share capital of the Company consisted of 736,535,179 ordinary shares of 10 pence each, 35,900,270 of which were held as treasury shares. Therefore, the total voting rights in the Company as at that time were 700,634,909.

The Board notes that 138,920,360 shares (representing 30.78% of votes validly cast) were voted against the re-election of Ken Hydon (resolution 8) and notes 57,891,639 shares voted against the re-election of Adrian Bellamy (resolution 4), representing 14.74% of votes validly cast. The Board believes this relates in part to the desire of certain shareholders to ensure Board level accountability for the tragic events in South Korea relating to a Humidifier Sanitiser product withdrawn in 2011. The Board accepts that this is a matter for the full Board. The Board deeply regrets these events, for which an apology has been given and extensive remedial action taken. We will continue to engage with shareholders on this and all matters of board governance.

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