

Appointment of Vivienne Cox as a Non-Executive Director of Pearson plc

Pearson announces that Vivienne Cox, who was appointed independent non-executive director of the company with effect from 1 January 2012, will join the nomination, audit and remuneration committees upon appointment.

In accordance with LR 9.6.13, we provide the following information regarding Ms Cox:-

- (1) Details of all directorships held by Ms Cox in any other publicly quoted companies at any time in the previous five years, indicating whether or not she is still a director:

Ms Cox is a current director of the following publicly quoted companies:-

**Rio Tinto plc
Vallourec SA**

- (2) Any unspent convictions in relation to indictable offences:

None

- (3) Details of any receiverships, compulsory liquidations, creditors, voluntary liquidations, administrations, company voluntary arrangements or any composition or arrangement with its creditors generally or any class of its creditors of any company where Ms Cox was an executive director at the time of, or within 12 months preceding such events:

None

- (4) Details of any compulsory liquidations, administrations or partnership voluntary arrangements of any partnerships where Ms Cox was a partner at the time of, or within 12 months preceding, such events:

None

- (5) Details of receiverships of any assets of Ms Cox or of a partnership of which Ms Cox was a partner at the time of, or within the twelve months preceding, such event:

None

- (6) Details of any public criticisms of Ms Cox by statutory or regulatory authorities (including designated professional bodies) and whether she has ever been disqualified by a court from acting as a director of a company or from acting in the management or conduct or the affairs of any company:

None