

ISSUED THURSDAY 7TH APRIL (LATE)

STATEMENT FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The board of MG Rover has asked Price Waterhouse Coopers to accept engagement to advise the board of directors on the current position of the company.

The management is committed to working closely with the Trade Unions, DTI and Advantage West Midlands agency who can provide support.

This is a deeply worrying time for everyone and our thoughts are with the workers and their families. We would like to thank everyone for their loyalty and commitment at this very trying time.

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Appointment of administrators

The Board of directors has met with PriceWaterhouseCoopers this morning. The directors are taking the necessary steps to appoint administrators from PWC for MG Rover Group and Powertrain.

Following the completion of these formalities the administrators will issue a statement and press release later today.

All employees are asked to come to work normally on Monday.

8th April 2005.

MG ROVER CALLS ON UK GOVERNMENT TO DECIDE ON LOAN

Today MG Rover called on the Government to make a decision on the bridging loan which will open the way to the car maker completing complex negotiations with the Chinese company SAIC. The loan is crucial if the partnership is to be established.

Peter Beale, PVH vice chairman commented:” We requested the bridging loan from the Government to provide the additional time needed to complete our partnership with SAIC. The PVH directors will provide £10 million of personal money to convince the Government of our commitment. What we need now is the Government to decide.

“Speculation about the ability of MG Rover to survive will continue to mount as long as the decision on the loan is delayed. The speculation has affected the confidence of our suppliers and dealers and time is clearly running out.”

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Phoenix Venture Holdings Ltd

At a meeting on Monday 11 April 2005, Carl Chinn and Nigel Petrie agreed to act as trustees for the Phoenix Consortium shareholding in Phoenix Venture Holdings Ltd.

The trust will be known as the "Phoenix Trust" and will hold all beneficial rights to the 40% shareholding held individually by John Towers, John Edwards, Nick Stephenson and Peter Beale. Initially, the voting rights associated with this shareholding will be retained by the four shareholders, whilst matters become clearer. However, it is intended that these rights will pass to the trust in due course.

The trustees will be given complete discretion to allocate any funds in the trust to help the families and dependants of the Longbridge workforce.

John Towers said "It is not yet clear what the value of the PVH shares is. PVH has significant assets totalling around £50 million but we believe a reasonable estimate of its present value is between £10 million and £30 million. However it is important to note that this value is subject to attack by 3rd parties associated with the administration of other parts of the PVH Group".

"The Phoenix Directors have also offered these assets to PWC to help fund the administration process of MG Rover Group Ltd and Powertrain Ltd which would make less assets available to the trust but this route would clearly also be of benefit to the Longbridge workforce".

Commenting on this proposal, Carl Chinn and Nigel Petrie said "We acknowledge the responsibility placed on us to fulfil this important role in support of the Longbridge workforce, at such a critical time. We will be acting on a purely voluntary and independent basis".

Subject to agreement with the Administrator for MG Rover Group, the trust will also seek to incorporate and protect heritage assets associated with the Longbridge site.

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15 April 2005

Phoenix Venture Holdings Ltd

Statement:

During the course of this past week the administrator, PWC, the Trades Unions, the DTI and members of the management team have explored every avenue aimed at avoiding today's redundancy announcements.

Clearly, not enough progress has been made on this to provide comfort for the administrators, and for the DTI, to continue the payment process that began last week.

In May 2000, when Rover was saved from BMW's liquidation process, a lot of people said that the business could not last for more than 14 months. The management and employees of MG Rover have defied those conventional predictions and worked tirelessly to create a positive result. Almost five years later, and within weeks of what we believe to be its natural long-term outcome, it is devastating to be stopped at the final hurdle.

In a meeting with the administrators this afternoon, the directors of PVH discussed whether any other possibilities, including use of PVH and personal assets, could provide a further mechanism to allow employees to continue to be paid. The conclusion of this discussion was that the best use of those assets would be to quickly realise their value for the benefit of the Trust established to benefit the families and dependants of the Longbridge workforce.

This will enable the initial Trustees, Carl Chinn and Nigel Petrie, to start providing financial assistance to the employees of Longbridge, and their families. We can also announce that the Bishop for Birmingham, has approached us, and has agreed to become a Trustee of that fund.

In addition to the many millions of pounds being made available for the Employee Trust, we are also committed to provide any other support that the administrators request in creating the best possible employment outcome for this business emerging from insolvency. Despite a concerted view to the contrary, we remain hopeful that car making at Longbridge is not at an end.

For all of us this is a desperately sad day. Our hearts go out to all of our employees, their families, and the local community, at this terrible time.

John Towers, Peter Beale, John Edwards, Nick Stephenson

22nd July 2005

MG Rover Group and Powertrain Limited have been sold to Nanjing Automobile (Group) Corporation.

MG Rover Group Limited and Subsidiary Companies – In Administration – Sale of Assets
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The joint administrators from PricewaterhouseCoopers have announced the sale of the assets of both MG Rover Group and its engine producer, Powertrain Limited to Nanjing Automobile (Group) Corporation. The sale concludes a three month process following the collapse of MG Rover in early April. Nanjing Automobile (Group) Corporation was one of the two Chinese groups that had planned to become joint venture partners with Phoenix Ventures, prior to the collapse of negotiations.

Tony Lomas, joint administrator, said:

“In early June I reported to the creditors that there were no viable bidders for the business as a going concern. As a result, plans had been put in place for a break-up sale, unless a bidder pre-empted that process before it could be completed. SAIC had offered to buy the engine plant for relocation to China, so negotiations were underway to sell those assets separately.

“Whilst we have been negotiating with Nanjing Automobile (Group) Corporation we have been aware of Martin Leach’s interest in the car production assets, although no bid has ever been made by Mr Leach.

“Until late last week SAIC had offered to acquire only the Powertrain assets. On Monday of this week SAIC submitted a conditional bid for all of the MG Rover and Powertrain assets. However the level and conditionality of SAIC’s bid left Nanjing’s bid as the preferred way forward.

“Nanjing will now begin to take control of the assets and develop its plans for the future. It has indicated its intention to relocate the engine plant and some of the car production plant to China, to retain some car production plant in the UK and to develop an R&D and technical facility here in pursuit of the same global expansion ambition that it had when it joined with SAIC as the intended joint venture partners to Phoenix Venture Holdings before the collapse of MG Rover.

“For a transition period a residual workforce will continue to be employed by MG Rover Group and Powertrain, assisting the Administrators as they have for the last three and a half months. In the meantime Nanjing Automobile (Group) Corporation intends to begin to hire staff to assist it in implementing and developing its strategy.”