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**UNIVERSAL STOCK FUTURES CONTRACT
(EXCHANGE CONTRACT NO. 56)**

RMC GROUP PLC

CORPORATE ACTION: SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENT UPDATE

This General Notice is issued pursuant to the Corporate Events Policy (LIFFE General Notice No. 2125, issued on 13 November 2002, refers). It requires the immediate attention of members' staff involved with the trading and settlement of LIFFE Universal Stock Futures Contracts. Members should ensure that clients are made aware of the arrangements detailed in this Notice.

- 1. Contract:** RMC Group plc Universal Stock Futures Contract (TRS code RMC).
- 2. Reference General Notice:** LIFFE General Notice No. 2549, issued on 2 November 2004.
- 3. Background:** As RMC Group plc has not yet received the necessary regulatory approval required for the Scheme to become effective, the Court Hearing scheduled to be held on 11 January 2005 has been postponed. In consequence the Scheme of Arrangement is not expected to become effective until February 2005 at the earliest. Further information will be made available in due course.
- 4. Further Information:** Please e-mail DerivativesCorporateActions@euronext.com or contact Quality of Derivative Markets (+31 (0) 20 550 4296) at Euronext.liffe, or e-mail LCHOperations-Equities@lchclearnet.com or contact Business Operations (+44 (0)20 7426 7062) at LCH.Clearnet for further information about this General Notice.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

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