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Camelot Receives Top Purchasing and Supply Award

Camelot Group plc was today presented with the prestigious Chartered Institute of Purchasing & Supply (CIPS) Certification, recognising excellence in its purchasing policies and procedures.

The National Lottery operator was awarded the certificate after completing a three-month, 10-step process, which included examining and in some cases enhancing procurement efficiency, cost and risk management and eliminating wasteful processes.

The CIPS Certification is an accreditation of best practice in purchasing and supply, which aims to benchmark world class business practices, improve purchasing and supply team performances, and maximize the potential of customer-supplier relationships for the lasting benefit of both.

Camelot has around 800 suppliers, most of which are based in the UK, and is a supplier itself to over 26,200 National Lottery retailers UK-wide. The lottery operator is one of less than 70 companies worldwide to have won this award; others accredited include British Airways, the BBC and ntl. The certification process recognises excellence in over 400 different areas of purchasing and supply chain management in total and assesses organisations against CIPS practice standards.

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Stephen Day, Camelot's Head of Supplier Development, said: "The Supplier Development team works hard to ensure that Camelot's supply chain and procurement processes are managed efficiently, ethically and in partnership with the companies we do business with. I am delighted that the Institute has formally recognised Camelot's achievements in this area. The process of working towards achieving this award has given us the opportunity to build an authoritative and concise best practice model."

Michael Campbell, Director of Business Development at CIPS, said: "Camelot should feel very proud of this achievement. We were initially very impressed with the strength of their established CSR practices within the supply chain and their flexible working arrangements with internal customers. Even so, gaining CIPS Certification is no easy task. It takes commitment and dedication from the entire team while undergoing the rigorous assessment process and I am very pleased to welcome Camelot into what is a fairly exclusive network

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Notes to Editors:

- Camelot Group plc is the operator of The National Lottery® and is committed to raising money for the Good Causes designated by Parliament. Camelot is not responsible for distributing or awarding these funds
- To date, over £18.6 billion has been raised for Good Causes by The National Lottery, and more than 238,000 individual awards have been made across the UK – the biggest programme of civic and social regeneration since the 19th Century. The National Lottery has given away over £26 billion in prizes and created more than 1,900 millionaires or multi-millionaires since launch in 1994
- Camelot runs one of the most cost-efficient lotteries in the world, with around 5 per cent of total revenue taken in operating costs. At 40 per cent of total sales (28 per cent to Good Causes and 12 per cent in lottery duty to the Government), Camelot returns a higher proportion of lottery revenue back to society than any other lottery operator in the world. National Lottery retailers receive 5 per cent of total revenue in commission, and 50 per cent of sales is paid out to players in prizes
- Camelot is committed to the highest standards in player protection and social responsibility in both the retail and interactive environments. The National Lottery website, Sky Active and Play By Text services have been accredited by GamCare, the UK's national centre for information, advice and practical help regarding the social impact of gambling – while Camelot's approach to game design, test purchasing and retailer vigilance campaigns ensures player protection at retail. Camelot has been ranked among the top 40 UK companies in Business in the Community's 2006 Corporate Responsibility Index, and is a sector leader in the leisure category
- For further information on Camelot, The National Lottery and its games, please visit the following websites: www.camelotgroup.co.uk and www.national-lottery.co.uk
- Players of all National Lottery games must be aged 16 or over.

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