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Standard Chartered Appoints Two Non-Executive Directors

The Board of Directors of Standard Chartered is pleased to announce today that Ms Ruth Markland and Mr Paul Skinner have been appointed non-executive directors of Standard Chartered PLC.

Ms Markland, 50, recently retired from the international law firm, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer where she was a Partner from 1983 and a Managing Partner for the Freshfields Asia practice based in Hong Kong since 1996.

Mr Skinner, 58, is Chairman of Rio Tinto Plc the global mining company. He recently retired as a Group Managing Director of Royal Dutch/Shell Group of companies, for whom he had worked since 1966.

“I am delighted that Ruth and Paul will be joining us. They both have a wealth of talent to offer. Ruth has great expertise in Asia - where she has worked for much of the past 22 years - and a deep understanding of the regulatory environment. Paul’s current role is as Chairman of Rio Tinto, one of the most successful global mining companies. In his former position at Royal Dutch Shell he was CEO of the Group's global Oil Products business, which operates in 140 countries under its well known and admired brand. These appointments will greatly contribute to the diversity and knowledge of our Board,” said Bryan Sanderson, Chairman of Standard Chartered PLC.

Ms Markland and Mr Skinner commenced their non-executive directorships at Standard Chartered on 3rd November 2003.

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Standard Chartered is listed on both the London Stock Exchange and the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong and is in the top 25 FTSE-100 companies, by market capitalisation.

It serves both Consumer and Wholesale Banking customers. Consumer Banking provides credit cards, personal loans, mortgages, deposit taking and wealth management services to individuals and small to medium sized enterprises. Wholesale Banking provides corporate and institutional clients with services in trade finance, cash management, lending, custody, foreign exchange, debt capital markets and corporate finance.

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The Bank is trusted across its network for its standard of governance and its commitment to making a difference in the communities in which it operates.