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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### What are the rewards for non-executive directors of smaller quoted companies?

Non-executive directors (NEDs) of smaller quoted companies are being invited to take part in a survey about crucial areas of their work. The findings should help identify ways to address the challenges facing the NEDs of companies outside the FTSE 350.

Key questions from the survey, being conducted by the Quoted Companies Alliance (QCA) and City law firm Speechly Bircham, are:

- What is your remuneration?
- What are your responsibilities and commitments?
- How much time do you have to commit?
- Do you get enough training and support?
- How do your experiences compare with those of your peers?

All responses will remain confidential and unattributable. All respondents will receive a copy of the report, and three respondents will be chosen at random to receive a Christmas hamper worth £100.

The closing date for online submissions, faxed or posted responses is 30 October 2007. Copies of the survey form are available at [www.speechlys.com/qca](http://www.speechlys.com/qca). Alternatively, please contact Liz Kelly on 020 7427 6430 for a hardcopy version.

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#### **Notes to editors**

**The Quoted Companies Alliance (QCA)** is the only organisation dedicated solely to fighting for the interests of small and mid-cap companies in one of the most important sectors of the UK economy - the thousands of companies outside the FTSE 350 on the Main List, including those companies on AIM and PLUS. Its members also include companies seeking listing on a UK equity market, either the Main List (ex FTSE 350), AIM or PLUS.

The QCA promotes the interests and views of its members to Government, Europe, regulators and other professional bodies, educates its members on best practices and provides a vital forum for networking. Celebrating 15 years in 2007, the QCA forms its views through highly focused committees and working groups comprising senior representatives from across the smaller quoted companies sector.

The QCA is committed to the continuance of vibrant quoted company markets and believes that the sector has a vital part to play in determining the future health of the UK economy.

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