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JF HILLEBRAND ANNOUNCES THAT CHRIS PORTER WILL JOIN THE BENEVOLENT AS CEO

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International logistics service provider, JF Hillebrand, is announcing that after 34 years, Chris Porter, Director of the company's Porter and Laker business, will depart to take up the role of Chief Executive of the drinks industry charity, the Benevolent, from January 1st 2018.

Chris has successfully overseen the growth of freight forwarding family business Porter & Laker Ltd, which serves the UK independent trade, through its transition to becoming a successful part of JF Hillebrand.

For the past 16 years, Chris has been actively involved in supporting the Benevolent, as a Trustee, and as its Chairman in 2013 and 2014. Sebastien Desreumaux, Managing Director of JF Hillebrand UK said, *"We are very proud to have one of the key members of our team joining the Benevolent to perpetuate and contribute to the tradition of supporting the most vulnerable people in our industry. With his humility and dedication, there is no better man for the job."*

Chris Porter said, *"It was always going to take something very special for me to move anywhere after a very rewarding and enjoyable 34 years with two wonderful family businesses. The Benevolent is that something very special. It is a fantastic opportunity for me and represents everything that I believe in. I look forward to building on the terrific impact made by David Cox over the last four years, driving the charity further forwards as we develop our strategic goals."*

The team at JF Hillebrand wishes Chris all the very best in his new journey and will, as ever, support the Benevolent.

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ABOUT PORTER AND LAKER

Porter & Laker are the original freight forwarders to the UK wine trade, founded in 1878. Today, as part of the JF Hillebrand Group, Porter & Laker offer a personalised yet professional service to the Fine Wine, beer and spirits trade with a small team of 20 people, yet with the advantage of having all the support of a global network of 2500 people in 68 offices around the world.

ABOUT JF HILLEBRAND UK

JF Hillebrand UK Ltd is part of JF Hillebrand Group. With 4 offices across the UK in West Thurrock, Southampton, Dover and Glasgow, it is the UK's number one specialist logistics provider of inbound services to the beer, wine and spirits industry, employing over 200 employees with a turnover of £200 million in 2015.

ABOUT JF HILLEBRAND

The JF Hillebrand Group was founded in 1844 in Mainz, Germany. The company is an international logistics service provider, dedicated to beers, wines, spirits and other beverages. It offers a full range of logistics solutions and services, from full container loads to groupage shipments, from large volumes of bulk wine to small consignments, working with a large network of local and international carriers, sea freight and airfreight companies.