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**Dear Sirs** 

#### **Rexam PLC**

The enclosed material is furnished pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) on behalf of Rexam PLC, File number 82-3.

Yours faithfully

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## Rexam appoints senior independent director

Rexam PLC, the global consumer packaging company, is pleased to announce that following his appointment as non executive director on 20 March 2003, Chris Clark will succeed John Warren as senior independent director with immediate effect. John retired from the Board at the conclusion of today's Annual General Meeting having been a non executive director of Rexam for nine years.

Chris Clark is currently Chief Executive of Johnson Matthey plc, the FTSE100 speciality chemicals company. He also holds a non executive directorship in FKI plc, the engineering group, and was previously a non executive director of Trinity Holdings plc.

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### **Annual General Meeting 2003**

Jeremy Lancaster, Chairman of Rexam PLC, the global consumer packaging company, made the following statement at today's AGM:

"Following a highly successful performance last year, Rexam continues to trade well in 2003 and we anticipate that we shall meet expectations for the full year, albeit with a stronger performance in the second half than the first.

"We are seeing good sales and profit growth in Beverage Can Americas but our European beverage can volumes have been affected as a result of the introduction of a deposit on one way packaging in Germany. However, seasonal demand and the introduction of a national recovery and recycling system are expected to improve the situation.

"The integration of our newly acquired glass operations is progressing swiftly and smoothly, and the projected synergies are starting to come through.

"Plastic Packaging is ahead of expectations with our Beauty Packaging operation showing further signs of recovery.

"All in all, we remain confident about Rexam's prospects for 2003."

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