

Collins Stewart appointed Joint Broker to Mears Group plc

London 12th February 2009. Collins Stewart is pleased to announce that it has been appointed as joint corporate broker to Mears Group plc (MER.L). Collins Stewart will work alongside Investec, with the appointment effective immediately.

Mears is a £200m market-cap company and the market leader in social housing repairs and maintenance service provision to Local Authorities and Registered Social Housing Landlords in the UK. The company has a growing presence in the domiciliary care market, providing personal care services to people in their own homes delivered as part of outsourcing arrangements with Local Authorities.

Mears employs 7,500 people and provides maintenance and repairs services to 500,000 homes nationwide. Mears also provides over 85,000 hours of domiciliary care each week to over 13,000 people per year.

In Corporate Broking the account will be lead by Mark Dickenson and Piers Coombs.

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