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**First Derivatives plc
("FD" or the "Group")**

Statement regarding Brian Conlon

FD (AIM: FDP.L, Euronext Growth: FDP.I) announces that Brian Conlon, Chief Executive Officer, has recently been diagnosed with cancer. Brian will remain as Chief Executive Officer during his ongoing weekly treatment, which includes chemotherapy. This treatment is expected to last a number of months.

Seamus Keating, Chairman of FD, said: "The Board has set a clear strategy and the Executive Committee, led by Brian, has delivered strong execution of that strategy year-on-year. During the period of his treatment I will provide additional executive and governance support and I am confident that Brian and his team will continue to execute the Group's growth plans successfully."

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industries. FD operates from 14 offices across Europe, North America and Asia Pacific, including its headquarters in Newry, and employs more than 2,400 people worldwide.

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