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Dear valued customers and suppliers

We are delighted to welcome Thomas Howse Ltd, its talented team of people, and – above all – valued customers like yourself to our family of companies.

The Sheibani Group is proud to acquire a coatings company steeped in so much history – and is excited about the new opportunities it will generate for you in the future. Please remember we can already provide you with a wider choice of products, such as powder coating, water-based epoxy etc...

We are looking forward to investing further in technology and the skills of its workforce to propel it to the forefront of innovation. As a group determined to reduce carbon footprint and deliver safer working environments, we are keen to build on Thomas Howse's reputation for supplying decorative, industrial and specialist coatings that are 100 per cent solvent-free.

Thomas Howse joins another successful UK coatings company in our group, T&R Williamson, which holds the Royal Warrant for the quality of its specialist paints, varnishes and lacquers. Between them, they pool an unparalleled 362 years of expertise in the UK coating sector.

The Sheibani Group may be a new name to you but, like both Thomas Howse and T&R Williamson, we are a family firm with a long pedigree and impeccable credentials.

Founded in the Middle East more than 70 years ago, we are a multi-national group that operates more than 20 companies in the UK and overseas, and employ over 2,000 people globally.

Another of the UK businesses we operate is the Leeds-based Metpak Group, a metal packaging specialist and a gold winner in the latest Can of the Year awards. Thanks to a £5m investment into new technology from us, it is currently expanding into paint can production for the first time – just one of many examples of our commitment to investment.

This track record of funding and expansion in the UK stretches back many decades and the addition of Thomas Howse to our group represents our biggest single investment to date – and our most exciting. It demonstrates a clear signal of our long-term confidence in the UK and its coatings sector.

We are currently exploring other strategic opportunities for growth with the aim of becoming one of the leading privately-owned coatings company in the UK – and we look forward to you joining us on this journey.

Our team prides itself on providing you with a quality service, and we now welcome the opportunity to build on this partnership for many more years to come and extend our relationship into new technology that meets tomorrow's demands and legislative requirements.

Thank you once again for your continuing custom and support. Should you have any questions, or would like any further information, then please feel free to contact the relevant departments already known to you. In the meantime, the team looks forward to meeting you soon and working with you even more closely in future.

Kind regards

**Mr Abubaker Sheibani** – Vice-Chairman and Managing Director, Sheibani Group