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MACFARLANE GROUP CELEBRATES ACROSS THE BUSINESS TO MARK ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Macfarlane Group has marked 75 years of business with celebrations amongst its staff across the UK and Europe. The business was founded on 26th April 1949 by the late Lord Macfarlane and 75 years later, the company has leading UK positions in the distribution of protective packaging products and the design and production of bespoke protective packaging for high value and fragile products.

From a small office in Glasgow, Macfarlane Group has grown significantly over the decades and today supplies more than 600,000 product lines to 20,000 industrial and retail customers. It has 1,700 suppliers and employs over 1,000 people across its 40 sites, principally in the UK, as well as in Ireland, Germany and the Netherlands and is listed on the main London Stock Exchange.

Commenting on reaching the 75th anniversary, **Peter Atkinson, Chief Executive of Macfarlane Group** said: *"We are excited to reach this significant anniversary in the company's history and we wanted to celebrate this date with our valued colleagues. We would also like to thank our thousands of customers and suppliers for the trust they place in us and for their continued support. The commitment and diligence of our people around the business has been critical to our success as we help our customers to find the best products and services for their businesses. We are looking forward to continued success in the future."*

Macfarlane Packaging Distribution is the UK market leader in the supply of protective packaging materials to industrial and retail businesses. Customers realise efficiency and cost benefits through Macfarlane's expertise in pack design, the breadth of its supplier base, its stock and serve business model and its ability to provide independent guidance and advice.

Macfarlane Design and Manufacture provides bespoke protective packaging to industrial customers requiring high levels of protection for expensive, fragile and sensitive products. Through its specialist design and manufacturing skills the business helps customers to reduce the cost of damages and improve their operational efficiency.

Lord Macfarlane, who passed away in 2021 aged 95, was knighted in 1983 and became a peer, Lord Macfarlane of Bearsden, in 1991 and a Knight of the Thistle in 1996. He retired as Chairman of Macfarlane Group in 1998 having created one of the UK's most admired "small cap" businesses. Nonetheless he maintained a close interest in the business throughout his retirement.

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Notes to Editors:

- Macfarlane Group PLC has been listed on the Premium segment of the Main Market of the London Stock Exchange (LSE: MACF) since 1973 with 75 years' experience in the UK packaging industry.
- Through its two divisions, Macfarlane Group services a broad range of business customers, supplying them with high quality protective packaging products which help customers reduce supply chain costs, improve operational efficiencies and sustainability and enhance their brand presentation. The divisions are:
 - **Packaging Distribution – Macfarlane Packaging Distribution** is the leading UK distributor of a comprehensive range of protective packaging products; and
 - **Manufacturing Operations - Macfarlane Design and Manufacture** is a UK market leader in the design and production of protective packaging for high value and fragile products.
- Headquartered in Glasgow, Scotland, Macfarlane Group employs over 1,000 people at 40 sites, principally in the UK, as well as in Ireland, Germany and the Netherlands.
- Macfarlane Group supplies more than 20,000 customers, principally in the UK and Europe.
- In partnership with 1,700 suppliers, Macfarlane Group distributes and manufactures 600,000+ lines supplying to a wide range of sectors, including: retail e-commerce; consumer goods; food; logistics; mail order; electronics; defence; medical; automotive; and aerospace.

As Lord Macfarlane was starting the business, here are some other things that were happening in the UK in 1949:

- George VI was the reigning monarch
- Clement Attlee (Labour) was Prime Minister
- Post war rationing of clothes ended
- George Orwell's novel *Nineteen Eighty-Four* was published
- The Film *Whisky Galore* was released in cinemas
- The maiden flight of the prototype of the world's first passenger jet airliner took off from Hertfordshire