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HIP INDUSTRY REMAINS COMMITTED TO HCRS

After consultation with its members, which span the entire industry from estate agents and surveyors to technology and service providers, conveyancers and search organisations, AHIPP is confident in the future of packs and Home Condition Reports (HCRs).

Industry, which has demonstrated great commitment, backed up by significant investment to deliver HIPs and all their benefits to consumers maintains its support and is convinced that the HCR will become a mandatory element of the pack, as soon as their worth has been proven.

AHIPP and its members have unanimously identified a number of key issues and recommendations they believe are vital for the future success of packs. These issues have been communicated to Government and include recommendations on timings and the rate of implementation.

Mike Ockenden, Director General for AHIPP said: "We will continue to strongly support the HIPs programme to ensure that consumers get the full benefits of this vital home buying and selling reform. Reassurance must now be offered by the Government to the industry, and in particular the thousands of individuals currently undertaking training to become Home Inspectors, to ensure continued confidence. Industry was ready to produce full HIPs from 1st June 2007 and we want to get this reform back on track.

“As we have continually stated, we still believe that the HCR should become mandatory as soon as the dry run proves their worth – which it will. HCRs offer huge benefits for consumers and form a vital element of the HIP.”

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Notes to Editors:

The Association of Home Information Pack Providers (AHIPP) is a trade body representing a wide constituency of members in conveyancing, estate agency, search providers and HIP Providers. AHIPP is a member of the ODPM Central Stakeholder’s Committee who are charged with the implementation of the HIP programme which is due to become mandatory in June 2007. The Association has over 40 members. See www.hipassociation.co.uk for more information.