

Portmeirion Group PLC

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Trading Statement

As referred to in the annual report for the year ended 31December 2002, Portmeirion Group PLC ('the Company') has faced challenging circumstances with the uncertain political situation and declining economic prospects in the Company's major markets threatening to depress consumer spending.

Since the beginning of the current financial year, this situation has been exacerbated by the Iraq war, which has further depressed consumer confidence and spending in North America as well as reduced the number of North American tourists travelling abroad resulting in lower sales of the Company's flagship 'Botanic Garden' range in the UK. This situation has been exacerbated by the outbreak of the SARS virus, which has reduced the number of tourists from the Far East visiting the UK.

As a result, Portmeirion's sales and consequently its pre-tax profits for the

year ended 31 December 2003 are likely to be materially lower than for last year.

Cost cutting measures have been taken and new product ranges are being introduced to the market in the second half and if the economic climate improves, particularly in the USA, we would hope to see some recovery during the

second half of the year.

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