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To Our Valued Customers & Suppliers.

Please find enclosed a copy of the press release covering the acquisition of Hillfoot Forge by the Special Steel Group.

Special Quality Alloys operates in a highly demanding, competitive market place and a major part of our success has been possible through continued investment within the Special Steel Group.

We can now add open die forging and ring rolling to our portfolio of plant and equipment that currently includes some of the most advanced heat treatment and testing facilities in the world.

The complimentary nature of the Forge will improve the ability of the combined operations to enhance both the competitiveness and range of products offered within the specialty metals segment.

This acquisition also provides the opportunity to realise significant synergies in marketing, operations and purchasing, bringing quantifiable benefits to all current and potential new customers as well as employees.

The contact details and personnel at Hillfoot currently remain unchanged, but as stated in the press release, the name will be changed to Special Forged Products Ltd.

We see this acquisition as a long term investment allowing us to build one of the most successful private enterprises serving the global oil & gas, aerospace and general engineering markets with critical components of the highest quality.

We look forward to discussing this exciting development with you first hand and will continue to keep you updated as we integrate the business within the Group and enhance its capabilities.

Yours Faithfully,

Simon Marshall
Managing Director