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## NEW GENERAL MANAGER AT METROCENTRE

Barry Turnbull has taken up his appointment as General Manager of MetroCentre, Gateshead.

Barry has been General Manager at The Potteries shopping centre, Stoke-on-Trent since 2001. During this time, the centre was expanded to create more retail space and he worked with the retailers and his team to develop energy saving and recycling initiatives. He also worked closely with the local community and played an active role in Town Centre Management.

Commenting on his appointment, Barry said:

"I am delighted to return to Tyneside as General Manager of MetroCentre - the best job in the business! It is Europe's largest covered shopping centre; last year saw the opening of the new Debenhams department store and flagship fashion units. Since then, the programme of refurbishment has continued through the malls, creating a vibrant new environment. I look forward to working with my team and the retailers to ensure that MetroCentre continues to provide its shoppers with a first class shopping experience."

Born in Sunderland, Barry has spent much of his working life in retail in the north east. He worked for Marks and Spencer for 27 years and was involved in a number of commercial, training and recruitment roles at senior management level. In 1996/1997, he was seconded to the city of Newcastle upon Tyne to introduce the role of City Centre Manager and after leaving Marks and Spencer, took on a similar task for Durham City.

Married with two mature children, Barry has a wide range of interests including woodturning and ambitious DIY.

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Capital Shopping Centres (“CSC”), a wholly owned subsidiary of Liberty International PLC, is the leading company in the UK specialising in the ownership, management and development of regional shopping centres. CSC owns 12 completed regional shopping centres in the UK of which 9 are in the UK’s top twenty-five. These centres include 4 of the UK’s regional out-of-town centres: Lakeside Thurrock; MetroCentre Gateshead; Braehead, Renfrew, Glasgow; and The Mall at Cribbs Causeway, Bristol (66% owned jointly with Prudential) and 8 major in-town centres including Manchester Arndale (95% owned jointly with Prudential) and Chapelfield, Norwich, which opened in September 2005. The company is engaged on a substantial development programme involving both new city centre schemes in Cardiff and Oxford, and extensions to existing shopping centres. Overall, CSC owns over 10 million sq.ft. of retail space attracting over 210 million customer visits a year.

MetroCentre (1.78 million sq.ft.) is Europe’s largest shopping and leisure centre, with 324 shops and stores and leisure attractions including a cinema, bowling alley and The New MetroLand, Europe’s only indoor theme park.