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# STATEMENT

The planned merger between the Responsible Gambling Fund (RGF) and The GREaT Foundation (GREaT) is now underway with the RGF's five trustees, Peter Dean, Mark Harris, Alan Jamieson, Professor David Miers and Eleanor Roaf standing down this week to make way for three new ones from the board of trustees of The GREaT Foundation.

This move aims to ensure continuity and a smooth handover of RGF's funding operation to GREaT at the end of March next year when the funding agreement between them terminates. The new RGF trustees are:

- Neil Goulden, who provides consultancy services to the Gala Coral Group through Neil Goulden Consulting Limited where he focuses on external and industry affairs. He is also chair of the GREaT Foundation. <http://bit.ly/ryY4cF>
- Nick Harding, Chief Executive, Praesepe plc. Nick Harding has been employed in the gaming and leisure industry for over thirty years. <http://bit.ly/ufj3en>
- Clive Hawkswood, who has been Chief Executive of the Remote Gambling Association (RGA) since its establishment in August 2005. <http://bit.ly/sxKjxT>

Peter Dean, the outgoing RGF chair says:

“Setting up a new charity and initiating so many valuable work streams has been immensely rewarding. The outgoing trustees hope that the new trustees who have been nominated by The GREaT Foundation to lead RGF are able to sustain the momentum achieved by our small team of dedicated staff.”

Neil Goulden, the new RGF chair and chair of The GREaT Foundation, adds:

“I am pleased that we have reached this point in the joining up of the work of RGF and GREaT. The advantages in the new integrated arrangements will quickly become clear and will ensure that even more funding will go to those who are working to help problem gamblers and those at risk. The new trustees of RGF continue to support the work initiated by their predecessors and can confirm that all existing grants and contracts will be honoured. More information about work in progress and future plans will be available early in the new year.”

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### Notes to editors

- RGF is a charity that was set up in June 2009 to provide support for research, educational and treatment services across the gambling field. It is supported by charitable donations from the gambling industry and distributes funds for gambling research, education and treatment. [www.rgfund.org.uk](http://www.rgfund.org.uk)
- The GREaT Foundation raises funds through voluntary donations from the gambling industry to support socially responsible gambling research, education and treatment. <http://bit.ly/rtOoha>