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The Directors
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22 October 2015 Ref CJM/SJS

Dear Sirs

## The Go-Ahead Group plc - Registered Number: 2100855/

In accordance with section 516 of the Companies Act 2006, we write to notify you of our resignation as auditor of the above named company. This resignation takes effect from 22 October 2015

In accordance with section 519(2) of that Act, the circumstances connected with our resignation are that we were not selected to continue as external auditors, following a tender process

We draw your attention to the fact that the above named company has its own statutory obligations where we have ceased to hold office (as detailed, in particular, in Sections 517, 520 and 523 of the Act), including, depending on the circumstances, the requirement to notify the appropriate audit authority if we cease to hold office before the end of our term of office as auditors. Further guidance on this notification has been issued by the appropriate audit authorities – the Professional Oversight Board (POB) and the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) and can be found on http://www.frc.org.uk/Our-Work/Conduct/Professional-oversight/Oversight-of-Audit/Notification-of-change-of-auditor/Flow-chart-for-companies aspx and http://www.icaew.com/en/technical/audit-and-assurance/working-in-the-regulated-area-of-audit respectively.

If you have any questions on your legal obligations we recommend that you seek legal advice

Yours faithfully

Ernst & Young LLP United Kingdom

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