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Sceptre Leisure Plc secures financing from Chenavari Investment Managers

The UK Private Credit team of Chenavari Investment Managers ("Chenavari") announced today that it has structured a £20 million package of flexible funding comprising both senior debt and mezzanine finance to support Sceptre Leisure Plc ("Sceptre") through its next phase of growth. Grant Thornton UK LLP's Corporate Finance team advised Sceptre on sourcing and securing the funding package.

Established in 1998 by Ken Turner and his team, Sceptre has grown to become one of the UK's largest businesses specialising in the rental and operation of coin operated amusement equipment located in pubs and other leisure businesses across the UK. Commenting on the deal, Ken Turner, CEO, Sceptre Leisure plc said: "We are delighted to be working with Chenavari's UK Private Credit team at this exciting juncture of Sceptre's growth. The flexible nature of the funding package, together with our ability to work with Chenavari's senior decision makers throughout the deal process clearly set them apart as having a differentiated business model. With Chenavari's support, Sceptre is in a strong position to continue to provide its first class service to its existing customer base and exploit further growth opportunities in the UK market."

Chenavari is an alternative asset-manager specialized in credit & debt markets with close to \$4bn assets under management. Chenavari has raised in excess of \$500m to actively originate and execute direct lending opportunities throughout the UK. Jerry Wilson who led the deal for Chenavari's UK Private Credit team commented: "It's a privilege to have the opportunity to support a well run UK business, with a very talented management team through its next phase of growth. Under the stewardship of Ken Turner and his team, Sceptre has grown to become a significant player in the UK leisure sector and our flexible package of funding will enable it to continue to grow both organically and by acquisition. Throughout, Grant Thornton has choreographed the deal process with consummate professionalism – we look forward to finding more opportunities to work with Grant Thornton in the future."

Ali Sharifi, a partner in Grant Thornton's Corporate Finance team commented: "Sceptre is another example of how successful SMEs are struggling to access finance for growth from traditional bank lenders. We are extremely pleased that Chenavari has been able to offer a debt package to support Sceptre's continued growth and importantly a financing solution which does not involve the shareholders selling an equity stake in their business to outside investors. The new debt facilities provide Ken and his team with the financial power to execute the next stage of their growth plan – these are exciting times for Sceptre."

Napthens LLP provided legal advice to Sceptre on the refinancing. The team was led by Keith Melling with assistance from Victoria Bromiley and Claire Hynes. CMS Cameron McKenna LLP provided legal advice to Chenavari. The team was led by John Naccarato, with assistance from Sean Galvin, John Hugkulstone and Nikkie Daly.

For Editors Notes please see over.



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Sceptre Leisure plc, through its subsidiary companies, provides gaming and amusement solutions across the entire leisure industry, always endeavoring to exceed the expectation of its clients. Sceptre Leisure plc's current customer base includes national and regional pub operating companies, regional brewers, independent pubs, registered members clubs, bowling alleys, caravan parks and licensed betting offices. Sceptre Leisure plc provide a full range of leisure and gaming equipment to the customers on a rental basis; fruit machines, juke boxes, lottery machines, quiz machines and pool tables. In addition the company offers ancillary equipment such as bingo tickets, playing cards, poker chips, draw tickets and other fundraising products. Sceptre Leisure plc currently operates over 20,000 amusement and lottery machines in the UK, generating significant returns for customers. For the year ended 30 April 2012, Sceptre Leisure plc had revenues of £36 million and generated EBITDA of £9.7 million.

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