

New international college being planned for Sheffield

Sheffield, UK – August 9 – The University of Sheffield has chosen Kaplan International Colleges, a subsidiary of Kaplan, Inc., as its preferred partner for a joint venture to develop a new International College in Sheffield. The parties are aiming to finalise the arrangements by October 2005.

The college will offer pre-Undergraduate Foundation and pre-Masters courses to international students in a number of disciplines including arts, social sciences, sciences and engineering. The first intake of students is planned for September 2006.

Jackie Gresham, Director of the English Language Teaching Centre at the University of Sheffield, said: “We’re looking forward to working alongside Kaplan International Colleges to develop this facility which will provide international students with the academic and English language skills they need to study at institutions like the University of Sheffield.”

Charles Hall, Managing Director of Kaplan International Colleges, said: “We are delighted to be working with the University of Sheffield to create an International College that will provide a tailored and flexible academic program to international students. We are pleased to make available Kaplan’s growing global recruitment capability to such a distinguished university.”

Kaplan International Colleges provides academic preparation programmes designed specifically to meet the needs of international students in the UK. The programmes provide students with a solid academic foundation in their chosen area combined with intensive English language preparation and academic study skills.

Notes for Editors:

The University of Sheffield is one of the UK’s leading and largest universities, and a member of the Russell Group. It has over 24,000 students from 117 countries. With its reputation for world-class teaching and research excellence across a wide range of disciplines, it has well-established partnerships with a number of universities both in the UK and abroad, as well as with many leading UK and global companies.

Kaplan, Inc., which had 2004 revenue of more than US\$1.1 billion, is an education services provider that offers higher education, professional training, test preparation, services for K12 schools and after-school learning programmes. Kaplan is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Washington Post Company (NYSE: WPO). For more information about Kaplan, please visit www.kaplan.com.

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