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Final Results for the Year Ended 31 December 2014

The Quarto Group, Inc. (LSE: QRT), the leading global illustrated book publisher and distribution group announces its final unaudited results for the year ended 31 December 2014.

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Financial Highlights

- Revenues from underlying operations up 2% to \$172.6m (2013: \$169.2m)
- Adjusted¹ Group Operating Profit up 10% to \$15.4m (2013: \$14.0m)
- Adjusted² Profit Before Tax up 26% to \$12.1m (2013: \$9.6m)
- Profit Before Tax up 112% to \$12.2m (2013: \$5.8m)
- Adjusted³ Earnings per Share of 27.2p up 12% (2013: 24.2p)
- Net debt reduced by 7% to \$66.0m (2013: \$71.0m)
- Proposed final dividend of 4.95p, making the total dividend for the year 8.3p up 5% (2013: 7.9p).

Operational Highlights

- Adjusted¹ operating profit growth in International Co-Editions and UK publishing; resilient comeback by US publishing in second half
- Publishing operating margins up to 12.3% (2013: 11.3%)
- Children's publishing revenues up over 17% with both organic and acquisitive growth
- Foreign Rights revenues up 10% from 2013 and 24% in Children's publishing
- Books & Gifts Direct stabilised and moving forward as a unified business

Commenting on the results, Chief Executive Officer, Marcus Leaver said:

"In 2014, Quarto started to deliver on its potential following a year of tactical reorganisation. The business has been simplified and focussed and is beginning to deliver on its strategic priorities. The second half of the year was strong and this has given us momentum into 2015."

Chairman, Tim Chadwick added:

"We have made good progress in 2014 continuing the changes made in 2013 and we have delivered further debt reduction and earnings growth. This was achieved

