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'LET'S HAVE A GROWN UP DEBATE ABOUT SAFETY' SAYS FORUM

The Railway Forum warmly welcomes the Rail Safety and Standards Board (RSSB) report on *The Ethical Basis for Safety Decisions* published today.

High standards of safety are an intrinsic part of a total quality railway. Huge improvements have been made in recent years and overall levels of risk are now at the lowest ever recorded. However to achieve further substantial gains it is vital to consider the complex problems associated with balancing costs and risk within the wider framework of public perception.

'The RSSB report has brought a key issue facing the industry into clear focus,' says Adrian Lyons, Director General, The Railway Forum. 'If we ignore its findings we will be jeopardising both the safety of those who travel and work on the railways as well as the long-term development of our industry'.

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Notes to Editors:

1. The RSSB report is available at http://www.rssb.co.uk/research_reports.asp
2. The Railway Forum is an industry-wide body sponsored by the majority of the train operating companies including Eurostar, also Network Rail, all three major rolling stock leasing companies, the Passenger Transport Executives, London Underground, most of the infrastructure maintenance companies and many manufacturing and other businesses serving the UK rail industry. In all we have over 60 members. Our key role is to act as a think tank, information exchange and point of contact for those committed to and interested in our industry.

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