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**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER**  
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**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**11 May 2010**

**DIAGEO plc**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**Lakeside Drive, Park Royal, London NW10 7HQ**

(Address of principal executive offices)

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**DIAGEO ANNOUNCES NICK ROSE TO STAND DOWN AS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AT OCTOBER 2010 AGM. DEPUTY CFO DEIRDRE MAHLAN TO REPLACE HIM**

Diageo has this morning announced that Nick Rose will stand down from the Board at the Company's AGM on 14 October 2010 and that Deirdre Mahlan, currently Diageo's Deputy Finance Director, will replace Nick on the Board as Chief Financial Officer. Nick will remain with Diageo until the end of December 2010.

Making the announcement, Diageo Chief Executive Paul Walsh said:

Nick has made the decision to leave Diageo after eighteen very successful years. During that time he has made a major contribution to Diageo for which he has my thanks, admiration and respect. He is an exceptional colleague and I know that the Board and all those who have worked with, and for, Nick share this view. Over the last thirteen years as CFO he has built a very strong finance function of which he and Diageo can be proud. One of the strengths of this function is its talent and I know that Nick is delighted that his successor can be an internal appointment.

Deirdre joined Diageo having worked for the Seagram Company since 1992. She has held a number of senior finance positions in Diageo including Finance Director of our biggest region, North America, and as Global Head of Tax, of Treasury and of Shared Services. During this time Deirdre demonstrated to the Board that she has the ability to be Diageo's Chief Financial Officer and today I am delighted to announce her appointment. Deirdre will make a significant contribution to the finance function and to the Board and I and my colleagues look forward to working with Deirdre in her new role.

**ENDS**

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorised.

Diageo plc  
(Registrant)

Date: 11 May 2010

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