

Grafton Group PLC  
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**Grafton Group plc**  
**\$325 Million Private Placement**

Grafton Group plc announces completion of a \$325 million Private Placement of 7 year and 10 year Senior Notes with a group of US investors.

The proceeds have been converted into sterling and will be used principally to refinance Group borrowings and for general corporate purposes.

The placement was arranged by Bank of Ireland's Corporate Banking and Global Markets divisions in association with Macquarie Securities (USA) Inc.

Commenting on the Private Placement Mr. Colm o Nuallain, Grafton Finance Director, said:

'We took advantage of a new source of capital from the buoyant US Private Placement market and received a very positive response from investors while at the same time improving the strength of the Group's Balance Sheet, lengthening the age profile of the underlying debt and reducing the average cost of borrowed funds.'

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