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Travel Counsellors Introduces New Support Schemes for its Agents

Travel Counsellors Chairman David Speakman announced two new innovative schemes to further improve the well-being of the company's community of travel consultants.

The award winning company plans to introduce a financial counselling programme for agents who need help and advice with their personal finances. They also plan to help their agents keep in tip top shape with the introduction of dietician to the company. The dietician will implement the company's own weight loss programme, create tailored recipes for home-workers and give special one-to-one advice to Travel Counsellors on all their dietary needs.

These developments reflect the company's ongoing dedication to supporting individual Travel Counsellors by creating a community. The company already arranges private medical insurance and encourages social networking amongst Travel Counsellors through its award winning intranet site. They also offer private and confidential support, both financial and actual, and have a travel qualified personal counsellor on hand to deal with any personal problems or issues an agent may have.

Commenting on these new schemes Chairman David Speakman said: "We have a very special community of Travel Counsellors across the globe, and we want to support them in all areas of their lives from their finances to their personal fitness. This is why we have introduced these new schemes, as we are committed to ensuring all our Travel Counsellors are happy and healthy. As a responsible travel agency we also feel it is important to do our part in trying to make a difference to the lives of people who aren't as fortunate as we are which is why we support charities such as PLAN UK. We are dedicated to promoting the values of community, friendship and citizenship which are such an important part of the Travel Counsellors ethos."

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About Travel Counsellors: Travel Counsellors PLC is one of the UK's largest independent travel companies with turnover at the end of its last financial year (Oct 31 2006) of £175 million, a 17% increase year on year. Founded in 1994 it currently has over 740 travel consultants who work from home with the support of over 140 staff at the company's head office in Bolton. In the UK Travel Counsellors places all customer money in a Trust account which guarantees a 100% refund in the event that a supplier collapses. The company also operates in Ireland, the Netherlands, Germany and the US. Travel Counsellors was the winner of the prestigious Queen's Award for Enterprise in 2003-2008, the technology category of the 2005 CBI Growing Business Awards and was voted 2006 Travel Agent of the Year by readers of the Guardian, Observer and Guardian Unlimited. In 2007 the company won the Accenture Innovation Award and the Outstanding Achievement Award at the Travel Weekly Globe Awards.

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