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Securities and Exchange Commission Washington, D.C. 20549 REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13A-16 OR 15D-16 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

> For April 18, 2007 Gallaher Group Plc

(Translation of registrant s name into English)

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Recommended cash offer for Gallaher Group Plc (Gallaher) by JTI (UK) Management Ltd (JTI (UK)) (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Japan Tobacco Inc. (JT))

Scheme of Arrangement Becomes Effective

The boards of Gallaher and JT are pleased to announce that the Scheme of Arrangement has now become effective in accordance with its terms.

Under the terms of the Scheme, Gallaher shareholders are entitled to receive 1,140 pence for each Gallaher Share held at the Scheme Record Time (6:00pm on 17 April 2007).

Settlement of the cash consideration in respect of Gallaher Shares will be effected within 14 days of today in accordance with the terms of the Scheme.

Capitalised terms used but not defined in this announcement have the same meanings as set out in the Scheme Document dated 19 January 2007.

18 April 2007

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REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

Securities and Exchange Commission 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 authorized.

Gallaher Group Plc

(Registrant)

By: /s/ Jacky Stockman Name: Jacky Stockman

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Date: April 18, 2007 relations