

18 August 2004

SUBSTANTIAL SHARE INTEREST NOTIFICATION

The Company was notified on 17 August 2004 that Prudential plc and certain of its subsidiary companies have a notifiable interest in 2,995,024 ordinary shares of 25p each, representing 6.26% of the 47,815,467 shares in issue.

The date of the transaction was not disclosed.

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