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### **Change of Auditors**

The Board of Countrywide plc announce that KPMG Audit plc have resigned as auditors to Countrywide plc and its subsidiary companies. We are pleased to announce that, following a tender process, Stoy Hayward LLP have been appointed as KPMG's replacement with immediate effect.

Director/Company Secretary  
Countrywide plc

c.c. H D Hill  
M C Nower