

22 December 2006

**Notification of Share Interest
Sections 198-203 of the Companies Act 1985**

We have today received the following notice dated 15 December 2006 from an official of Barclays plc, the extract of which is as follows.

“I hereby inform you that as at 14 December 2006, Barclays PLC through the legal entities listed on the attached schedule, has a notifiable interest in the capital of your Company of 6.52%

Details of this interest, together with a breakdown of registered holders (as required by Section 202 (3) of the Act), are enclosed”.

They have decreased their holding from 17,221,954 shares notified on 27 November 2006 to 11,133,516 shares which equates to 6.52% of the issued share capital.

Director/Secretary
Countrywide plc

REGISTERED HOLDERS REPORT

COUNTRYWIDE

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As at 14 December 2006 Barclays PLC, through the registered holders listed below, had a notifiable interest in 11,133,516 ORD GBP0.05 representing 6.52% of the issued share capital of 170,849,865 units.

Registered Holder	Account Designation	Holding
BNP PARIBAS		33,938
BOISS NOMINEES LTD	4224361	197,162
Barclays Capital Nominees Ltd		60,000
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CHASE NOMINEES LTD	16376	85,546
CHASE NOMINEES LTD	20947	3,687,861
CHASE NOMINEES LTD	21359	348,266
CHASE NOMINEES LTD	28270	110,680
CIBC MELLON GLOBAL SECURITIES		26,097
Durlacher Nominees Ltd		179,315
INVESTORS BANK AND TRUST CO.		2,475,163
JP MORGAN (BGI CUSTODY)	16331	90,380
JP MORGAN (BGI CUSTODY)	16341	265,425
JP MORGAN (BGI CUSTODY)	16344	49,946
JP MORGAN (BGI CUSTODY)	16345	88,693
JP MORGAN (BGI CUSTODY)	16400	1,312,445
JP MORGAN (BGI CUSTODY)	18409	157,975
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK		184,062
JPMorgan Chase Bank		179,415
MELLON TRUST OF NEW ENGLAND		35,376
Master Trust Bank		79,181
Mellon Trust - US CUSTODIAN /		61,167

NORTHERN TRUST BANK - BGI SEPA	163,475
R C Greig Nominees Limited	56,262
R C Greig Nominees Limited a/c AK1	3,000
STATE STREET BANK & TRUST - WI	101,299
STATE STREET BOSTON	63,229
STATE STREET TRUST OF CANADA -	62,263
The Northern Trust Company - U	70,595
Trust & Custody Services Bank	153,530
Total	11,133,516