

27 November 2006

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

We have today received the following notice dated 23 November 2006 from an official of Barclays plc, the extract of which is as follows.

“I hereby inform you that as at 22 November 2006, Barclays PLC through the legal entities listed on the attached schedule, has a notifiable interest in the capital of your Company of 10.08%

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

They have increased their holding from 11,169,008 shares notified on 21 November 2006 to 17,221,954 shares which equates to 10.08% of the issued share capital.

Director/Secretary
Countrywide plc

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LEGAL ENTITY REPORT

COUNTRYWIDE

SEDOL : B00FQ06

As at 22 November 2006 Barclays PLC, through the legal entities listed below, had a notifiable interest in 17,221,954 ORD GBP0.05

Legal Entity	Holding	Percentage Held
Barclays Global Investors Ltd	5,844,534	3.4209
Gerrard Ltd	55,398	0.0324
Barclays Capital Inc	60,000	0.0351
Gerrard Ltd	14,484	0.0085
Barclays Life Assurance Co Ltd	605,124	0.3542
Barclays Global Investors Australia Ltd	180,813	0.1058
Barclays Capital Securities Ltd	1,152,485	0.6746
Barclays Bank PLC	393,207	0.2301
Barclays Global Investors Japan Ltd	412,126	0.2412
Barclays Global Investors Ltd	4,732,854	2.7702
Barclays Global Investors, N.A.	3,044,344	1.7819
Barclays Bank PLC	726,585	0.4253
Group Holding	17,221,954	10.0802

REGISTERED HOLDERS REPORT

COUNTRYWIDE

SEDOL: B00FQ06

As at 22 November 2006 Barclays PLC, through the legal entities listed below, had a notifiable interest in 17,221,954 ORD GBP0.05

Registered Holder	Account Designation	Holding
BANK OF IRELAND	258227	75,427
BANK OF IRELAND	4239749	150,780
BANK OF IRELAND	427057	30,107
BANK OF NEW YORK	210405	83,917
BANK OF NEW YORK	221428	153,445
BANK OF NEW YORK	367748	323,676
BANK OF NEW YORK	392067	371,739
BANK OF NEW YORK	768198	40,993
BARCLAYS CAPITAL NOMINEES LIMITED		1,152,485
BARCLAYS CAPITAL NOMINEES LIMITED		60,000
BNP PARIBAS		33,938
BNY (OCS) NOMINEES LTD	221476	137,535
BNY (OCS) NOMINEES LTD	387173	70,656
BOISS NOMINEES LTD	4224361	175,586
BT GLOBENET NOMINEES LTD	501577191	18,351
Bank of Ireland Nominees Limited	CREST ID. 11X13	726,585
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CHASE NOMINEES LTD	16376	85,546
CHASE NOMINEES LTD	16669	24,697
CHASE NOMINEES LTD	20947	3,687,861
CHASE NOMINEES LTD	21359	379,731
CHASE NOMINEES LTD	25772	74,207
CHASE NOMINEES LTD	27793	10,588
CHASE NOMINEES LTD	27797	33,982
CHASE NOMINEES LTD	27800	252,862
CHASE NOMINEES LTD	28270	128,571
CHASE NOMINEES LTD	31961	390,500
CHASE NOMINEES LTD	35950	23,797
CIBC MELLON GLOBAL SECURITIES		26,097

CITIBANK	564005	58,180
CITIBANK	6010640794	47,922
CITIBANK	6010782807	55,707
DEUTSCHE BANK LONDON	8003168	196,532
HSBC	813168	200,223
HSBC	845315	6,528
INVESTORS BANK AND TRUST CO.		2,450,453
JP MORGAN (BGI CUSTODY)	16331	90,380
JP MORGAN (BGI CUSTODY)	16341	247,534
JP MORGAN (BGI CUSTODY)	16344	49,946
JP MORGAN (BGI CUSTODY)	16345	88,693
JP MORGAN (BGI CUSTODY)	16400	1,353,564
JP MORGAN (BGI CUSTODY)	16612	58,267
JP MORGAN (BGI CUSTODY)	18409	162,246
JP MORGAN (BGI CUSTODY)	28166	441,773
JP MORGAN (BGI CUSTODY)	29514	81,576
JP MORGAN (BGI CUSTODY)	38245	20,199
JP MORGAN (BGI CUSTODY)	39515	72,500
JP MORGAN (BGI CUSTODY)	39525	36,757
JP MORGAN (BGI CUSTODY)	40526	29,225
JPM FRANKFURT	39746	30,506
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK		180,813
JPMorgan Chase Bank		179,415
KAS ASSOCIATES	3507261	14,129
MELLON BANK	ABGFZ872482	309,925
MELLON BANK	TGGF0003002	17,031
MELLON TRUST OF NEW ENGLAND		35,376
MIDLAND BANK (HSBC BANK PLC)	772823	152,250
Master Trust Bank		79,181
Mellon Trust - US CUSTODIAN /		61,167
NORTHERN TRUST	CVS21	162,500
NORTHERN TRUST	TNF01	2,865
NORTHERN TRUST	TRG01	14,620
NORTHERN TRUST	UKE01	58,326
NORTHERN TRUST	USF12	309,556
NORTHERN TRUST BANK - BGI SEPA		166,818
R C Greig Nominees Limited		12,213

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R C Greig Nominees Limited a/c AK1		3,000
R C Greig Nominees Limited a/c AK1		1,798
R C Greig Nominees Limited a/c BL1		473
STATE STREET	29W8	16,873
STATE STREET	2RJ2	16,319
STATE STREET	N3B6	48,525
STATE STREET	N3YZ	6,781
STATE STREET BANK & TRUST - WI		103,278
STATE STREET BOSTON		63,229
STATE STREET TRUST OF CANADA -		62,263
The Northern Trust Company - U		41,725
Trust & Custody Services Bank		153,530
		17,221,954

Total