

13 January 2006

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

We have received a notice dated 12 January 2006 from an official of Southeastern Asset Management, Inc., the extract of which is as follows:

"Pursuant to Section 198 of the Companies Act 1985 (as amended), we hereby notify you that, as a result of sales made on 12 January 2006, the clients of Southeastern Asset Management, Inc., a U.S. registered investment advisor, no longer hold any ordinary shares of Countrywide plc as at the date of this letter".

They previously held 9,180,357 shares reported on 6 January 2006.

Company Secretary  
**Countrywide plc**

c.c. H D Hill  
M C Nower