

21 November 2006

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

We have today received the following notice dated 16 November 2006 from an official of Barclays plc, the extract of which is as follows.

“I hereby inform you that as at 15 November 2006, Barclays PLC through the legal entities listed on the attached schedule, has a notifiable interest in the capital of your Company of 6.537%

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 17,518,350 shares notified on 29 August 2006 to 11,169,008 shares which equates to 6.537% of the issued share capital.

Director/Secretary
Countrywide plc

c.c. H D Hill
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M Franklin)

LEGAL ENTITY REPORT

COUNTRYWIDE

SEDOL : B00FQ06

As at 15 November 2006 Barclays PLC, through the legal entities listed below, had a notifiable interest in 11,169,008 ORD GBP0.05

Legal Entity	Holding	Percentage Held
Barclays Life Assurance Co Ltd	605,124	0.3542
Barclays Global Investors Australia Ltd	180,813	0.1058
Gerrard Ltd	55,398	0.0324
Barclays Global Investors Ltd	5,953,108	3.4844
Barclays Global Investors, N.A.	3,044,344	1.7819
Barclays Global Investors Japan Ltd	412,126	0.2412
Barclays Bank Trust Company Ltd	733	0.0004
Barclays Capital Inc	60,000	0.0351
Barclays Capital Securities Ltd	857,362	0.5018
Group Holding	11,169,008	6.5374

REGISTERED HOLDERS REPORT

COUNTRYWIDE

SEDOL: B00FQ06

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Registered Holder	Account Designation	Holding
BARCLAYS CAPITAL NOMINEES LIMITED		60,000
BARCLAYS CAPITAL NOMINEES LIMITED		857,362
BNP PARIBAS		33,938
BOISS NOMINEES LTD	4224361	175,586
Barclays Trust Co & Others		733
CHASE NOMINEES LTD	16376	93,547
CHASE NOMINEES LTD	20947	3,788,434
CHASE NOMINEES LTD	21359	379,731
CHASE NOMINEES LTD	28270	128,571
CIBC MELLON GLOBAL SECURITIES		26,097
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)	18409	162,246
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK		180,813
JPMorgan Chase Bank		179,415
MELLON TRUST OF NEW ENGLAND		35,376
Master Trust Bank		789,181
Mellon Trust - US CUSTODIAN /		61,167
NORTHERN TRUST BANK – BGI SEPA		166,818
R C Greig Nominees Limited		52,398
R C Greig Nominees Limited a/c AK1		3,000
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