

20 October 2006

**Notification of Share Interest**  
**Sections 198 – 203 of the Companies Act 1985 (the ‘Act’)**

We have received a notice dated 19 October 2006 from an official of Lehman Brothers, the extract of which is as follows:-

“We write to inform you, pursuant to s.198 of the Act, that as at the close of business on 17 October 2006, Lehman Brothers International (Europe) had an interest in 6,941,487 ordinary shares of Countrywide plc (the “Company”). This represents 4.063% of the outstanding share capital of the Company”.

They have decreased their holding from 7,436,508 shares reported on 19 September 2006 to 6,941,487 shares, which equates to 4.063% of the issued share capital.

Director/Company Secretary  
**Countrywide plc**

c.c. H D Hill  
M C Nower  
G Turner  
J Pleumeekers (Hawkpoint)  
J Coddington (Hawkpoint)