

22 December 2006

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

We have received a notice dated 21 December 2006 from an official of The Goldman Sachs Group Inc., the extract of which is as follows:-

"We hereby notify you that as at close of business on 19 December 2006, The Goldman Sachs Group Inc ("GS Inc") of 85 Broad Street, New York, NY 10004, USA, no longer has a disclosable interest in shares."

They previously held 6,811,233 shares in Countrywide plc, as reported on 19 December 2006.

Director/Company Secretary  
Countrywide plc