

8 September 2006

Transaction in Own Shares

Pursuant to Resolution 9, passed at the AGM held on 11 May 2006, the Company was authorised to buyback up to 17,743,173 ordinary shares. The Board of Directors announces that on 8 September 2006 the Company purchased, through Panmure Gordon & Co., 130,750 ordinary shares of 5p each at the following price per share.

Highest price paid per share:	445.25p
Lowest price paid per share:	439p
Volume weighted average price paid per share:	444.2502p

This was subsequent to the Company's announcement in its Interim Report of 15 August 2006, in which the Directors stated that the Company would buyback shares up to the value of £20 million.

The purchased shares will all be held as treasury shares. Following the above final purchase, the programme to buyback shares up to the value of £20 million is concluded and Countrywide plc now holds a total of 8,414,553 treasury shares. The average price per share for the 4,769,586 shares purchased during the buyback programme was 419.3235p, and the total consideration for the shares purchased amounted to £19,999,994.88.

The issued share capital of the Company (excluding shares held as treasury shares) now stands at 170,843,593.

Director/Company Secretary
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