

19 December 2006

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

We have received a notice dated 18 December 2006 from an official of Credit Suisse, the extract of which is as follows:-

“We hereby notify you that on 13 December 2006, following acquisitions, the Credit Suisse (“CS”) companies listed below (together the “CS companies”) held the following interests in the issued share capital of the Company:

1. Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited (“CSSEL”) 7,280,123 shares.
2. Credit Suisse International (“CSi”) 4,416 shares.

The CS Companies now hold a total interest of 7,284,539 shares being equivalent to approximately 4.264% of the issued share capital of the Company.

Those Credit Suisse companies which are direct or indirect holding companies of CSSEL, CSi and CSSLLC are, under the terms of section 203 of the Act, each interested by attribution in any shares in which CSSEL, CSi and CSSLLC are interested”.

They have increased their holding from 5,312,656 shares in Countrywide plc shares, reported on 6 October 2006 to 7,284,539 shares which equates to 4.264% of the total issued share capital of 170,849,865 shares.

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