

29 November 2006

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

We have received a notice dated 28 November 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 24 November 2006, Lehman Brothers International (Europe) had an interest in 8,920,236 ordinary shares of Countrywide plc (the “Company”). This represents 5.22% of the outstanding share capital of the Company”.

They have decreased their holding from 9,011,695 shares reported on 21 November 2006 to 8,920,236 shares, which equates to 5.22% of the issued share capital.

Director/Company Secretary
Countrywide plc

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