

22 March 2006

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

We have today received the following notice dated 21 March 2006 from an official of Deutsche Bank AG, the extract of which is as follows:

“In accordance with Section 198-202 of the UK Companies Act 1985, we are writing on behalf of Deutsche Bank AG to inform you that on the basis that the relevant issued share capital of your company is 176,411,405 ordinary shares, Deutsche Bank AG, and its subsidiary companies have a notifiable interest in 5,430,847 ordinary shares of Countrywide plc, amounting to 3.08%. Part of this holding may relate to hedging arrangements for customer transactions.

Deutsche Bank AG is a corporation domiciled in Frankfurt, Germany, of which Deutsche Bank AG London is a branch”.

They previously reported that they no longer had a notifiable interest on 23 September 2005. Their holding of 5,430,847 shares equates to 3.08% of the issued share capital.

Director/Secretary
Countrywide plc