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**Transparency Obligations Directive  
(Disclosure and Transparency Rules) Instrument 2006**

We have today received a notice dated 4 May 2007 from an official of UBS AG.

In compliance with the Disclosure and Transparency Rules, they confirm that on 3 May 2007 UBS Investment Bank and UBS AG London Branch have a notifiable interest and are the direct holders of 36,404,660 shares in the ordinary 5p shares of Countrywide plc. This equates to 21.11% of the issued share capital of 172,480,747 shares.

They have decreased their holding from 38,076,359 shares, as announced on 27 April 2007, to 36,404,660 shares.

Director/Secretary  
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