

29 January 2007

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

We have today received the following notice dated 25 January 2007 from an official of Braham Capital Corp.

In compliance with the Disclosure and Transparency Rules, they confirm that as a result of purchases made on 23 January 2007, Braham Capital Corp., of 655 Third Avenue, 11th Floor, New York NY10017, as investment manager for various funds accounts, have a notifiable interest in the ordinary shares of Countrywide plc and that such notifiable interest are held by the following holders:

Registered Holder	Number of shares	Percentage
Bear Stearns & Co	3,168,000	1.85%
Goldman Sachs & Co	<u>1,991,800</u>	<u>1.17%</u>
TOTAL	<u>5,159,800</u>	<u>3.02%</u>

This equates to 3.02% of the issued share capital of 170,856,686 shares.

This is in the first notification we have received.

Director/Secretary
Countrywide plc

c.c. H D Hill
M C Nower
G Turner