

**PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT**

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**COUNTRYWIDE PLC (“COUNTRYWIDE”)**

In accordance with Rule 2.10 of the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers, Countrywide confirms that it now has 172,480,747 ordinary shares of 5 pence each in issue and admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange under the UK ISIN code GB00B00FQ060.

A further announcement will be made if appropriate.