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

We have today received the following notice dated 6 March 2007 from an official of Deutsche Bank AG.

In compliance with the Disclosure and Transparency Rules, they confirm that as at 5 March 2007, the holding of Deutsche Bank AG, and its subsidiary companies have a notifiable interest in and are the direct holders of 5,919,046 ordinary shares in Countrywide plc. This equates to 3.46% of the issued share capital of 170,862,067 shares.

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

They previously notified that their holding fell below 3%, as reported on 1 March 2007. They now hold 5,919,046 shares.

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