

8 May 2007

Notification of Transactions of Directors and Persons Discharging Managerial Responsibility (PDMR)

We write to advise you that the Court sanctioned the Scheme of Arrangement on 3 May 2007 for the recommended acquisition of Countrywide plc by Castle Holdco 4 Limited. As a consequence, share options granted under the Company's various share option schemes/plans become exercisable. The following exercises of share options by Directors and PDMR, who are also option holders of the Company, took place on 3 May 2007 following the Court's sanction of the Scheme of Arrangement. Details are contained on the attached schedule 'Attachment A'

The issued share capital of the Company (excluding shares held in treasury) now stands at 172,480,747 shares.

Director/Company Secretary
Countrywide plc

c.c. H D Hill
M C Nower
G Turner
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J Coddington) Hawkpoint
M Luen)
M Franklin)

Attachment A

Countrywide plc

Notification of Transactions of Directors, persons discharging Managerial Responsibility

1. plc Directors

Name	No. of shares granted	Option price	Date of Grant	Exercise period	Scheme	Date of exercise	No. of shares exercised	Lapsed Options	Option price	Total holding following Exercise (including existing holding)	% of the issued share capital
G. Turner	32,590	nil p	23/08/06	23/08/09-23/08/16	Performance Share Plan (PSP)	03/05/07	13,044	19,546	Nilp	13,044	0.007%
M.C. Nower	2,639	288p	23/09/05	01/11/10-01/05/11	Countrywide Share-save Plan 'E' issue	03/05/07	769	1,870	288p		
	2,549	140.8p	11/10/02	01/11/07-01/05/07	SAYE (1996) 'D' issue	03/05/07	2,549		140.8p		
	40,000	109p	19/04/01	19/04/04-19/04/11	ESOS (1996)	03/05/07	40,000		109p		
	87,500	198p	15/04/02	15/04/05-15/04/12	ESOS (1996)	03/05/07	87,500		198p		
	41,237	nilp	25/05/06	25/05/09-25/05/16	PSP	03/05/07	16,505	24,732	Nilp		
	87,500	198p	15/04/02	15/04/07-15/04/09	EDIS (1996)	03/05/07	87,500		198p	519,638 (including Mrs Nower's 5,275 shares)	0.301%
H.D. Hill	87,500	198p	15/04/02	15/04/07-15/04/09	EDIS (1996)	03/05/07	87,500		198p		
	87,500	198p	15/04/02	15/04/05-15/04/12	ESOS (1996)	03/05/07	87,500		198p		
	3,901	288p	23/09/05	01/11/10-01/05/11	Countrywide Share-save Plan 'E' issue	03/05/07	1,138	2,763	288p	332,391	0.193%

2. PDMR Executive Committee Members

Name	No. of shares granted	Option price	Date of Grant	Exercise period	Scheme	Date of exercise	No. of shares exercised	Lapsed Options	Option price	Total holding following Exercise (including existing holding)	% of the issued share capital
G.R. Williams	3,901	288p		01/11/10-01/05/11	Countrywide Sharesave Plan 'E' issue	03/05/07	1,138	2,763	288p		
	10,000	198p		15/04/05-15/04/12	ESOS (1996)	03/05/07	10,000		198p		
	25,000	109p		19/04/04-15/04/11	ESOS (1996)	03/05/07	25,000		109p		
	8,493	nil p		25/05/09-25/05/16	PSP	03/05/07	3,774	4,719	Nilp	39,912	0.023%
A.H. Ekins	50,000	198p		15/04/07-15/04/09	EDIS (1996)	03/05/07	50,000		198p		
	27,009	nilp		25/05/09-25/05/16	PSP	03/05/07	10,810	16,199	Nilp	60,810	0.035%
J. Williams	50,000	198p		15/04/07-15/04/09	EDIS (1996)	03/05/07	50,000		198p		
	22,004	nil p		25/05/09-25/05/16	PSP	03/05/07	8,807	13,197			
	3,901	288p		01/11/10-01/05/11	Countrywide Share-save Plan 'E' issue	03/05/07	1,138	2,763	Nilp	61,945	0.036%
A. Snowball	7,500	198p		15/04/05-15/04/12	ESOS (1996)	03/05/07	7,500		198p		
	21,731	nil p		25/05/09-25/05/16	PSP	03/05/07	8,698	13,033	Nilp		
	1,147	288p		01/11/10-01/05/11	Countrywide Share-save 'E' issue	03/05/07	334	813	288p		
	5,367	140.8p		01/11/07-01/05/08	SAYE (1996) 'D' issue	03/05/07	5,367		140.8p	21,899	0.013%

Name	No. of shares granted	Option price	Date of Grant	Exercise period	Scheme	Date of Exercise	No. of shares exercised	Lapsed Options	Option price	Total holding following Exercise (including existing holding)	% of the issued share capital
C.P. Shaw	50,000	198p		15/04/07-15/04/09	EDIS (1996)	03/05/07	50,000		198p		
	50,000	198p		15/04/05-16/04/12	ESOS (1996)	03/05/07	50,000		198p		
	30,927	nil p		25/05/09-25/05/16	PSP	03/05/07	12,379	18,548	Nilp		
	1,721	288p		01/11/10-01/05/11	Countrywide Share-save Plan 'E' issue	03/05/07	502	1,219			
	4,294	140.8p		01/11/07-01/05/08	SAYE (1996) 'D' issue	03/05/07	4,294		288p	117,175	0.068%
R.A. Scarff	50,000	198p		15/04/05-15/04/12	ESOS (1996)	03/05/07	50,000		198p		
	25,773	nil p		25/05/09-25/05/16	PSP	03/05/07	10,316	15,457	Nilp		
	3,901	288p		01/11/10-01/05/11	Countrywide Share-save Plan 'E' issue	03/05/07	1,138	2,763	288p	65,075	0.038%
T. Marris	29,500	nil p		25/05/09-25/05/16	PSP	03/05/07	11,807	17,693	Nilp		
	3,901	288p		01/11/10-01/05/11	Countrywide Share-save Plan 'E' issue	03/05/07	1,138	2,763	288p	83,364 (including Mrs Marris' 37,004 shares)	0.048%
D.B. Fletcher	50,000	198p		15/04/07-15/04/09	EDIS (1996)	03/05/07	50,000		198p		
	25,773	nil p		25/05/09-25/05/16	PSP	03/05/07	10,316	15,457	Nilp		
	3,901	288p		01/11/10-01/05/11	Countrywide Share-save Plan 'E' issue	03/05/07	1,138	2,763	288p	61,454	0.036%

Name	No. of shares granted	Option price	Date of Grant	Exercise period	Scheme	Date of Exercise	No. of shares exercised	Lapsed Options	Option price	Total holding following Exercise (including existing holding)	% of the issued capital
G.R. Fitzjohn	87,500	198p		15/04/07-15/04/09	EDIS (1996)	03/05/07	87,500		198p		
	37,500	198p		15/04/05-15/04/12	ESOS (1996)	03/05/07	37,500		198p		
	36,082	nil p		25/05/09-25/05/16	PSP	03/05/07	14,442	21,640	Nilp		
	2,295	288p		01/11/10-01/05/11	Countrywide Share-save Plan 'E' issue	03/05/07	669	1,626	288p		
	3,220	240.8p		01/11/07-01/05/08	SAYE (1996) 'D' issue	03/05/07	3,220		140.8p	143,331	0.083%
John P Hards	10,646	nilp		25/05/09-22/05/16	PSP	03/05/07	4,731	5,915	Nilp		
	3,354	140.8p		01/11/07 – 01/05/08	SAYE (1996) 'D' issue	03/05/07	3,354		140.8p		
	2,180	288p		01/11/10 – 01/05/11	Countrywide Sharesave Plan 'E' issue	03/05/07	635	1,545	288p	12,078	0.007%