

23 February 2007

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

We have today received the following notice dated 22 February 2007 from an official of Credit Suisse.

In compliance with the Disclosure and Transparency Rules, they confirm that as at 20 February 2007, Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited and Credit Suisse International have a notifiable interest in and are the direct shareholders of 7,272,866 ordinary shares of Countrywide plc. This equates to 4.26% of the issued share capital of 170,859,518 shares.

Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited and Credit Suisse International are part of the Investment Banking division of Credit Suisse (“CSIBD”), which is part of the Credit Suisse Group (“CSG”). CSIBD is a segregated business unit within CSG with an independent management structure and exercises its voting rights independently from other divisions of CSG.

They have increased their holding from 5,524,417 shares in Countrywide plc, as reported on 20 February 2007 to 7,272,866 shares.

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