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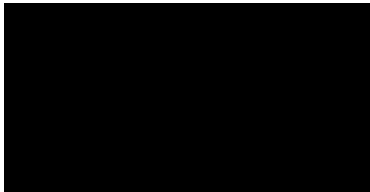
Dear Sirs,

Press Announcement

We refer to the announcement to be issued on 31 December 2020 by Connells Limited (“**Connells**”), a subsidiary of Skipton Building Society, pursuant to paragraph 8 of Appendix 7 of the UK City Code on Takeovers and Mergers (the “**Press Announcement**”) in connection with the offer by Connells to acquire the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Countrywide plc.

We hereby consent to the issue of the Press Announcement with the inclusion therein of our name in the form and context in which it appears in the draft of the Press Announcement which is attached to this letter.

Yours faithfully,




For and on behalf of Evercore Partners International LLP