RESULT OF EGM

At the extraordinary general meeting of the Company held yesterday, the ordinary resolutions put to shareholders in order to approve the various steps addressing the balance sheet position of the Company referred to in the Circular to shareholders dated 23 May 2003 were duly passed.

In accordance with the UK Listing Authority Rules, copies of the resolutions have been delivered to the Viewing Facility at the UK Listing Authority, The Financial Services Authority, 25 The North Collinade, Canary Wharf, London E14 5HS.

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