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Price Waterhouse



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The Directors
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Dear Sirs

BRISTOL UNITED PRESS PLC – Registered Number: 263711
WESTERN NEWSPAPERS LIMITED – Registered Number: 307280
CLEVEDON NEWSPAPERS LIMITED – Registered Number: 22412

THE WESTERN GAZETTE COMPANY LIMITED - Registered Number: 22796

BATH NEWSPAPERS LIMITED – Registered Number: 3403991 WELLS NEWSPAPERS LIMITED - Registered Number: 3403993

WESSEX NEWSPAPERS (formerly NEWSQUEST (WESSEX)) - Registered Number: 3215208

BRISTOL EVENING POST NEWSHOPS LIMITED - Registered Number: 641258 BRISTOL EVENING POST & PRESS LIMITED - Registered Number: 3156223

EG TUCKER LIMITED - Registered Number: 287078

WESTERN NEWSPAPER PRINTERS LIMITED - Registered Number: 3139237

BUP PROPERTIES LIMITED - Registered Number: 250241
BEP PROPERTIES LIMITED - Registered Number: 3010007
BRUNEL PRESS LIMITED - Registered Number: 1076855

WESTERN MEDIA PUBLISHING LIMITED - Registered Number: 202570

MID SOMERSET NEWSPAPERS LIMITED (formerly FG WARNE LIMITED) - Registered

Number: 289562

NEWS OF THE WEST LIMITED - Registered Number: 628048

SOUTH WESTERN BROADCASTING LIMITED - Registered Number: 883229

Following the merger of Price Waterhouse and Coopers & Lybrand from 1 July 1998, we have agreed that the new firm, PricewaterhouseCoopers will be replacing us as auditors. In accordance with Section 392 of the Companies Act 1985 we give notice that we are resigning as auditors of the above named companies with immediate effect.

Yours faithfully

JGW/SJB/MS

