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Dear Sir

RESIGNATION OF ARTHUR ANDERSEN AS AUDITORS OF GATES UK PENSION TRUSTEES LIMITED (COMPANY NUMBER 375860)

As requested, we hereby submit our resignation as auditors to Gates UK Pension Trustees Limited with immediate effect.

In accordance with section 394 of the Companies Act 1985, we confirm that there are no circumstances connected with our ceasing to hold office that we consider should be brought to the attention of the company's members or creditors.

Yours faithfully

ARTHUR ANDERSEN

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