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15 March 2000

Dear Sir

Notice of resignation -Smith & Williamson Pension Consultancy Limited (no. 3133226)

We hereby give notice of our resignation as auditors of the company with effect from today.

We enclose our statutory statement given in connection with our ceasing to act.

Yours faithfully

KPMG Audit Plc

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