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**Statement to the Directors of SOC Corporate Member No 1  
Limited, SOC Corporate Member No 2 Limited, SOC Corporate  
Member No 3 Limited, SOC Corporate Member No 4 Limited  
on ceasing to hold office as auditors**

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

*Mazars LLP*

Mazars LLP  
Registered Auditors  
London

12 May 2005



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