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The Trustees Holstein UK Ltd Scotsbridge House Rickmansworth Herts WD3 3BB



Dear Sirs

## Holstein UK Limited (the "Company")

We hereby resign our office as auditors of the Company with effect from 26 February 2014

We provide below our statement to the directors of the Company on ceasing to hold office as auditors

In accordance with section 519 of the Companies Act 2006, we advise that there are the following circumstances connected with our resignation which we consider should be brought to the attention of the members or creditors of the Company

- 1) At the time of the audit members of the Audit Committee were aware the CEO had resigned over a dispute involving the employment of his step daughter but deliberately kept this information from us, despite queries on our part regarding any potential disputes we should be aware of,
- 2) Despite the knowledge of the CEO's grievance with the Company he was allowed to stay in office with access to the Company books and records and there is a suggestion he may have destroyed records,
- 3) After the year end there were claims of possible fraud committed by the CEO We were not kept up to date with any findings and as at this time are still unaware if any actual fraud has been committed

Yours faithfully

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