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THE COMPANIES ACTS 1985 TO 1989

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PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

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SPECIAL RESOLUTION

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of

JOHNSTON PRESS plc



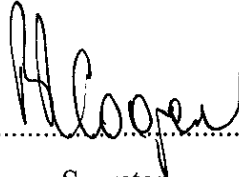
At the seventy-fifth Annual General Meeting of the Company held at The Caledonian Hilton Hotel, Princes Street, Edinburgh on 30 April 2004, the following resolution was passed as a Special Resolution of the Company:

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

"That the Company be and is hereby generally and unconditionally authorised to make market purchases (within the meaning of Section 163(3) of the Companies Act 1985) of ordinary shares of 10p each in the Company ("Ordinary Shares") PROVIDED THAT:

- (i) the maximum number of Ordinary Shares hereby authorised to be acquired is 28,000,000;
- (ii) the maximum price which may be paid for any such Ordinary Share is an amount equal to 105% of the average of the middle market quotations for an Ordinary Share as derived from The London Stock Exchange Daily Official List for the five business days immediately preceding the day on which the share is contracted to be purchased and the minimum price which may be paid for any such share is 10p (in each case exclusive of associated expenses); and

(iii) the authority hereby conferred shall expire at the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company or 12 months from the date of the passing of this resolution, whichever is the earlier; but a contract of purchase may be made before such expiry which will or may be completed wholly or partly thereafter, and a purchase of Ordinary Shares may be made in pursuance of any such contract."

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "H. Logan", is written over a horizontal dotted line.

Secretary