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THE COMPANIES ACTS 1985 TO 1989

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PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

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ORDINARY RESOLUTION

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of

JOHNSTON PRESS plc

At the seventy-fourth Annual General Meeting of the Company held at The Caledonian Hilton Hotel, Princes Street, Edinburgh on 25 April 2003, the following resolution was passed as an Ordinary Resolution of the Company:

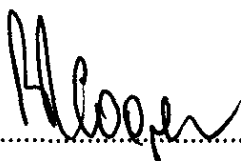
RESOLUTION

"That:

(a) the Company's proposed new Share Matching Plan, the Johnston Press plc 2003 Share Matching Plan ("the Matching Plan") the main features of which are summarised in the circular to shareholders dated 19 March 2003 and a copy of the Rules of which is produced to the Meeting and initialled by the Chairman for the purpose of identification be and the same is hereby approved.

(b) the Board of Directors be and is hereby authorised to do all such acts and things as they may consider necessary or expedient to carry the Matching Plan into effect.

(c) the Board of Directors be and is hereby authorised to establish schedules to the Matching Plan and/or other plans based on the Matching Plan but modified to take account of local tax, exchange control or securities laws outside the UK, provided that any shares made available under such schedules or other plans must be treated as counting against the relevant limits on individual or overall participation in the Matching Plan."



Secretary

