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Abbey Public Limited Company ("Abbey")

Retirement and Appointment of Director

ey wishes to announce that with effect from 30 April 2002, Desmond Francis Gallen has decided to retire from the Board after serving for fifteen years on the Board and with the Group for a total of twenty four years. The Board wish to thank Mr Gallen for his many years of service to the Group and wish him well in his retirement.

Abbey also announces the appointment of Richard Joseph Shortt, Managing Director, Kingscroft Developments Limited, as an executive director of the company with effect from 1 May 2002. Mr Shortt holds no other directorships other than those within Abbey and its subsidiaries and has held no external directorships or partnerships within the last five years. No further information is required to be disclosed in respect of Mr. Shortt in relation to 6F2 (b) - (g) of the Listing Rules.

Charles H Gallagher

Executive Chairman

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