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Dear Mr Ferguson

We have been notified today 17 January 2003, effective as of 10 January 2003, that Clerical Medical Investment Group Limited no longer have a notifiable interest in the ordinary share capital of the company.

Yours sincerely For and on behalf of ABBEY PLC

David J Dawson
Company Secretary

Dan Down