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Dear Mr Ferguson

We have received notification pursuant to section 67 of the Companies Act 1990 of the following interest in the issued share capital of Abbey plc.

Effective Date	Notification Date	Shareholder	No. Shares	% of Issued Share Capital
20.09.2004	22.09.2004	Bank of Ireland Nominees Limited	5,087,399	14.93%

Of this holding 31,643 units are registered in the name of Nortrust Nominees Limited, 60,801 units are registered in the name of Citibank Nominees and 4,994,955 are registered in the name of Bank of Ireland Nominees Limited, as registered owner only, on behalf of a range of clients who are each the beneficial owner of a portion of the shareholding.

Yours sincerely
For and on behalf of
ABBHEY PLC

David Dawson
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Company Secretary