

Abbey Plc (“Abbey” or the “Company”)

Retirement of Director

Abbey wishes to announce that Mr Richard Joseph Shortt has decided to retire with effect from 30 April 2009, having served seven years as an executive director of the Company and nearly fifteen years with the Group. The Board wish to thank Mr Shortt for his many years of service to the Group and wish him the very best in his retirement.

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