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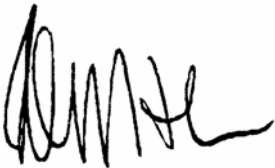
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Dear Madam

RE: RELEASE OF ESCROW SHARES

In accordance with Listing Rule 3.10A, I advise that the Company has 39,000,000 fully paid ordinary shares which will be released from escrow restriction on 24 January 2003.

Yours faithfully



Peter J. Nightingale
Company Secretary

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