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The Directors

Johnson and Nephew (Ambergate) Limited - 74934,

Carr Hill

Doncaster

South Yorkshire

Our ref an/569

23 November 1998

Dear Sirs

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Statement to the directors of Johnson and Nephew (Ambergate) Limited on ceasing to hold office as auditors pursuant to section 394 of the Companies Act 1985

In accordance with section 394 of the Companies Act 1985, we confirm that there are no circumstances connected with our ceasing to hold office that we consider should be brought to the attention of the company's members or creditors.

Yours faithfully

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