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88(2)

Return of Allotment of Shares

CHFPO83

Company Number

147271

Company name in full

BPB PLC

Shares allotted (including bonus shares):

Date or period during which
shares were allotted
(If shares were allotted on one date
enter that date in the "from" box.)

| From | | | To | | |
|------|-------|------|-----|-------|------|
| Day | Month | Year | Day | Month | Year |
| 19 | 11 | 2004 | 1 | 1 | 11 |

Class of shares
(ordinary or preference etc)

Number allotted

Nominal value of each share

Amount (if any) paid or due on each
share (including any share premium)

| Ordinary | Ordinary | Ordinary |
|----------|----------|----------|
| 28,900 | 62,700 | 428,900 |
| 50p | 50p | 50p |
| £3.33 | £3.95 | £3.48 |

List the names and addresses of the allottees and the number of shares allotted to each overleaf

If the allotted shares are fully or partly paid up otherwise than in cash please state:

% that each share is to be
treated as paid up

Consideration for which
the shares were allotted

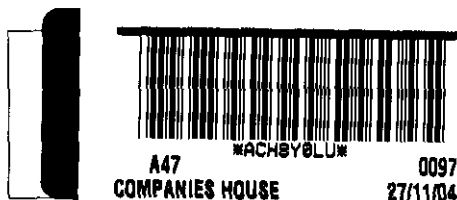
(This information must be supported by
the duly stamped contract or by the duly
stamped particulars on Form 88(3) if the
contract is not in writing.)

When you have completed and signed the form send it to
the Registrar of Companies at:

Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff CF14 3UZ DX 33050 Cardiff
For companies registered in England and Wales

Companies House, 37 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2EB
For companies registered in Scotland

DX235
Edinburgh



Names and addresses of the allottees (List joint share allotments consecutively)

| Shareholder details | | Shares and share class allotted | |
|---------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Name | Cazenove Nominees Limited Part ID:-142CN / Desig:-ESOS | Class of shares allotted | Number allotted |
| Address | 20 Moorgate | Ordinary | 520,500 |
| | London | | |
| | UK Postcode L E L C L 2 L R L 6 L D L A | | |
| Name | | Class of shares allotted | Number allotted |
| Address | | | |
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| Name | | Class of shares allotted | Number allotted |
| Address | | TOTAL | |
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| | UK Postcode L L L L L L L | | |

Please enter the number of continuation sheet(s) (if any) attached to this form :

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Signed

S. Hodges

Date 26 NOVEMBER 2004

A director / secretary / administrator / administrative receiver / receiver manager / receiver

Please delete as appropriate

Please give the name, address, telephone number and, if available, a DX number and Exchange of the person Companies House should contact if there is any query.

STEPHEN HODGES

BPB PLC, PARK HOUSE, 15 BATH ROAD, SLEUGH

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