Our Ref: UN/JW/wsn

27 January 2000

Miss R Jones Company Secretary Kalon Limited Huddersfield Road Birstall Batley West Yorkshire WF179XA

Dear Miss Jones

RESIGNATION AS AUDITOR OF:

Sigmakalon UK Ltd (formerly Kalon Group Plc) -SPL Paints (UK) Ltd

-Kalon Ltd

Kalon Investment Company Ltd

- Kalon International

- Kalon Pension Trustees Ltd-

-Kalon Investments Ltd

-Johnstone's Properties (Gorton) Limited

- SPL Paints (Ireland) Limited

-Kalon (SA) Ltd

-Johnstone's Paints Limited

-Hawthornedale Limited

Novodec Limited

__Chelec Limited

—Laran Adhesives Limited

-Windeck Paints Limited

In accordance with section 394 of the Companies Act 1985, we confirm that, in our opinion, there are no circumstances connected with our ceasing to hold office for the above named companies that we consider ought to be brought to the attention of the companies' members or creditors.

Yours faithfully

RSM ROBSON RHODES

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