

The Directors Scottish Widows Investment Partnership Limited 33 Old Broad Street London EC2N 1HZ

16th May 2014

Dear Sirs,

Statement of Circumstances connected with our ceasing to hold office as Auditors

In accordance with Section 519 of the Companies Act 2006, we confirm that there are no circumstances connected with our ceasing to hold office as auditors of Scottish Widows Investment Partnership Limited, registered no 00794936 (the Company) effective from 16th May 2014, which we consider should be brought to the notice of the Company's shareholders or creditors.

Yours faithfully,

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

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