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The Directors
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3 March 2000

Dear Sirs,

Notice of resignation as auditors

In accordance with Section 392 of the Companies Act 1985, we give notice that we are resigning as auditors of Norman Smith (Congleton) Limited, registered number 885287 with effect from the date of this letter.

[Deleted wording not legally required to be included in this notice of resignation]

Yours faithfully

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