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Our ref bsm/1/sew.19

11 November 1997

Dear Sirs

Notice of resignation - George Staples (Stoke) Limited

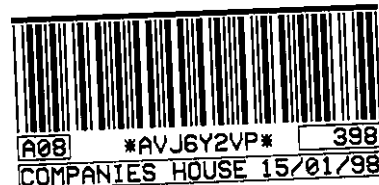
Following the acquisition of the company by Gehe AG, we hereby give notice of our resignation as auditors of the company with effect from 11 November 1997.

We enclose our statutory statement given in connection with our ceasing to act.

Yours faithfully

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11 November 1997

Dear Sirs

Statement to the directors of George Staples (Stoke) Limited (company no 1132901) 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 directors.

Yours faithfully

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