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The Directors
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Dear Sirs

Following the merger of Price Waterhouse and Coopers & Lybrand from 1 July 1998, we have agreed that the new firm, PricewaterhouseCoopers will be replacing us as auditors. In accordance with Section 392 of the Companies Act 1985 we give notice that we are resigning as auditors of Northern & Shell Plc with effect from 28 July 1998.

Yours faithfully

Price Waterhouse

Pico W. Kerhouse

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