

Northern and Shell plc (1633971)

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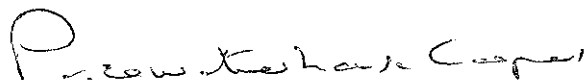
Dear Sirs,

Notice of resignation as auditors

Following the conversion of PricewaterhouseCoopers to a Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) from 1 January 2003, we have agreed with you that the new firm, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP 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 the companies listed in Appendix A, with effect from 5 February 2003.

Yours faithfully,



PricewaterhouseCoopers



Appendix A

RCD1 Limited (registered number 4086466)
Northern & Shell Network Limited (4086475)
Northern & Shell Group Limited (2783131)
Portland Television Limited (4212430)
Northern & Shell Properties Limited (2359716)
Northern & Shell Titles Limited (2827197)
Northern & Shell plc (1633971)
Northern & Shell Media Limited (4106172)
Northern & Shell Media Holdings Limited (4104523)
Northern & Shell Nominee Limited (4104529)
Express Newspapers (141748)
Broughton Printers Limited (1091137)
Northern & Shell Distribution Limited (2794459)
Northern & Shell Services Limited (2871192)
Best Magazines Limited (2825637)
Portland Enterprises Limited (2729729)
Portland Investments Limited (2734686)
Portland Titles Limited (3113759)
Fantasy Hold Co Limited (4212421)
Fantasy Publications Limited (2375281)