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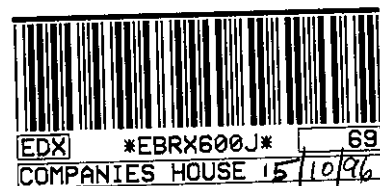
Dear Sirs

**BRITISH MARITIME TECHNOLOGY LIMITED AND UK SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES**

We write to acknowledge that we will not be continuing to act as auditors of your company and its UK subsidiary companies.

In accordance with section 394 (1) of the Companies Act 1995, we confirm that there are no circumstances connected with our ceasing to hold office which we consider should be brought to the attention of the members or creditors of the company or its subsidiary undertakings.

Yours faithfully



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