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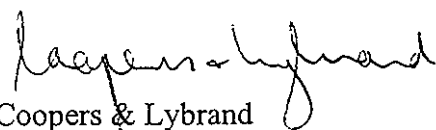
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Dear Sirs

Following the merger of Price Waterhouse and Coopers & Lybrand from 1 July 1998, we have agreed with you 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 Zurich Holdings (UK) Ltd with effect 20 July 1998.

In accordance with Section 394 of the Companies Act 1985, we confirm that there are no circumstances connected with our ceasing to hold office as auditors to the company that we consider should be brought to the attention of the company's members or creditors.

Yours faithfully,

  
Coopers & Lybrand



Lists of the names of the partners in the United Kingdom firms of Coopers & Lybrand and its associate partnerships are open to inspection at the above address, which is the principal place of business.

All partners in the associate partnerships are authorised to conduct business as agents of, and all contracts for services to clients are with, Coopers & Lybrand. Coopers & Lybrand is authorised by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales to carry on investment business.

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