

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

The Directors
Claremont Garments (Holdings) plc
1 Stephenson Road
Peterlee,
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SR8 5AX

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Dear Sirs

In accordance with section 392 of the Companies Act 1985, we write to notify you of our resignation as auditors of your company, and of each of its subsidiary companies listed in a schedule attached to this letter. This resignation takes effect from the time at which you receive this letter.

In accordance with section 394(1) of that Act, we confirm that there are no circumstances connected with our resignation which we consider should be brought to the attention of the members or creditors of the company.

Yours faithfully

Ernst & Young



RESIGNATION AS AUDITORS
SCHEDULE OF COMPANIES

- Claremont Garments (Holdings) plc
- Claremont Garments Limited 2429682
- D&H Cohen Limited
- J&J Fashions Limited
- Magellan Industries plc
- Bellrise Fashions Limited
- Magellan Management Limited
- Claremont Garments (South) Limited
- Claremont Garments (Midlands) Limited
- Columbus Swimwear Limited
- Actonbarn Limited
- J&J Fashions International Limited
- Mainstream Fashions Limited
- Roger Scott Limited
- Silkventure Limited
- Taylor Merrymade Limited