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The Directors
Dresdner Investments (UK) Limited and its relevant subsidiaries
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31 October 2003

Dear Sirs,

Notice of resignation as auditors

In accordance with Section 392 of the Companies Act 1985, we give notice that we are resigning as auditors of Dresdner Investments (UK) Limited ('DIUK') and its relevant subsidiaries as defined in appendix 1, with effect from 31 October 2003.

In accordance with Section 394 of the Companies Act 1985, we confirm that there are no circumstances connected with our resignation which we consider should be brought to the notice of the shareholders or creditors of the entities listed in appendix 1.

It should be noted that there are a number of DIUK subsidiaries where PricewaterhouseCoopers are still to complete the audit of the financial statements. These entities are listed in appendix 2. We do not resign as auditors of these entities in this letter.

Yours faithfully,

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Appendix 1

Subsidiaries of Dresdner Investments (UK) Limited for which PricewaterhouseCoopers provide notice of resignation in this letter

Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein Group Limited

Dresdner Kleinwort Benson Private Equity Limited

Dresdner Kleinwort Capital Investment Trust Limited

Dresdner Kleinwort Capital Ventures Management Limited

Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein (DRC) Limited

Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein (LBDP) Holdings Limited

Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein (LBDP) Limited

Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein Leasing December (4) Limited

Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein Leasing March (3) Limited

Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein Limited

Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein Metals Limited

Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein Overseas Employees Limited

Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein Overseas Holdings PLC

Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein Securities Limited

DrKWS Nominees Limited

European Venture Partners (General Partner) Limited

Herradura Limited

Inveresk Stockholders Limited

KBEMF(GP) Limited

Kleinwort Benson Equity Partners General Partner Limited

Kleinwort Benson Gilts Limited

Marlyna Limited

Morris (S.P.) Holdings Limited

PARC Continental Limited

Rood Nominees Limited

Sealdrift Limited

Southwark Bridge Investments Limited

European Venture Partners LP

Yarra Finance Limited

Thurlaston Finance Limited

JBC Limited

DrKW Equipment Finance Limited

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Appendix 2

Subarban Finance Company II

<u>Subsidiaries of Dresdner Investments (UK) Limited where PricewaterhouseCoopers have yet to complete the audit of financial statements</u>

Dresdner Kleinwort Capital Investment Company Limited
Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein Leasing December (1) Limited
Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein Leasing Limited
Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein Leasing March (2) Limited
Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein Partnership 2001 Limited
Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein Online Ventures Limited
Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein Partnership 2001 LP1
Subarban Finance Company