No. of Company:

2468305

THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

OF

ABBEY NATIONAL INDEPENDENT INVESTMENTS

Pursuant to Section 381A of the Companies Act 1985, we, the undersigned, being the sole member for the time being of the Company entitled to receive notice and to attend and vote at a general meeting of the Company hereby resolve:-

THAT in accordance with the provisions of Section 250(1) of the Companies Act 1985 the Company, being a dormant company within the meaning of said Section, resolves to make itself exempt from the obligation to appoint auditors.

For and on behalf of Abbey National Investment Holdings Limited

COMPANIES HOUSE 17/04/99

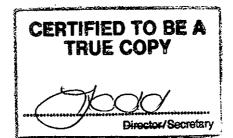
Mark Pain Director

Dated this 1 April 1999

For and on behalf of Abbey National Nominees Limited

Leena Nagrecha

Director



AUTHORISED SIGNATORY FOR AND ON BEHALF OF ABBEY NATIONAL SECRETARIAT SERVICES LIMITED