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The Directors
Bella Pasta Restaurants Limited
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31 May 2002

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Dear Sirs

Audit resignation for Bella Pasta Restaurants Limited (the "Company")

Set out below is the notice required by section 394 Companies Act 1985 in connection with our ceasing to hold office as the Company's auditor on 31 May 2002.

We confirm that there are no circumstances with our ceasing office as the Company's auditor which we consider should be brought to the attention of the Company's members or creditors.

The Company need take no further action in relation to this letter.

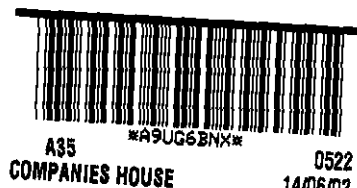
Yours faithfully

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WE HEREBY CERTIFY THIS TO BE A TRUE
AND COMPLETE COPY OF THE ORIGINAL

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