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(2770716)

31 January 2003

Dear Sirs,

Notice of resignation as auditors: GEHE UK plc and subsidiary companies

Following the conversion of PricewaterhouseCoopers to a Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) from 1 January 2003, we have agreed with you that the new firm, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP 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 GEHE UK plc and subsidiary companies, as set out on the attached schedule, with effect from 31 January 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 GEHE UK plc and subsidiary companies.

Yours faithfully,

PricewaterhouseCoopers

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GEHE UK plc (3011757)

Subsidiary Companies

AAH Consumer Products Limited (1277170)

AAH Limited (190705)

AAH Pharmaceuticals Limited (123458)

AAH Subsidiaries Limited (244282)

Barclay Pharmaceuticals Limited (1277170)

CMR Holdings UK Limited (2616278)

Farillon Limited (705636)

Gehe Invest plc (3155229)

Gehis Limited (2101992)

John Bell & Croyden Limited (228331)

Lloyds Chemists Limited (1335858)

Lloyds Group Properties Limited (2158377)

Lloyds Healthcare Holdings Limited (2762181)

Lloyds Pharmacy Limited (758153)

Lloyds Properties Limited (2772584)

Lloyds Retail Chemists Limited (2762187)

Lloyds Supersave Limited (2760405)

MPWB (Romford) Limited (495004)

Norman Best Limited (384611)

Peel Street Pharmacy Limited (960921)

Pharmagen Limited (506647)

Statim Finance Limited (1865147)