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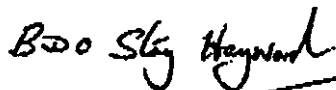
Dear Sir

Penna Holdings plc and subsidiaries which comprise Penna plc; Sanders & Sidney plc, Group Counselling Services plc, GHN Ltd, GHN Partners Ltd, Penna Trustees Ltd, BBN Associates Ltd, Meridian Consulting Ltd and Selby MillsSmith Ltd

In accordance with the Companies Act 1985, we are now writing to confirm our resignation as auditors of the above named companies with immediate effect.

There are no circumstances connected with our resignation which we consider should be brought to the attention of members and/or creditors of the companies.

Yours faithfully



BDO Stoy Hayward

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