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The Directors
Aberdeen Association of Social Service Limited
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6 October 1998 '

Dear Sirs

Following the merger of Price Waterhouse and Coopers & Lybrand from 1 July 1998, we have agreed with you that the new firm, PricewaterhouseCoopers 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 Aberdeen Association of Social Service Limited with effect from 1 October 1998.

In accordance with Section 394 of the Companies Act 1985, we confirm that there are no circumstances connected with our ceasing to hold office as auditors to the company that we consider should be brought to the attention of the company's members or creditors.

Yours faithfully

Coopers & Lybrand

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