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Dear Sirs

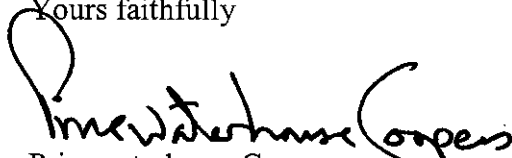
Notice of resignation as auditors

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 Leica Microsystems (UK Holdings) Limited, registered number 02690018 and its subsidiaries listed in the attached appendix with immediate effect.

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 Leica Microsystems (UK Holdings) Limited and its subsidiaries listed in the attached appendix.

Yours faithfully


PricewaterhouseCoopers



Appendix

Subsidiary name	Registered number
Leica Microsystems (UK) Limited	00476611
Leica Microsystems Lithography Limited	03053542
Leica Microsystems Imaging Solutions Limited	03087744
Leica Microsystems Cambridge Limited	00914067