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Dear Fellow Shareholder

Further to my letter of 13 March 2013, please find enclosed a copy of an announcement that was released on the Regulatory News Service of the London Stock Exchange today.

Your board, as advised by SPARK Advisory Partners Ltd, has decided it is in shareholders' best interests that the business is continued under its current ownership. A thorough, public, testing of the market for our portfolio has taken place involving a good number of national and local interested parties. No indicative proposals were received which approached a level which the board and its advisors could recommend to shareholders. The conclusion has been reached that now is not a good time for buyers in the current bank funding climate.

The current Management and Supply Agreements expire on June 30, 2013 and a tendering process for new contractual arrangements will now commence for a new contract to be in place by then.

Thank you for your patience. You can be assured that your board has made every effort possible to test exhaustively the market in accordance with the high, independent standards required by the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers.

Yours sincerely,



ANGUS A. MELDRUM
CHAIRMAN