DIRECTORS' RIGHTS TO ACQUIRE SHARES OR DEBENTURES

Up to 30th June, 2001, no options were granted to any director of the Company under the share option scheme.

Save as disclosed above, at no time during the year was the Company or any of its subsidiaries a party to any arrangements to enable the directors of the Company to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in, or debentures of, the Company or any other body corporate and none of the directors or chief executives, nor any of their spouses or children under the age of eighteen, had any rights to subscribe for the securities of the Company, or had exercised any such rights during the year.