CODE OF BEST PRACTICE

None of the Directors of the Company is aware of information that would reasonably indicate that the Company is not, or was not for any part of the six months ended 30 June 2001, in compliance with the Code of Best Practice as set out in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules. The Independent Non-Executive Directors of the Company are appointed subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Bye-laws of the Company.