SCHEDULE 10

NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES

1. Name of company

royal**blue** group plc

2. Name of shareholder having a major interest

Scottish Widows Investment Partnership Limited on behalf of Lloyds TSB Group plc, Lloyds TSB Bank plc and Scottish Widows Group Limited

3. Please state whether notification indicates that it is in respect of holding of the shareholder named in 2 above or in respect of a non-beneficial interest or in the case of an individual holder if it is a holding of that person's spouse or children under the age of 18

4. Name of the registered holder(s) and, if more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them

State Street Nominees Ltd a/c XBY2 171,900
State Street Nominees Ltd a/c W32L 77,161
State Street Nominees Ltd a/c W33H 211,774
State Street Nominees Ltd a/c XBJ2 184,365
State Street Nominees Ltd a/c XBK5 19,350
State Street Nominees Ltd a/c XBY4 98,300
State Street Nominees Ltd a/c XBK6 94,000
State Street Nominees Ltd a/c W39H 473,800

5. Number of shares / amount of stock acquired

6. Percentage of issued class

7. Number of shares / amount of stock disposed

8. Percentage of issued class

9. Class of security

10. Date of transaction

11. Date company informed

28 October 2004

12. Total holding following this notification

1,330,650

13. Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification

4.07%

14. Any additional information

15. Name of contact and telephone number for queries

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16. Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification

Date of notification

28 October 2004