

**royalblue group plc Share Bonus Trust (“the Trust”)**

The Company has been notified that on 7 December 2005, in order to provide for the vesting of awards to executive directors and senior managers under the royalblue group plc Share Bonus Plan, the Trust purchased in the market 4,150 ordinary 10p shares in the Company at a price of 717.06p per share. As potential beneficiaries of the Trust, the executive directors and persons discharging managerial responsibility of the Company are deemed to have a potential beneficial interest in the Trust’s shares.

7 December 2005