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Dear Sir

LAURA ASHLEY HOLDINGS plc
FILE NO 82-1356

Pursuant to the exemptions granted to Laura Ashley Holdings plc (the "Company") under Rule 12g3-2 (b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, please find enclosed an announcement released to the London Stock Exchange by the Company.

Please receipt stamp the enclosed copy of this letter and return it to the undersigned in the envelope provided.

Yours faithfully

11 Ann. E. Mantz
Company Secretary

cc. Mr. Brian Teitelbaum (Citibank)



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LAURA ASHLEY HOLDINGS plc
Director's Dealings

Laura Ashley Holdings plc ("the Company") has been advised today that Dr Khoo Kay Peng, Chairman of the Company, is deemed to have an interest in an additional 1,500,000 ordinary shares in the capital of the Company. The shares were acquired by Bonham Industries Limited on 15 February 2002 at £0.22 per share.

Dr Khoo Kay Peng is now deemed to have an interest in a total of 58,406,867 ordinary shares representing 9.786 % of the Company's issued ordinary share capital.

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