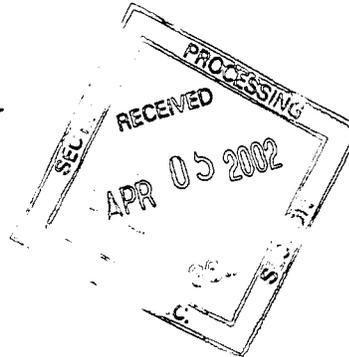


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Dear Sir/Madam

I enclose a copy of a Company Announcement released today.

Yours faithfully,

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Announcement Body Information:

On 20 December 2001, the Company was informed that the shareholding of Putnam Investment Management LLC and The Putnam Advisory Company LLC in the Ordinary Shares of 65 5/19p each of Severn Trent Plc had reduced to 6,612,166 shares, representing 1.93% of the total issued share capital of that class. Their interest in these shares is non-beneficial and the shares were acquired solely for investment purposes.

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