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Re: Electrocomponents plc – Exemption pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b)
promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended
File No. – Not yet provided by SEC
Our File No. 018-031-00222

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the undertaking of Electrocomponents plc, a public limited company incorporated under the laws of England and Wales (the "Company"), to furnish the Securities and Exchange Commission with certain information described in its request for an exemption from Section 12(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), as more fully set forth in the Company's letter to the Commission dated July 25, 2002, and received by the Commission on July 29, 2002, the Company hereby submits the following:

September 25, 2002

Trading Statement/Trading Update

The Company understands that pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) the information and document furnished hereby will not be deemed to be "filed" with the Commission or otherwise subject to the liabilities of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, and that neither this letter nor the furnishing of such information and document constitutes an admission for any purpose that the Company is subject to the Exchange Act.

Please acknowledge your receipt of this letter, and of the enclosed material from the Company, by date-stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to the undersigned in the enclosed stamped, self-addressed return envelope.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at (301) 230-5208.

Very Truly Yours,

SHULMAN, ROGERS, GANDAL
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By: Christopher C. Roberts
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Enclosure
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TRADING UPDATE

Ahead of forthcoming meetings with investors and analysts we are updating the market on recent trading.

The Board anticipates that our profit before tax and goodwill amortisation for the six months ended 30 September 2002 will be around £46m.

We last updated the market at our Annual General Meeting on 19 July 2002. Since then sales per day have continued to be flat, excluding normal seasonal reductions. Sales have been lower than expected in the United Kingdom and Continental Europe due partly to our customers' extended holidays and partly to weaker sales to customers in the manufacturing sector. Allied in the United States has continued its modest recovery in sales per day and returned to year on year growth. Over this period Asia and Japan have also seen more positive trading.

Gross margin was higher than in the prior year, costs are being managed tightly and our cash flow has remained strong.

Recently published leading indicators such as Purchasing Managers Indices suggest continued weak markets; we do not anticipate any improvement in our trading environment through the second half.

The Board is fully committed to the Group's well-defined strategy and believes that it will deliver substantial benefits to shareholders.

The results for the six months to 30 September 2002 will be announced on 6 November 2002.

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