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Please find following a Stock Exchange Announcement recently released.

Regards

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Dear Sir / Madam

Centrica plc – Appointment of Non-Executive Director - Robert G Tobin

The enclosed document is to be furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on behalf of Centrica plc (the "Company") pursuant to the exemption from the Securities Exchange Act 1934 (the "Act") afforded by Rule 12g 3-2 (b) thereunder.

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Yours faithfully



For and on behalf of
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Centrica plc is pleased to announce that Mr Robert G Tobin has been appointed a Non-Executive Director of the Company, effective 1st January 2003.

This appointment will bring Mr Tobin's considerable experience and knowledge of the North American retail market to the Centrica board at a time when the Group is growing its business in the United States and Canada.

A US citizen, Mr Tobin currently serves on the Supervisory Board of Royal Ahold NV, the Dutch international food retail and food service group, which operates in 25 countries. Until September 2001 Mr Tobin was the Chairman of Ahold USA, a subsidiary of Royal Ahold NV, and from 1998 to 2001 was President and Chief Executive Officer of Ahold USA. Since 2000 Mr Tobin has been Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Worldwide Retail Exchange whose members include Tesco, Marks and Spencer and Kingfisher.

The Centrica Chairman, Sir Michael Perry GBE, said: "Robert has extensive experience of international retail markets, in particular in the United States, which will be invaluable to us as we develop and grow our business in North America. His appointment will further strengthen and complement the composition of the Board."

In 2001, Mr Tobin became an Officer in the Order of Orange Nassau, the highest Dutch Civilian Order of Merit.

In 1996 he endowed the Robert G Tobin Professor of Food Marketing Chair at Cornell University, from where he graduated in Agricultural Economics in 1960.

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