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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

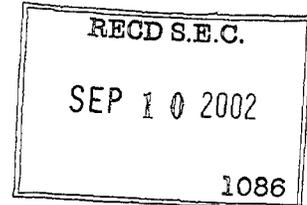


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**Report of Foreign Issuer  
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of  
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**



**Northern Rock plc**  
(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

Northern Rock House  
Gosforth  
Newcastle upon Tyne  
England  
NE3 4PL  
(Address of principal executive offices)

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Northern Rock plc - Notification of Acquisition of Shares by Northern Rock Quest Company Limited

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorised.

Northern Rock plc  
(Registrant)

Date: 4 September 2002

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: C Jobe  
Title: Company Secretary

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**NORTHERN ROCK PLC  
NOTIFICATION OF ACQUISITION OF SHARES  
BY NORTHERN ROCK QUEST COMPANY LIMITED**

The Trustees of the Northern Rock Qualifying Employee Share Ownership Trust, Northern Rock Quest Company Limited ("QUEST") hereby give notice that the Executive Directors of Northern Rock plc namely:

A J Applegarth  
D F Baker  
R F Bennett

have a potential interest in the QUEST and that on 3 September 2002 the Trustees of QUEST acquired the following ordinary shares in the Company:

No of Shares	Price per Share	Percentage of Issued Share Capital
3374	£7.10	0.0000080

Subsequent to the acquisition, the above shares were transferred to participants in the Northern Rock Sharesave Scheme, reducing the QUEST's holding and the Executive Directors' interest in the QUEST shareholding to nil.

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