

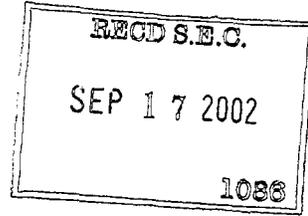
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549



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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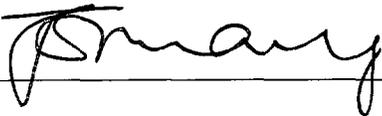
Northern Rock plc - Board of Directors

## 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: 10 September 2002

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

Name: J Shipley  
Title: Assistant Company Secretary

## NORTHERN ROCK PLC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Northern Rock plc announces the appointment to the Board of Sir Ian Gibson CBE, former President of Nissan Europe, as a non-executive director. The appointment will take effect from 10 September 2002.

Sir Ian is currently a non-executive director of BPB plc and of GKN plc. He is also a member of the Court of the Bank of England. He was until 1999 a non-executive director of Asda plc

There are no details to be disclosed as required by paragraph 6.F 2(b) to (g) of the UKLA Listing Rules.

*Adam J. Argent*

*9/2/02.*