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Dear Sir

Friends Provident plc - File number 82 - 524

Since our previous submission to you on 22nd October 2002 and pursuant to rule 12g3 - 2(b) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, please find enclosed a recent press release to the London Stock Exchange.

6th December 2002

Further re Convertible Bond

Should you require any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me by email to hornj@friendsprovident.co.uk.

Yours sincerely

Ms. Jenni Horn
Company Secretariat Assistant

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Friends Provident Life and Pensions Limited. Registered number 4096141. Friends Provident Pensions Limited. Registered number 475201.
Friends' Provident Unit Trust Managers Limited. Registered number 970641. FP Life Assurance Limited. Registered number 782698.
Friends Ivory & Sime Managed Pension Funds Limited. Registered number 1020044.
Registered in England. Registered and Head Office: Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey RH4 1QA.
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Exercise of Over-Allotment Option

Further to the announcement of 5 December 2002 regarding the completion of a convertible bond issue by Friends Provident, the Company is pleased to announce that Merrill Lynch International has today exercised the over allotment option of £45 million principal amount of the Bonds. Following the exercise of this option the size of the convertible bond issue is £290 million.

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