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Dear Sirs

Board Responsibilities

I enclose a copy of a press release sent to the London Stock Exchange in accordance with our 12g3-2(h) exemption from the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in connection with our ADR program.

Yours faithfully

Sandra Scott
Deputy Company Secretary

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P&O BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES

Following the earlier announcement that Graeme Dunlop is to retire from the P&O Board at the end of the year, responsibility for health, safety, welfare and the environment, together with corporate social responsibility, will transfer to Peter Smith, Director, Communications and Strategy, as from Monday 2 December. Michael Gradon, Director, Commercial and Legal Affairs, will also become the P&O Board member responsible for corporate risk, including internal audit and insurance with immediate effect.

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