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12 February 2003-02-12

Dear sir/madam

Kidde plc - SEC File No 82-5153

As required by Rule 12g 3-2(b), I attach update material made public in January 2003.

Yours faithfully

E. Palmer

SP S C Hornbuckle
Assistant Secretary
Kidde plc

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SCHEDULE 11

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS AND CONNECTED PERSONS

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1) Name of company

Kidde plc

2) Name of director

John Michael Harper (JMH)

3) Please state whether notification indicates that it is in respect of holding of the shareholder named in 2 above or in respect of a non-beneficial interest or in the case of an individual holder if it is a holding if that person's spouse or children under the age of 18 or in respect of a non-beneficial interest

As in 2 above and spouse

4) Name of the registered holder(s) and, if more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them (if notified)

Barclayshare Nominees Limited

5) Please state whether notification relates to a person(s) connected with the Director named in 2 above and identify the connected person(s)

No

6) Please state the nature of the transaction. For PEP transactions please indicate whether general/single co PEP and if discretionary/non discretionary

PEP re-investment - Single Company

7) Number of shares/amount of stock acquired

235

8) Percentage of issued class

Less than 0.5% of the company's issued share capital

9) Number of shares/amount of stock disposed

-

10) Percentage of issued class

-

11) Class of security

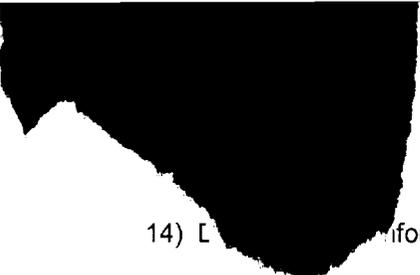
Ordinary Shares of 10P each

12) Price per share

71.45

13) Date of transaction

3 January 2002



14) L informed

8 January 2002

15) Total holding following this notification

286,200

16) Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification

less than 0.5% of the company's issued share capital

If a director has been granted options by the company please complete the following boxes

17) Date of grant

18) Period during which or date on which exercisable

19) Total amount paid (if any) for grant of the option

20) Description of shares or debentures involved: class, number

21) Exercise price (if fixed at time of grant) or indication that price is to be fixed at time of exercise

22) Total number of shares or debentures over which options held following this notification

23) Any additional information

24) Name of contact and telephone number for queries

Steve Hornbuckle 01753 766243

25) Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification

Steve Hornbuckle, Assistant Secretary

Date of Notification 9 January 2002

SCHEDULE 10

NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES

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1) Name of company

Kidde plc

2) Name of shareholder having a major interest

Standard Life Investments on behalf of Standard Life Group

3) Please state whether notification indicates that it is in respect of holding of the shareholder named in 2 above or in respect of a non-beneficial interest or in the case of an individual holder if it is a holding of that person's spouse or children under the age of 18

As in 2 above

4) Name of the registered holder(s) and, if more than one holder, the Number of shares held by each of them

Stanlife Nominees Limited

5) Number of shares/amount of stock acquired

325,843

6) Percentage of issued class

N/A

7) Number of shares/amount of stock disposed

-

8) Percentage of issued class

-

9) Class of security

Ordinary shares of 10p each

10) Date of transaction

15 January 2003

11) Date company informed

16 January 2003

12) Total holding following this notification

33,264,023 shares

13) Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification

4.006%

14) Any additional information

15) Name of contact and telephone number for queries

Steven Hornbuckle, Assistant Company Secretary, Kidde plc, 01753 766243

16) Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification

Steve Hornbuckle, Assistant Company Secretary

Date of notification 16 January 2003

SCHEDULE 10

NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES

1) Name of company

Kidde plc

2) Name of shareholder having a major interest

Legal & General Group Plc

3) Please state whether notification indicates that it is in respect of holding of the shareholder named in 2 above or in respect of a non-beneficial interest or in the case of an individual holder if it is a holding of that person's spouse or children under the age of 18

As in 2 above

4) Name of the registered holder(s) and, if more than one holder, the Number of shares held by each of them

HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Ltd A/C 775245	3,908,845
HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Ltd A/C 130007	306,300
HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Ltd A/C 357206	19,701,755
HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Ltd A/C 866203	1,132,971
HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Ltd A/C 916681	43,400
HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Ltd A/C 754612	299,000
HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Ltd A/C 360509	815,367
	26,207,638

5) Number of shares/amount of stock acquired

-

6) Percentage of issued class

-

7) Number of shares/amount of stock disposed

-

8) Percentage of issued class

-

9) Class of security

Ordinary shares of 10p each

10) Date of transaction

11) Date company informed

28 January 2003

12) Total holding following this notification

26,207,638

13) Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification

3.15%

14) Any additional information

15) Name of contact and telephone number for queries

Steven Hornbuckle, Assistant Company Secretary, Kidde plc, 01753 766243

16) Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification

Steve Hornbuckle, Assistant Company Secretary

Date of notification 29 January 2003



Press Release

9 January 2003

Kidde plc Trading Update

Kidde plc, the global fire and safety group, today announces an update on market conditions and trading for 2002. The preliminary results will be announced on 5 March 2003.

Summary

Market conditions in the second half of 2002 were much as expected. Civil aerospace OEM demand levels were lower than in the second half of 2001 and there was a marked slowdown in the power generation sector. On a positive note, the aerospace aftermarket business was stronger than in the second half of 2001; demand from defence projects was strong; and the consumer products business had a good final quarter. Although full year sales were slightly lower than in 2001, they were in line with the Board's expectations. Group margins reflected reorganisation benefits. The Group maintained its strong cash flow performance and effectively managed foreign exchange.

Divisional Trading Comment

Thanks to aggressive cost reduction efforts, the Aerospace and Defence businesses have dealt effectively with the downturn in the market for large commercial OEMs. Meanwhile Kidde maintained its strong position in the relatively more resilient regional aircraft segment. The effect of reduced airline capacity on Kidde's aftermarket business was partially offset by continued strong demand for retrofit and upgrade programmes. The military aerospace sector remained strong, with growing sales on the F-18 E/F, C-17 and F-22 programmes. The contract for the complete fire protection of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter has commenced and deliveries to the Interim Armored Vehicle programme have also gone well. Military bridge contracts with the US and UK defence departments have made good progress and will bring added benefit from 2003 onwards.

The slowdown in investment in power generation in the USA during 2002 adversely affected the Combustion Control business. The Eclipse range of products acquired during the year made a satisfactory start, strengthening the company's position in the process heating market.

The Emerging Markets sector experienced good growth in petrochemical markets in both South America and Asia during the year, but the political uncertainty in Brazil and economic turmoil in Argentina delayed many investment decisions by major customers so that the fourth quarter was notably weaker. Good progress has been made to distribute Kidde products more widely in Asia although the markets showed little growth.

The Residential and Commercial business experienced greatly improved demand for consumer safety products in the seasonally important fourth quarter. An effective strategy to improve consumer awareness, the implementation of a rapid response programme to react to incidents and changing local regulation in North America have produced encouraging results, enhanced by the improved position Kidde achieved earlier in the year with the major retailers.



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The Industrial Fire Protection business in North America took measures to reduce its cost base in the face of slower trading conditions in many end-user markets, particularly telecommunications, data storage and power generation. The weaker market conditions have also led to increased competitive pressure in areas such as fixed fire suppression systems. The fire fighting sector has been mixed; whilst municipal fire brigades experienced reduced government funding, specialist fire truck and fire fighting foam sales have grown significantly. Good growth was also achieved in the international petrochemical sector and other specialist areas such as fire protection for commercial kitchens.

In the European Industrial market, conditions in the second half became more difficult. The international petrochemical business has seen good growth, although the North Sea Offshore market remained disappointing. Fire fighting product sales grew ahead of plan and benefited from the UK Government's actions to equip back-up emergency vehicles in preparation for the fire fighters' industrial action. Key rationalisation projects have been successfully implemented, notably in the UK, generating expected profitability improvements ahead of schedule. In Italy and Spain good progress is being made to reduce costs and improve efficiencies.

Corporate Development

The acquisition of Ajax, the broadly based fire protection business in the Netherlands, was completed in September. Integration is well advanced and the company made a satisfactory contribution to the fourth quarter. Kongsberg's Marine Fire Protection business was acquired in December and was combined with Autronica in Trondheim, strengthening Kidde's presence in the marine fire protection market.

The Associate Companies have traded at similar levels as in 2001 and the contribution from Baxi will benefit from lower reorganisation costs.

Outlook for 2003

Underlying results in 2003 are expected to continue to demonstrate the resilient qualities of the Group. With an opening order book at similar levels to 2002 the Group has a stable platform for the challenges ahead. The recent strengthening of sterling compared to the US dollar would, if maintained, affect reported results as each one cent movement in the exchange rate impacts divisional profit by approximately £0.5m.

We expect the difficult trading conditions in the aerospace OEM market to continue and that there will not be any short term improvement in demand from the power generation or telecommunications and data storage sectors. We expect the defence sector to remain robust with sales growth coming from new programmes and we anticipate that the aerospace aftermarket will remain steady.

In uncertain economic conditions our industrial markets will be particularly competitive so, whilst we expect some improvement in the US economy, we intend to continue to focus on reducing costs and maintaining our competitive position. Halon replacement and the continuing development of sales to the petrochemical sector will be features of the business in Europe.



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Consumer safety continues to offer a significant opportunity in the coming year and we expect to invest further in improving consumer awareness of the need for fire safety in both the US and International markets, which should generate growth in demand ahead of general consumer spending levels.

Commenting on the update on 2002 trading, Michael Harper Chief Executive said,

"The group has demonstrated its traditional resilience. We have come through a challenging year in which reduced cost levels have enabled us to cope successfully with the new demands on the business. We will continue to work on improving competitiveness further still and are well positioned to take advantage of any improvements in conditions in the year ahead."

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