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Dear Sir

LAURA ASHLEY HOLDINGS plc  
FILE NO 82-1356

Pursuant to the exemptions granted to Laura Ashley Holdings plc (the "Company") under Rule 12g3-2 (b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, please find enclosed an announcement released to the London Stock Exchange by the Company.

**Please receipt stamp the enclosed copy of this letter and return it to the undersigned in the envelope provided.**

Yours faithfully

Ann. E. Mantz  
Company Secretary

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cc. Mr. Brian Teitelbaum (Citibank)



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**LAURA ASHLEY HOLDINGS plc**

Following the announcement on 8 May 2003 of the appointment of Ainum Mohd-Saaid as a Joint Chief Executive of the Company, the Company makes this announcement in compliance with Rule 16.4 of the Listing Rules. Ms Mohd-Saaid currently holds no directorships other than in the following Malaysian companies over the last five years:

Pengkalen Holdings Berhad  
Pengkalen Capital Berhad and  
Metrojaya Berhad

From 15 August 1996 to 1 February 1999, Ms Mohd-Saaid was an Executive Director of Pengkalen Holdings Berhad and its subsidiary, Pengkalen Capital Berhad. In mid 1998, these two companies announced a voluntary scheme of composition for themselves and a number of their Malaysian incorporated subsidiaries. The scheme was implemented on 29 December 1999.