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Dear Sir,

GKN plc – Announcement

For your information I enclose a copy of the above, which was sent to the London Stock Exchange yesterday.

Yours faithfully,

David Pavey
Assistant Company Secretary

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COMPLIANCE/SEC/COR/notification of press release

GKN plc

On 14 April 2003 GKN plc (the 'Company') was informed that as at 8 April 2003 Barclays plc held a 3.06% notifiable interest in the share capital of the Company. On the same day the Company was subsequently informed that as at 10 April 2003 Barclays plc no longer had a notifiable interest in the capital of the Company.

GKN plc
15 April 2003