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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

cc. Mr. Brian Teitelbaum (Citibank)



3 June 2003

**LAURA ASHLEY HOLDINGS plc**  
**("the Company")**

The Company received notification on 2 June 2003 from Insight Investment Management Limited dated 20 May 2003 that HBOS plc and its subsidiaries have a material interest in 25,750,000 ordinary shares representing 3.45% of the issued share capital of the Company. The shares are registered in the name of HSBC Global Custody Nominees (UK) Ltd in 4 separate accounts designated as Fund SJP RF32 (8,440,000 ordinary shares) Fund SJP RF 42 (5,320,000 ordinary shares), Fund SPJI RF 59 (1,510,000 ordinary shares) Fund SJP1 RF62 (10,480,000 ordinary shares).