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Please find following a Stock Exchange Announcement recently released.

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Dear Sir / Madam

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Holdings of Aviva plc in Centrica plc.

The enclosed document is to be furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on behalf of Centrica plc (the "Company") pursuant to the exemption from the Securities Exchange Act 1934 (the "Act") afforded by Rule 12g 3-2 (b) thereunder.

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Yours faithfully



For and on behalf of
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20 August 2003

Centrica plc received on 20 August 2003 a notice stating that on 18 August 2003 the holding of Aviva plc and its subsidiaries in the issued capital of Centrica plc fell below 3% and therefore ceased to constitute a 'notifiable interest' for the purposes of section 198 of the Companies Act 1985.

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