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The United States Securities and Exchange Commission
Exemption File 82-5204
Division of Corporate Finance
Room 3094 (3-6)
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Washington DC 20549
USA

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New GKN PLC

Dear Sirs,

GKN plc – Notification of major interests in shares

For your information I enclose a copy of the above announcement.

Yours faithfully,

rl **David Pavey**
Assistant Company Secretary

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NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES

All relevant boxes should be completed in block capital letters.

1. Name of company GKN PLC	2. Name of shareholder having a major interest FRANKLIN RESOURCES, INC
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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 SHAREHOLDER NAMED IN 2	4. Name of the registered holder(s) and, if more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them Bank of New York -68,500 Chase Nominees Limited - 16,110,876 Citibank - 153,483 Clydesdale Bank plc - 2,533,630 Mellon Bank - 83,045 Northern Trust Company - 328,909 Royal Trust Corp of Canada - 348,576 State Street Nominees Limited - 2,427,920
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5. Number of shares/amount of stock acquired NOT KNOWN	6. Percentage of issued class NOT KNOWN	7. Number of shares/amount of stock disposed	8. Percentage of issued class
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9. Class of security ORDINARY SHARES OF 50P EACH	10. Date of transaction NOT KNOWN	11. Date company informed 5 JANUARY 2004
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12. Total holding following this notification 22,054,939	13. Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification 3.00%
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14. Any additional information	15. Name of contact and telephone number for queries PHIL HIGGINS - 01527 533 235
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16. Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification PHIL HIGGINS
Date of notification 5 JANUARY 2004