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Dear Sir

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Since our previous submission to you on 13th April 2004, I enclose recent releases to the London Stock Exchange.

Increase of share capital - 16th April 2004

Should you require any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me by email to hornj@friendsprovident.co.uk.

Yours sincerely

Ms. Jenni Horn
Company Secretariat Assistant

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FRIENDS PROVIDENT PLC

Increase of Share Capital

The Board of Friends Provident plc (the 'Company') announces that on 16 April 2004 the issued share capital of the Company has increased to 1,723,510,947 ordinary shares of 10 pence each to satisfy the exercise of options under the Friends Provident Executive Share Option Scheme and the Friends Provident ShareSave Scheme.

Application has been made for admission of the 193,324 new ordinary shares to trading on the London Stock Exchange.

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