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Dear Sir

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Since our previous submission to you on 6 May 2004, I enclose recent releases to the London Stock Exchange.

Increase of share capital - 14 May 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 14 May 2004 the issued share capital of the Company has been increased to 1,723,753,766 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 126,478 new ordinary shares to trading on the London Stock Exchange.

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