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Dear Sir / Madam

**Centrica plc**

**Centrica acquires Dyno-Rod & Centrica completes sale of the AA**

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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## **Centrica acquires Dyno-Rod**

Centrica plc today announced that it has acquired Dyno-Rod, the UK's leading on-demand drain maintenance specialist, and its related businesses, for a consideration of £57.6 million in cash.

Dyno-Rod will add to British Gas' portfolio of home services and will help to support customer retention and drive cross-selling opportunities with new customers. Centrica's Business Services arm is already exploring similar prospects in the commercial sector.

The combination will also provide operating synergies for British Gas which already has significant relationships with Dyno-Rod through its plumbing and drains product offerings.

Since the products were first introduced in 1999, British Gas has attracted 1.2 million contracted plumbing and drain cover customers, and will use this acquisition to increase its access to the on-demand market.

Dyno-Rod's 2004 turnover is currently forecasted to be £13 million (derived from a franchisee turnover of £60 million) with a profit before tax of £6 million.

Mark Clare, Managing Director of British Gas said: "Dyno-Rod is a well-established and trusted brand which complements British Gas as a leading service provider in an on-demand plumbing and drains market-place worth in excess of £500 million per year.

"British Gas already helps to protect the homes of millions of customers with a wide range of contract products from central heating, kitchen appliance and home electrics care to plumbing and drains cover. This acquisition will give us better access to the 14 million private households who currently rely heavily on emergency call-out services."

The Dyno-Rod group currently has 89 drains franchises covering the UK and Ireland plus an expanding network of 13 plumbing franchises. It also has 60 locks franchises, the UK's largest mobile emergency locksmith service, which has scope for further geographical franchise expansion nationwide.

Dyno-Rod employs 131 full-time staff at its Surbiton office, plus 12 staff co-located in British Gas' Stockport office.

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### **Notes to editors:**

- Dyno-Rod is the UK's market leading drain cleaning service. Their work includes clearing blockages, CCTV drain inspection surveys, drain repairs and pipework installations.
- Dyno-Locks is a lock and security service specialising in gaining entry to buildings and cars, replacing/fitting locks and grilles, on-site key cutting and safe opening.

- Dyno-Plumbing provides a specialist plumbing service including: burst & leaking pipework, washing machine and dishwasher installations, repair of ball valves, water tanks and cisterns.

**Existing British Gas Home Service customer product holdings (to end H1 2004):**

Central heating service contracts 3,298,000  
Other central heating service contracts 827,000  
Kitchen appliances care (no. of appliances) 1,222,000  
Plumbing & drains care 1,142,000  
Electrical care 666,000  
Home security 27,000

Total holdings 7,182,000

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## **Centrica completes sale of the AA**

Centrica plc today confirmed that it has completed the sale of the AA to a company formed by CVC Capital Partners Ltd and Permira Advisers Ltd, as announced on 1 July 2004.

This follows receipt of all regulatory clearances from the respective bodies in the UK, the Channel Islands, Ireland and the European Commission.

A circular will shortly be posted to shareholders setting out full details of Centrica's proposals, also announced on 1 July, for a special dividend and accompanying share consolidation.

Payment of the special dividend is conditional on shareholder approval for the share consolidation, which will be sought at an extraordinary general meeting. Details of the meeting will be included in the circular.

The intention is to return a total of not less than £1.5 billion to shareholders via a combination of the proposed special dividend and a rolling share repurchase programme which is already under way.

The proposed special dividend amounts to approximately ten per cent of Centrica's market capitalisation as at close of business on 30 September (adjusted to take account of the interim dividend of 2.5p per share), and will total £1.058 billion, or 25 pence per share. The proposed share consolidation will similarly reduce the number of Centrica shares in issue by approximately ten per cent, on a basis of nine new shares for every ten presently held.

The expected anticipated timetable for the extraordinary general meeting, payment of the interim dividend of 2.5 pence per share, declared on 29 July 2004, and payment of the proposed special dividend is as follows:

- Wednesday 20 Oct 2004: Ex dividend date for interim dividend
- Thursday 21 Oct 2004: Extraordinary general meeting, 10am, at the Ibis London Earls Court Hotel, London, SW6 1UD.
- Friday 22 Oct 2004: Record date for interim dividend, proposed special dividend and proposed share consolidation
- Monday 25 Oct 2004: Ex dividend date for proposed special dividend and first day of dealing in new ordinary shares
- Wednesday 17 Nov 2004: Payment date for interim dividend and proposed special dividend.

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**Non-Executive Director Declaration**

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**Centrica plc non-executive director declaration**

In accordance with paragraph 16.13 of the Listing Rules, Mr Paul Rayner, who was appointed a non-executive director of Centrica plc on 23 September 2004, has disclosed, that, on appointment, he had no interest in the ordinary shares of 5 <sup>5</sup>/<sub>9</sub> pence each in Centrica plc.

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