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New GKN PLC

Dear Sirs,

GKN plc - purchase of own ordinary shares held in Treasury

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

Yours faithfully,

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David Pavey
Assistant Company Secretary

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GKN plc

Purchase of own securities held in Treasury

GKN plc announces that on 15 October 2004 it purchased 500,000 of its ordinary shares at a price of 207.6598p per share from Cazenove & Co. Ltd. It is intended that these shares are held in Treasury.

Following the purchase, GKN plc holds 2,800,000 of its ordinary shares in Treasury and has a total of 732,622,960 ordinary shares (excluding Treasury shares) in issue.

Grey Denham
Company Secretary
15 October 2004