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The United States Securities and Exchange Commission  
**Exemption File 82-5204**  
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Washington DC 20549  
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*Deu 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,

*S. De Ritter*

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*PP* **David Pavey**  
Assistant Company Secretary

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GKN plcPurchase of own securities held in Treasury

GKN plc announces that on 28 October 2004 it purchased 250,000 of its ordinary shares at a price of 215.7188p per share from Cazenove & Co. Ltd. It is intended that these shares are held in Treasury.

Following the purchase, GKN plc holds 6,000,000 of its ordinary shares in Treasury and has a total of 729,426,741 ordinary shares (excluding Treasury shares) in issue.

Grey Denham  
Company Secretary  
28 October 2004