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Re: The Sage Group plc Application for Exemption pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Regarding the above referenced application for exemption, which was submitted to your office on June 16, 2003 and last updated on September 16, 2004, enclosed please find a tenth update thereto as required by Rule 12g3-2(b)(1)(iii) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The update consists of (i) six 88(2) Companies House Filings, which fall under Annex B, Item 5 of the above referenced exemption application and (ii) nine releases on the Regulatory News Service of the London Stock Exchange as required by the UK Listing Authority, which fall under Annex C of the above referenced exemption application.

Please do not hesitate to call me at (650) 470-4585 with any questions regarding this update to the exemption application.

Very truly yours,

Kambiz Izadi

Enclosures

cc: Michael Robinson
Company Secretary and Group Legal Director
The Sage Group plc

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UPDATE TO ANNEX B, ITEM 5

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FILE NO. 82-34736

88(2)

Return of Allotment of Shares

CHFP083

Company Number

2231246

Company name in full

The Sage Group plc

1 of 2

Shares allotted (including bonus shares):

Date or period during which
shares were allotted
*(If shares were allotted on one date
enter that date in the "from" box.)*

From			To		
Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
2 3	0 8	2 0 0 4			

Class of shares
(ordinary or preference etc)

Number allotted

Nominal value of each share

Amount (if any) paid or due on each
share *(including any share premium)*

Ordinary	Ordinary	Ordinary
300,000	65,000	90,000
1p	1p	1p
136.00p	140.00p	147.00p

List the names and addresses of the allottees and the number of shares allotted to each overleaf

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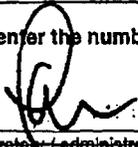
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Shareholder details	Shares and share class allotted	
Name _____ Address _____ _____ UK Postcode L L L L L L L L	Class of shares allotted _____ _____ _____	Number allotted _____ _____ _____
Name _____ Address _____ _____ UK Postcode L L L L L L L L	Class of shares allotted _____ _____ _____	Number allotted _____ _____ _____
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FILE NO. 82-34736

88(2)

Return of Allotment of Shares

CHFPO83

Company Number

2231246

Company name in full

The Sage Group plc

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Shares allotted (including bonus shares):

Date or period during which shares were allotted
(If shares were allotted on one date enter that date in the "from" box.)

From			To		
Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
2 3	0 8	2 0 0 4			

Class of shares
(ordinary or preference etc)

Number allotted

Nominal value of each share

Amount (if any) paid or due on each share
(including any share premium)

Ordinary	Ordinary	
14,280	41,140	
1p	1p	
\$1.185	\$1.222	

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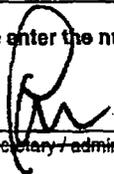
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Shareholder details		Shares and share class allotted	
Name Brewin Nominees Limited Desig:-SHAREOPT/Part ID:-092 Address PO Box 23440 7 Drumsheugh Gardens Edinburgh UK Postcode L E L H L 3 L L 7 L W L L		Class of shares allotted Ordinary	Number allotted 510,420
Name _____ Address _____ _____ UK Postcode L L L L L L L L		Class of shares allotted _____	Number allotted _____
Name _____ Address _____ _____ UK Postcode L L L L L L L L		Class of shares allotted _____	Number allotted _____
Name _____ Address _____ _____ UK Postcode L L L L L L L L		Class of shares allotted _____	Number allotted _____
Name _____ Address _____ _____ UK Postcode L L L L L L L L		Class of shares allotted TOTAL	Number allotted 510,420

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The Sage Group plc

Shares allotted (including bonus shares):

Date or period during which
 shares were allotted
*(If shares were allotted on one date
 enter that date in the "from" box.)*

From			To		
Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
01	09	21 01 04	1	1	11

1	1	11
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Class of shares
(ordinary or preference etc)

Ordinary		
10,250		
1p		
147.00p		

Number allotted

Nominal value of each share

Amount (if any) paid or due on each
 share *(including any share premium)*

List the names and addresses of the allottees and the number of shares allotted to each overleaf

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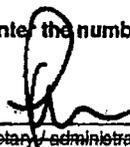
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 For companies registered in Scotland **Edinburgh**

Shareholder details		Shares and share class allotted	
Name <u>Brewin Nominees Limited Part ID:-092 / Desig:-SHAREOPT</u> <hr/> Address <u>PO Box 23440</u> <hr/> <u>7 Drumsheugh Gardens</u> <hr/> <u>Edinburgh</u> <hr/> UK Postcode <u>L E L H L 3 L L 7 L W L L</u>		Class of shares allotted Ordinary	Number allotted 10,250
Name _____ <hr/> Address _____ <hr/> _____ <hr/> UK Postcode <u>LLLLLL LL</u>		Class of shares allotted _____	Number allotted _____
Name _____ <hr/> Address _____ <hr/> _____ <hr/> UK Postcode <u>LLLLLL LL</u>		Class of shares allotted _____	Number allotted _____
Name _____ <hr/> Address _____ <hr/> _____ <hr/> UK Postcode <u>LLLLLL LL</u>		Class of shares allotted _____	Number allotted _____
Name _____ <hr/> Address _____ <hr/> _____ <hr/> UK Postcode <u>LLLLLL LL</u>		Class of shares allotted TOTAL	Number allotted 10,250

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Return of Allotment of Shares

CHFPO83

Company Number

2231246

Company name in full

The Sage Group plc

Shares allotted (including bonus shares):

Date or period during which
shares were allotted
*(If shares were allotted on one date
enter that date in the "from" box.)*

From			To		
Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
0 6	0 9	2 0 0 4			

Day	Month	Year

Class of shares
(ordinary or preference etc)

Number allotted

Nominal value of each share

Amount (if any) paid or due on each
share *(including any share premium)*

Ordinary		
5,000		
1p		
140.00p		

List the names and addresses of the allottees and the number of shares allotted to each overleaf

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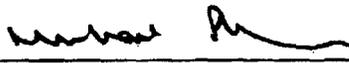
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Shareholder details	Shares and share class allotted	
Name Brewin Nominees Ltd, a/c SHAREOPT, part ID 092 Address PO Box 1025, Commercial Union House 39 Pilgrim Street, Newcastle Upon Tyne UK Postcode NE99 1SX	Class of shares allotted Ordinary	Number allotted 5,000
Name Address UK Postcode L L L L L L L L	Class of shares allotted	Number allotted
Name Address UK Postcode L L L L L L L L	Class of shares allotted	Number allotted
Name Address UK Postcode L L L L L L L L	Class of shares allotted	Number allotted
Name Address UK Postcode L L L L L L L L	Class of shares allotted TOTAL	Number allotted 5,000

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CHFPO83

Company Number

Company name in full

Shares allotted (including bonus shares):

Date or period during which shares were allotted
 (If shares were allotted on one date enter that date in the "from" box.)

From			To		
Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
2 0	0 9	2 0 0 4			

Class of shares (ordinary or preference etc)	Number allotted	Nominal value of each share	Amount (if any) paid or due on each share (including any share premium)
Ordinary	150000	1p	136.00p
Ordinary	10000	1p	140.00p
Ordinary	17000	1p	147.00p

List the names and addresses of the allottees and the number of shares allotted to each overleaf

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Shareholder details		Shares and share class allotted	
Name	Brewin Nominees Limited Desig:- SHAREOPT / Part ID:- 092	Class of shares allotted	Number allotted
Address	PO Box 1025, Commercial Union House	Ordinary	177,000
	39 Pilgrim Street		
	Newcastle Upon Tyne		
	UK Postcode NE99 1SX		
Name		Class of shares allotted	Number allotted
Address			
	UK Postcode L L L L L L L L		
Name		Class of shares allotted	Number allotted
Address			
	UK Postcode L L L L L L L L		
Name		Class of shares allotted	Number allotted
Address			
	UK Postcode L L L L L L L L		
Name		Class of shares allotted	Number allotted
Address		TOTAL	177,000
	UK Postcode L L L L L L L L		

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[Signature]

Date 23 September 2004

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88(2)

Return of Allotment of Shares

HFPO83

Company Number

2231246

Company name in full

The Sage Group plc

Shares allotted (including bonus shares):

Date or period during which shares were allotted
 (If shares were allotted on one date enter that date in the "from" box.)

From			To		
Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
20	09	2004			

Class of shares
 (ordinary or preference etc)

Ordinary

Number allotted

14,000

Nominal value of each share

1p

Amount (if any) paid or due on each share
 (including any share premium)

List the names and addresses of the allottees and the number of shares allotted to each overleaf

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Shareholder details		Shares and share class allotted	
Name Brewin Nominees Limited Desig:- SHAREOPT / Part ID:- 092		Class of shares allotted	Number allotted
Address PO Box 1025, Commercial Union House		Ordinary	14,000
39 Pilgrim Street			
Newcastle Upon Tyne			
UK Postcode NE99 1SX			
Name		Class of shares allotted	Number allotted
Address			
UK Postcode L L L L L L L L			
Name		Class of shares allotted	Number allotted
Address			
UK Postcode L L L L L L L L			
Name		Class of shares allotted	Number allotted
Address			
UK Postcode L L L L L L L L			
Name		Class of shares allotted	Number allotted
Address		TOTAL	14,000
UK Postcode L L L L L L L L			

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Date 23 September 2004.

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Return of Allotment of Shares

CHFPO83

Company Number

2231246

Company name in full

The Sage Group plc

Shares allotted (including bonus shares):

Date or period during which shares were allotted <i>(If shares were allotted on one date enter that date in the "from" box.)</i>	From			To		
	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
	22	09	2 0 0 4			

Class of shares <i>(ordinary or preference etc)</i>	Ordinary	Ordinary	Ordinary
Number allotted	13,500	250,000	121,970
Nominal value of each share	1p	1p	1p
Amount (if any) paid or due on each share <i>(including any share premium)</i>	147.00p	136.00p	\$1.185

List the names and addresses of the allottees and the number of shares allotted to each overleaf

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Shareholder details		Shares and share class allotted	
Name	Brewin Nominees Limited Desig:- SHAREOPT / Part ID:- 092	Class of shares allotted	Number allotted
Address	PO Box 1025, Commercial Union House 39 Pilgrim Street Newcastle Upon Tyne UK Postcode NE99 1SX	Ordinary	385,470
Name		Class of shares allotted	Number allotted
Address			
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Name		Class of shares allotted	Number allotted
Address			
	UK Postcode L L L L L L L L		
Name		Class of shares allotted	Number allotted
Address			
	UK Postcode L L L L L L L L		
Name		Class of shares allotted	Number allotted
Address		TOTAL	385,470
	UK Postcode L L L L L L L L		

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Signed *[Signature]* Date 28 September 2004
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UPDATE TO ANNEX C

	Date	Press Information Title
1.	9-23-04	Section 198 Notification
2.	9-29-04	Notification of preliminary results date and period-end trading update
3.	10-04-04	Disclosure of Interest in Shares
4.	10-08-04	Disclosure of Interest
5.	10-11-04	Disclosure of Interest
6.	10-13-04	Disclosure of Interest
7.	10-20-04	Year-end trading update for the twelve months ended 30 September 2004
8.	10-22-04	Blocklisting Six Monthly Review
9.	11-16-04	Acquisition



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RNS Number:2661D
 Sage Group PLC
 23 September 2004

The Sage Group plc ("the Company")

SECTION 198 NOTIFICATION

The Company received notification on 23 September 2004 that The Capital Group Companies, Inc. on behalf of its affiliates, including Capital Guardian Trust Company, Capital International S.A., Capital International, Inc., and Capital International Limited, have an interest in 64,656,935 Ordinary shares of 1p each of the Company.

This represents 5.047% of the issued share capital of the Company.

The holdings are registered in the following names :-

Capital Guardian Trust Company Registered Holder	Number of Shares
Chase Nominees Limited	1,197,400
Nortrust Nominees	552,400
Mellon Nominees (UK) Limited	56,900
Total	1,806,700

Capital International Limited Registered Holder	Number of Shares
State Street Nominees Limited	703,770
Bank of New York Nominees	16,911,834
Nortrust Nominees Limited	3,377,700
Chase Nominees Limited	6,458,960
Midland Bank plc	405,300
Bankers Trust	515,100
Barclays Bank	244,000
Citibank London	1,072,600
Morgan Guaranty	714,900
Nortrust Nominees Limited	10,403,778
State Street Bank & Trust Co.	2,203,967
Deutsche Bank AG	3,081,100
HSBC Bank plc	2,413,800
Mellon Bank N.A.	639,200
Northern Trust South Africa	453,400
KAS UK	70,700
Mellon Nominees (UK) Limited	233,600
Bank One London	284,500
Total	50,188,209

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Capital International S.A. Registered Holder	Number of Shares
Chase Nominees Limited	1,622,400
Royal Bank of Scotland	100,500
Midland Bank plc	20,200
State Street Bank & Trust Co	143,200
Lloyds Bank	64,500
Citibank Toronto	27,800
Total	1,978,600

Capital International, Inc. Registered Holder	Number of Shares
State Street Nominees Limited	3,034,400
Bank of New York Nominees	892,225
Chase Nominees Limited	4,538,400
Nortrust Nominees	563,500
Northern Trust	72,400
Midland Bank plc	131,000
State Street Bank & Trust Co	319,400
Citibank NA Toronto	640,135
HSBC Bank plc	123,766
Citibank London	187,600
J P Morgan Chase Bank	171,400
Bankers Trust	9,200
Total	10,683,426

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<u>Sage Grp.(SGE)</u>					<u>Clit</u>
Name	Symbol	Market	Type	ISIN	
Sage Grp.	LSE:SGE	London Stock Exchange	Equity	GB0008021650	

Sector	Turnover (m)	Profit (m)	EPS - Basic	PE ratio	Mkt C
Software & Computer Services	560.345	151.037	8.16	23.192	242



Regulatory Announcement

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Company	Sage Group PLC
TIDM	SGE
Headline	Notice of Results
Released	10:55 29-Sep-04
Number	PRNUK-2909

Wednesday 29 September 2004

The Sage Group plc

Notification of preliminary results date and period-end trading update

The Sage Group plc ('Sage') will announce its preliminary results for the year ended 30 September 2004 on Wednesday 1 December 2004.

Sage will announce a period-end trading update for the year to 30 September 2004 on Wednesday 20 October 2004.

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RNS Number: 6426D
 Sage Group PLC
 04 October 2004

Sage Group plc ("the Company")

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST IN SHARES

The Company received notification on 1 October 2004 that Prudential plc and all of its subsidiary companies, no longer have a notifiable interest in the issued share capital of the Company.

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RNS Number:8721D
Sage Group PLC
08 October 2004

Sage Group plc ("the Company")

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

The Company received notification on 7 October 2004 that Barclays PLC, through the legal entities listed below, has a notifiable interest in 51,180,831 Ordinary Shares of 1p each in the Company, representing 4.0% of the issued share capital.

Further information is provided.

Legal Entity

Barclays Private Bank Ltd

Barclays Global Fund Advisors

Barclays Life Assurance Co Ltd

Barclays Capital Securities Ltd

Barclays Global Investors Australia Ltd

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 Sage Group PLC
 11 October 2004

Sage Group plc ("the Company")

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

The Company received notification on 7 October 2004 that Aviva plc and Morley Fund Management Limited (a subsidiary of Aviva plc) have, following purchases totalling 6,235,000 Ordinary shares in the Company on 6 October 2004, a material interest of 39,125,162 Ordinary shares of 1p each in the Company, representing 3.05% of the issued share capital of the Company.

The shares are registered as follows:

REGISTERED HOLDERS.	NO. OF SHARES HELD
BNY Norwich Union Nominees Ltd	10,537,858 (Material)
Chase GA Group Nominees Ltd	20,225,270 (Material)
Chase Nominees Ltd	5,750 (Material)
CUIM Nominee Ltd	8,338,584 (Material)
BT Globenet Nominees Ltd	17,700 (Material)
Total Material Holding	39,125,162

Aviva plc is only required to notify interests which are defined as material interests when the holding is equal to 3% or more of the Company's relevant share capital. The term material interests excludes certain categories where Aviva plc does not hold a beneficial interest, for example where the shares are held in an Authorised Unit Trust Scheme or Open Ended Investment Company. Holdings in those categories are therefore not included in the holding notified to the Company.

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RNS Number:0468E
Sage Group PLC
13 October 2004

Sage Group plc ("the Company")

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

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Headline	Year-end Trading Statement
Released	07:00 20-Oct-04
Number	PRNUK-1910

20 October 2004

The Sage Group plc - Year-end trading update for the twelve months ended 30 September 2004

Revenue growth of 29%* and pre-tax profit growth of 20%, in line with market expectations

The Sage Group plc, a leading supplier of accounting and business management software solutions and services for small to medium-sized enterprises, is today providing an update on trading performance (unaudited) for the year ended 30 September 2004. Full details of the Group's financial performance for the year will be provided in the preliminary results announcement on 1 December 2004.

- * Group revenues increased by 29%* to approximately £688m, in line with market expectations
- * Core product organic revenue growth of 6%*, excluding acquisitions and non-core products
- * Pre-tax profit increased by 20% to approximately £181m, in line with market expectations
- * Earnings per share grew 21% to 9.9p

UK

In the UK, revenues grew 9% to approximately £186m and the operating margin was approximately 39% (2003: 39%).

Mainland Europe

In Mainland Europe, revenues grew 22%* to approximately £170m and the operating margin was approximately 24% (2003: 19%*).

SP (Spain, acquired in October 2003) contributed revenues of approximately £24m, at an operating margin of approximately 23%.

Excluding acquisitions, organic revenue growth in Mainland Europe was 5%*.

North America

North American revenues grew 30%* to approximately £287m and the operating margin was approximately 22% (2003: 25%), having been diluted by the lower initial margins of the two acquisitions described below.

Timberline (acquired in September 2003), in its first full year under ownership, contributed revenues of approximately £34m, at an operating margin of approximately 12%.

ACCPAC (acquired in March 2004) contributed total revenues of approximately £34m at an operating margin of approximately 12%. Of these revenues,

approximately £25m was generated in North America, at an operating margin of approximately 11%. The remainder of ACCPAC's contribution was in the other regions and has been allocated accordingly within the Group results.

Excluding acquisitions and non-core products, core product organic revenue growth in North America was 5%*.

Rest of World

This region principally comprises the South African, Australian and Far Eastern businesses of Softline (acquired in November 2003) and ACCPAC. Its revenues of approximately £45m generated an operating margin of approximately 26%.

Softline's total revenues were approximately £39m, with an operating margin of approximately 22%. Of these revenues, approximately £35m was generated in the Rest of World region at an operating margin of approximately 24%. The remainder of Softline's contribution was in North America and has been allocated accordingly within the Group results.

*Figures stated at constant exchange rates based on the average for the year ended 30 September 2004.

Geographical segments as revised for 2004 interim results.

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 Sage Group PLC
 22 October 2004

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2. NAME OF SCHEME: THE SAGE GROUP 1999 EXECUTIVE SHARE OPTION SCHEME
3. PERIOD OF RETURN: FROM: 26 MARCH 2004 TO: 25 SEPTEMBER 2004
4. NUMBER AND CLASS OF SHARES(S)
(AMOUNT OF STOCK/DEBT SECURITY)
NOT ISSUED UNDER SCHEME
AT END OF THE LAST PERIOD: 996,269 ORDINARY SHARES OF 1P EACH AT 26TH MARCH 2004.
5. NUMBER OF SHARES ISSUED/ALLOTTED
UNDER SCHEME DURING PERIOD: 157,727
6. BALANCE UNDER SCHEME NOT YET ISSUED/ALLOTTED
AT END OF PERIOD: 838,542 ORDINARY SHARES OF 1P EACH AT 25TH SEPTEMBER 2004.
7. NUMBER AND CLASS OF SHARE(S)
(AMOUNT OF STOCK/DEBT SECURITIES)
ORIGINALLY LISTED AND THE DATE OF ADMISSION: 1,000,000 ORDINARY SHARES OF 1P EACH - 17TH JANUARY 2003.

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2. NAME OF SCHEME: THE SAGE GROUP (NO.2) EXECUTIVE SHARE OPTION SCHEME
3. PERIOD OF RETURN: FROM: 26 MARCH 2004 TO: 25 SEPTEMBER 2004
4. NUMBER AND CLASS OF SHARES(S)
(AMOUNT OF STOCK/DEBT SECURITY)
NOT ISSUED UNDER SCHEME
AT END OF THE LAST PERIOD: 1,312,429 ORDINARY SHARES OF 1P EACH AT 26TH
MARCH 2004.
5. NUMBER OF SHARES ISSUED/ALLOTTED
UNDER SCHEME DURING PERIOD: 857,240
6. BALANCE UNDER SCHEME NOT YET ISSUED/ALLOTTED
AT END OF PERIOD: 455,189 ORDINARY SHARES OF 1P EACH AT 25TH
SEPTEMBER 2004.
7. NUMBER AND CLASS OF SHARE(S)
(AMOUNT OF STOCK/DEBT SECURITIES)
ORIGINALLY LISTED AND THE DATE OF ADMISSION:
900,000 ORDINARY SHARES OF 1P EACH - 23RD FEBRUARY 2000, 5,000,000 ORDINARY
SHARES OF 1P EACH - 12TH DECEMBER 2000, 5,000,000 ORDINARY SHARES OF 1P EACH -
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2. NAME OF SCHEME: BEST PROGRAMS INC. 1992 STOCK OPTION PLAN & BEST SOFTWARE INC. 1997
3. PERIOD OF RETURN: FROM: 26 MARCH 2004 TO: 25 SEPTEMBER 2004
4. NUMBER AND CLASS OF SHARES(S)
(AMOUNT OF STOCK/DEBT SECURITY)
NOT ISSUED UNDER SCHEME
AT END OF THE LAST PERIOD: 987,380 ORDINARY SHARES OF 1P EACH AT 26TH MARCH 2004.
5. NUMBER OF SHARES ISSUED/ALLOTTED
UNDER SCHEME DURING PERIOD: 0
6. BALANCE UNDER SCHEME NOT YET ISSUED/ALLOTTED
AT END OF PERIOD: 987,380 ORDINARY SHARES OF 1P EACH AT 25TH SEPTEMBER 2004
7. NUMBER AND CLASS OF SHARE(S)
(AMOUNT OF STOCK/DEBT SECURITIES)
ORIGINALLY LISTED AND THE DATE OF ADMISSION: 1,000,000 ORDINARY SHARES OF 1P EACH - 12TH DECEMBER 2000.

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2. NAME OF SCHEME: THE STATE OF THE ART STOCK OPTION PLAN
3. PERIOD OF RETURN: FROM: 26 MARCH 2004 TO: 25 SEPTEMBER 2004

FILE NO. 82-34736

4. NUMBER AND CLASS OF SHARES(S)
(AMOUNT OF STOCK/DEBT SECURITY)
NOT ISSUED UNDER SCHEME
AT END OF THE LAST PERIOD: 487,532 ORDINARY SHARES OF 1P EACH AT 26TH
MARCH 2004
5. NUMBER OF SHARES ISSUED/ALLOTTED
UNDER SCHEME DURING PERIOD: 177,390
6. BALANCE UNDER SCHEME NOT YET ISSUED/ALLOTTED
AT END OF PERIOD: 310,142 ORDINARY SHARES OF 1P EACH AT 25TH
SEPTEMBER
7. NUMBER AND CLASS OF SHARE(S)
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100,000 ORDINARY SHARES OF 1P EACH - 23RD FEBRUARY 2000, 500,000 ORDINARY SHARES
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4. NUMBER AND CLASS OF SHARES(S)
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NOT ISSUED UNDER SCHEME
AT END OF THE LAST PERIOD: 4,162,190 ORDINARY SHARES OF 1P EACH AT 26TH
MARCH 2004.
5. NUMBER OF SHARES ISSUED/ALLOTTED

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UNDER SCHEME DURING PERIOD: 3,520

6. BALANCE UNDER SCHEME NOT YET ISSUED/ALLOTTED
AT END OF PERIOD: 4,158,670 ORDINARY SHARES OF 1P EACH AT 25TH
SEPTEMBER 2004.

7. NUMBER AND CLASS OF SHARE(S)
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SHARES OF 1P EACH - 17TH JANUARY 2003.

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2. NAME OF SCHEMS: THE SAGE GROUP SAVINGS RELATED SHARE OPTION SCHEME
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4. NUMBER AND CLASS OF SHARES(S)
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NOT ISSUED UNDER SCHEME
AT END OF THE LAST PERIOD: 200,000 ORDINARY SHARES OF 1P EACH AT 26TH
MARCH 2004
5. NUMBER OF SHARES ISSUED/ALLOTTED
UNDER SCHEME DURING PERIOD: 2,838
6. BALANCE UNDER SCHEME NOT YET ISSUED/ALLOTTED
AT END OF PERIOD: 197,162 ORDINARY SHARES OF 1P EACH AT 25TH
SEPTEMBER 2004.

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(GERMAN SCHEDULE)
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MARCH 2004.
5. NUMBER OF SHARES ISSUED/ALLOTTED
UNDER SCHEME DURING PERIOD: 0
6. BALANCE UNDER SCHEME NOT YET ISSUED/ALLOTTED
AT END OF PERIOD: 100,000 ORDINARY SHARES OF 1P EACH AT 25TH
SEPTEMBER 2004.
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NOT ISSUED UNDER SCHEME
AT END OF THE LAST PERIOD: 63,767 ORDINARY SHARES OF 1P EACH AT 26TH MARCH 2004.
5. NUMBER OF SHARES ISSUED/ALLOTTED
UNDER SCHEME DURING PERIOD: 0
6. BALANCE UNDER SCHEME NOT YET ISSUED/ALLOTTED
AT END OF PERIOD: 946,173 ORDINARY SHARES OF 1P EACH AT 25TH SEPTEMBER 2004.
7. NUMBER AND CLASS OF SHARE(S)
(AMOUNT OF STOCK/DEBT SECURITIES)
ORIGINALLY LISTED AND THE DATE OF ADMISSION: 400,000 ORDINARY SHARES OF 1P EACH - 17TH JANUARY 2003 & 1,000,000 ORDINARY SHARES OF 1P EACH ON 31.03.2004

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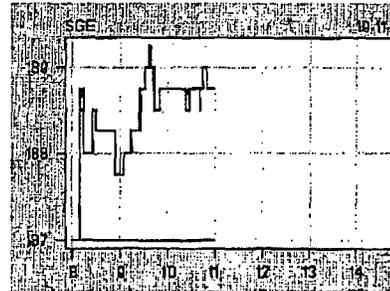
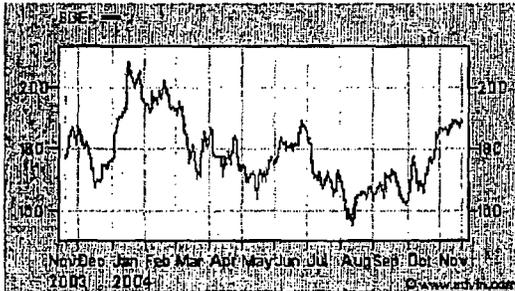
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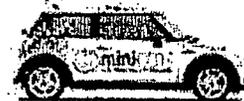
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Sage enhances its North American payroll outsourcing service with acquisition of Federal Liaison Services

The Sage Group plc ("Sage") announces that it has acquired Federal Liaison Services, Inc. ("FLS"), based in Dallas, for an enterprise value of \$9.7 million. The acquisition will be paid for in cash.

FLS is a vendor of software and information technology for the electronic payment and reporting of tax obligations within payroll software solutions. Revenue for the year ended 31 December 2003 was \$4.5 million, and its operating profit was \$0.2 million.

Sage has over 200,000 payroll software customers in North America, to which it offers an outsourced payroll service. This service collects salaries from customers, deposits the salaries with their employees, deposits tax and other deductions with public authorities and sends out all the associated documents and filings. The acquisition of FLS will enhance the tax depositing and filing part of this process.

Paul Walker, Sage Chief Executive, commented, "Outsourced payroll is the latest addition to our growing portfolio of automated business management products and services for small to medium-sized businesses in North America. The technological expertise that FLS has in payroll process and tax compliance will help us develop payroll outsourcing as a complementary service for our payroll customers in North America."

All financial information calculated on the basis of £1 = \$1.85

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