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Northwest  
Washington DC 20549  
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*New GKN PLC SUPPL*

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. DePitter*

*fl* **David Pavey**  
Assistant Company Secretary

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Purchase of own securities held in Treasury

GKN plc announces that on 5 November 2004 it purchased 700,000 of its ordinary shares at a price of 224.9717p per share from Cazenove & Co. Ltd. It is intended that these shares are held in Treasury.

Following the purchase, GKN plc holds 7,900,000 of its ordinary shares in Treasury and has a total of 727,526,741 ordinary shares (excluding Treasury shares) in issue.

Grey Denham  
Company Secretary  
5 November 2004