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450 5th Street
Northwest
Washington DC 20549
USA

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New GKN PLC

Dear Sirs,

GKN plc - Purchase of own shares held in Treasury

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

Yours faithfully,

S. Pavey

pp **David Pavey**
Assistant Company Secretary

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GKN plc

Purchase of own securities held in Treasury

GKN plc announces that on 16 November 2004 it purchased 400,000 of its ordinary shares at a price of 231.6992p per share from Cazenove & Co. Ltd. It is intended that these shares are held in Treasury.

Following the purchase, GKN plc holds 9,850,000 of its ordinary shares in Treasury and has a total of 725,581,970 ordinary shares (excluding Treasury shares) in issue.

Grey Denham
Company Secretary
16 November 2004