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Dear Sirs,

GKN plc
- **Purchase of own securities held in Treasury**

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

Yours faithfully,

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Purchase of own securities held in Treasury

GKN plc announces that on 14 April 2005 it purchased 250,000 of its ordinary shares at a price of 245.63p per share from Credit Suisse First Boston (Europe) Limited. It is intended that these shares are held in Treasury.

Following the purchase, GKN plc holds 16,275,000 of its ordinary shares in Treasury and has a total of 722,499,431 ordinary shares (excluding Treasury shares) in issue.

Grey Denham
Company Secretary
14 April 2005