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Room 3094 (3-6)
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Dear Sirs, *New GKN*

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- **Transaction in own shares**

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 18 May 2005 it purchased 600,000 of its ordinary shares at a price of 243.7p 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 21,375,000 of its ordinary shares in Treasury and has a total of 718,162,900 ordinary shares (excluding Treasury shares) in issue.

Grey Denham
Company Secretary
18 May 2005