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Dear Sirs, *New GKN PLC*

GKN plc
- Transaction in own shares

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

Yours faithfully,

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GKN plcPurchase of own securities held in Treasury

GKN plc announces that on 24 May 2005 it purchased 500,000 of its ordinary shares at a price of 249.85p 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 21,875,000 of its ordinary shares in Treasury and has a total of 717,662,900 ordinary shares (excluding Treasury shares) in issue.

Grey Denham
Company Secretary
24 May 2005