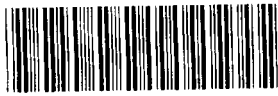
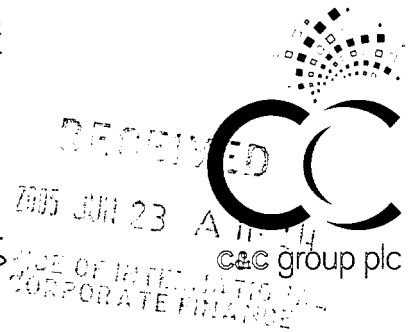


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Paternoster Square
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20th June, 2005

Dear Sirs,

I hereby give notice that options were granted on 20th June 2005 to the following directors:

	<u>Number of Options</u>	
Brendan Dwan	80,900	PROCESSED JUN 22 2005 THOMSON FINANCIAL
Brendan McGuinness	85,400	
James Muldowney	66,600	
Maurice Pratt	246,400	

These options are over ordinary shares of €0.01 each and were granted at nil cost. The exercise price is €3.56. Subject to the satisfaction of the performance condition these options are exercisable from 20th June 2008 to 19th June 2012.

The interests of these directors in the share capital of the Company and their total holding of share options are now as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Shareholding</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>Shareholding</u> <u>percentage</u>	<u>Share option</u>
Brendan Dwan	1,019,999	0.32%	403,100
Brendan McGuinness	1,174,510	0.37%	426,200
James Muldowney	301,073	0.09%	343,600
Maurice Pratt	993,310	0.31%	1,350,900

Yours faithfully,

Noreen O'Kelly
Company Secretary
Phone: +3531 616 1100

Handwritten signature: Jw 4/23