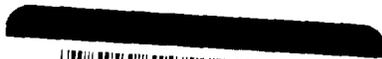




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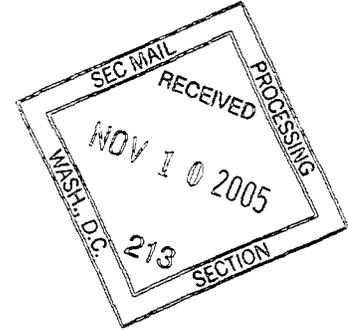


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Dear Sirs, *New GKN PLC*

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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 1 November 2005 it purchased 75,000 of its ordinary shares at a price of 278.25p 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 25,220,000 of its ordinary shares in Treasury and has a total of 714,733,857 ordinary shares (excluding Treasury shares) in issue.

Grey Denham
Company Secretary
1 November 2005