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Dear Sirs, *New GKN PLC*

GKN plc – Purchase of own shares held in Treasury

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

Yours faithfully,



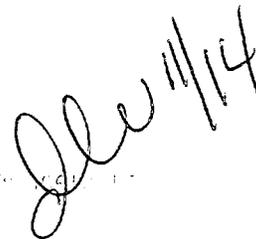
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GKN plc

Purchase of own securities held in Treasury

GKN plc announces that on 25 October 2005 it purchased 500,000 of its ordinary shares at a price of 274.47p 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 23,275,000 of its ordinary shares in Treasury and has a total of 716,669,990 ordinary shares (excluding Treasury shares) in issue.

Grey Denham
Company Secretary
25 October 2005