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A recently released Stock Exchange Announcement follows.

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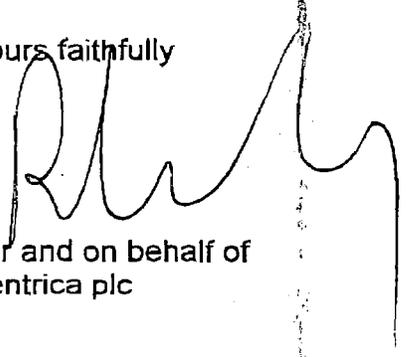
Dear Sir / Madam

Centrica plc
Barclays Section 198

The enclosed document is to be furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on behalf of Centrica plc (the "Company") pursuant to the exemption from the Securities Exchange Act 1934 (the "Act") afforded by Rule 12g 3-2 (b) thereunder.

This information is being furnished under paragraph (1) of Rule 12g 3-2 (b) with the understanding that such information and documents will not be deemed to be "filed" with the SEC or otherwise subject to the liabilities of Section 18 of the Act and that neither this letter nor the furnishing of such information and documents shall constitute an admission for any purpose that the Company is subject to the Act.

Yours faithfully



For and on behalf of
Centrica plc

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17 May 2006

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Centrica plc received on 17 May 2006, a notification dated 15 May 2006, stating that on 12 May 2006, the interest of Barclays PLC in Centrica plc constituted a notifiable interest for the purposes of section 198 of the Companies Act 1985.

SCHEDULE 10

NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES

1. Name of company

Centrica plc

2. Name of shareholder(s) having a major interest

Barclays PLC

3. Please state whether notification indicates that it is in respect of holding of the shareholder named in 2 above or in respect of a non-beneficial interest or in the case of an individual holder if it is a holding of that person's spouse or children under the age of 18

Not known

4. Name of the registered holder(s) and, if more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them

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|--|-------------------|
| Barclays Global Fund Advisors | 11,418,912 |
| Barclays Global Investors Australia Ltd | 1,338,107 |
| Barclays Global Investors Canada Ltd | 263,633 |
| Barclays Life Assurance Co Ltd | 6,145,232 |
| Barclays Private Bank and Trust Ltd | 18,935 |
| Barclays Capital Inc | 1,058,874 |
| Barclays Global Investors Japan Ltd | 1,662,871 |
| Barclays Private Bank Limited | 2,342,898 |
| Gerrard Limited | 18,034,600 |
| Barclays Global Investors, N.A. | 39,981,428 |
| Barclays Bank Trust Company Ltd | 99,885 |
| Barclays Private Bank and Trust Ltd | 553,168 |
| Barclays Capital Securities Ltd | 71,311,373 |
| Barclays Global Investors Ltd | 52,226,498 |
| Barclays Global Investors Japan Trust & Banking | 4,226,963 |

5. Number of shares / amount of stock acquired

Not known

6. Percentage of issued class

Not known

7. Number of shares / amount of stock disposed

N/A

8. Percentage of issued class

N/A

9. Class of security

Ordinary 6 14/81 pence

10. Date of transaction

Not known

11. Date company informed

17 May 2006

12. Total holding following this notification

210,683,377

13. Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification

5.80

14. Any additional information

None

15. Name of contact and telephone number for queries

Robin Healy 01753 494 017

16. Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification

Robin Healy

Date of notification

17 May 2006