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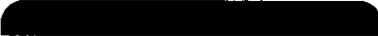
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Dear Sir/Madam

In reference to **File Number 082-02819**, the following Stock Exchange Announcements were released today:



'Holding (s) in Company'



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Yours faithfully

Linda Goodwin
Company Secretarial Administrator

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TR-1: NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES

1. Identity of the issuer or the underlying issuer of existing shares to which voting rights are attached:	Severn Trent PLC	
2. Reason for the notification (please tick the appropriate box or boxes)		
An acquisition or disposal of voting rights	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
An acquisition or disposal of financial instruments which may result in the acquisition of shares already issued to which voting rights are attached	<input type="checkbox"/>	
An event changing the breakdown of voting rights	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other (please specify):	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3. Full name of person(s) subject to the notification obligation:	Newton Investment Management Limited	
4. Full name of shareholder(s) (if different from 3.):		
5. Date of the transaction (and date on which the threshold is crossed or reached if different):	13/10/08	
6. Date on which issuer notified:	15/10/08	
7. Threshold(s) that is/are crossed or reached:	Increase from 4.93% to 5.23%	
8. Notified details:	Purchase of 721,894 shares	

A: Voting rights attached to shares

Ordinary Shares	11,605,274	4.93%	N/A	N/A	12,327,168	N/A	5.23%
ISIN GB00B1FH8J72							

B: Financial Instruments

Type of Instrument	Principal or Nominal Value	Registered in the UK	Number of instruments	ISIN

Total (A+B)

12,327,168	5.23%
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Newton Investment Management Limited hold these shares as a discretionary Investment Manager.

Proxy Voting:

N/A

N/A

N/A

Richard Brierley

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ANNEX NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES

Full name (including legal form for legal entities)

Newton Investment Management Ltd

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Other useful information (at least legal representative for legal persons)	Rachel Wheeler

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Other useful information (e.g. functional relationship with the person or legal entity subject to the notification obligation)	Discretionary Investment Manager

Additional information

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