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At today's Annual General Meeting and Separate General Meetings of the Holders of Ordinary Shares and the Holders of 5% Cumulative Preference Shares all resolutions were passed by shareholders.

The proxies lodged were as follows:

Annual General Meeting

| Resolution | Votes For | Votes Against | Votes withheld |
|---|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| (1) Adopt the 2005 Annual Report and Financial Statements | 203,717,484 <i>99.78%</i> | 441,355 <i>0.22%</i> | 2,459,130 |
| (2) Approve the 2005 Remuneration Report | 197,873,931 <i>98.52%</i> | 2,966,776 <i>1.48%</i> | 5,777,262 |
| (3) Declare a final dividend | 206,617,969 <i>100.00%</i> | - <i>0.00%</i> | - |
| (4) Re-elect Mr. R F Jara as a Director | 198,557,427 <i>99.02%</i> | 1,968,450 <i>0.98%</i> | 6,092,092 |
| (5) Re-elect Mr. C H Bailey as a Director | 184,367,649 <i>91.87%</i> | 16,315,296 <i>8.13%</i> | 5,935,024 |
| (6) Re-elect Mr. G S Menendez as a Director | 181,117,929 <i>90.16%</i> | 19,764,775 <i>9.84%</i> | 5,735,265 |
| (7) Re-elect Mr. P J Adeane as a Director | 199,066,307 <i>99.03%</i> | 1,958,774 <i>0.97%</i> | 5,592,888 |
| (8) Re-appoint Deloitte and Touche LLP as Auditors | 206,281,309 <i>99.84%</i> | 336,071 <i>0.16%</i> | 589 |
| (9) Implement a bonus issue of ordinary shares | 205,759,168 <i>99.68%</i> | 657,775 <i>0.32%</i> | 201,026 |
| (10) Adopt revised Articles of Association | 205,598,858 <i>99.52%</i> | 997,724 <i>0.48%</i> | 21,387 |
| (11) Authorise purchase of own shares | 206,547,064 <i>99.97%</i> | 66,471 <i>0.03%</i> | 4,434 |

Class Meeting of the Holders of Ordinary Shares

| Resolution | Votes For | Votes Against | Votes withheld |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Adopt revised Articles of Association | 167,343,974 <i>99.80%</i> | 341,844 <i>0.20%</i> | 16,900 |

Class Meeting of the Holders of 5% Cumulative Preference Shares

| Resolution | Votes For | Votes Against | Votes withheld |
|--|------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| (1) Implement a bonus issue of ordinary shares | 37,870,560 <i>100.00%</i> | - <i>0.00%</i> | - |
| (2) Adopt revised Articles of Association | 37,870,560 <i>100.00%</i> | - <i>0.00%</i> | - |

Notes to the proxy votes

- Any proxy appointments which give discretion to the Chairman have been included in the total of proxy votes for each resolution.
- The above proxy voting instructions were received prior to the meeting.
- Percentages are calculated on the basis of votes cast and therefore exclude abstentions.
- The Company had in issue 197,171,339 ordinary shares carrying one vote each, and 2,000,000 5% Cumulative Preference Shares carrying 20 votes each. Accordingly, the total number of available votes was 237,171,339 votes at the Annual General Meeting, 197,171,339 votes at the General Meeting of the Holders of Ordinary Shares, and 40,000,000 votes at the General Meeting of the Holders of 5% Cumulative Preference Shares.

Copies of resolutions 9, 10 and 11 passed at the Annual General Meeting and all the resolutions passed at the two class meetings will be submitted to the UK Listing Authority today and will shortly be available for inspection at the UK Listing Authority's Document Viewing Facility, which is situated at the Financial Services Authority, 25 The North Colonnade, London E14 5HS.

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