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**COMPANIES ACT 1985 SECTION 198
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST IN VOTING SHARES IN PUBLIC COMPANIES**

On 1 October 2004 we were informed that, as of 29 September 2004, Barclays PLC had a notifiable interest in the USD0.25 ordinary shares of AstraZeneca PLC 50,634,731 shares which represents 3.05 per cent of the issued ordinary capital of the company.

G H R Musker
Company Secretary
1 October 2004