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**Dealing by Directors  
Companies Act 1985 Sections 324/329****Transaction by Persons Discharging Managerial Responsibilities  
Disclosure Rules DR 3.1.2R**

We hereby inform you that on 24 February 2006, the following Directors acquired an interest in the USD0.25 Ordinary Shares of AstraZeneca PLC. The interest arises as a result of the previously disclosed arrangements relating to the payment of annual bonuses for 2005 whereby each individual is required to defer a portion of the bonus earned into shares for a period of three years. The shares were allocated at a price of 2639 pence per share. The individuals will become beneficially entitled to these shares on 24 February 2009.

| Name          | Number of shares allocated | Total interest in shares after this allocation | Percentage of shares in issue |
|---------------|----------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| J R Symonds   | 7,534                      | 66,784   | 0.004%                        |
| J S Patterson | 6,623                      | 49,071   | 0.003%                        |

**G H R Musker**  
**Company Secretary**  
**28 February 2006**