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**Transaction by Persons Discharging Managerial Responsibilities
Disclosure Rules DR 3.1.2R**

We hereby inform you that on 24 February 2006, the following individuals, who are all persons discharging managerial responsibilities, 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
B Angelici	2,448
A Bloxham	1,590
J Lundberg	2,059
M Nicklasson	2,074
B Thorpe	1,869

G H R Musker
Company Secretary
28 February 2006