

SAMPO PLC

STOCK EXCHANGE ANNOUNCEMENT  
22 March 2002 at 11.30 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT ACCORDING TO CHAPTER 2, SECTION 10 OF THE SECURITIES  
MARKET ACT

The holding of shares and pertaining voting rights by the mutual funds of the Franklin Templeton Group and separate accounts managed by Franklin Resources, Inc. in Sampo plc has exceeded 5 per cent of the total votes pertaining to Sampo shares.

Franklin Resources, Inc. (trade reg. no. 13-2670991) holds together with its affiliated investment advisers 4.60 per cent of Sampo shares and, in addition, manages shares with 1.11 per cent of votes, i.e. the Group's total voting rights amount to 5.68 per cent:

Franklin mutal funds	No. of shares	Shares, %	Votes, %
A shares	25,585,141	4.60	4.57

Managed by Franklin

A shares	6,240,604	1.11
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Sampo plc's (business ID 0142213-3) share capital totals 555,623,515 shares, of which A shares amount to 554,423,515 and B shares to 1,200,000. Each A share entitles to one (1) vote and each B share to five (5) votes. Consequently, the total votes pertaining to all Sampo shares amount to 560,423,515.

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