FORM SAR 3

Lodge with Company Announcements Office and Newstrack, if appropriate, and the Takeover Panel. A copy must also be sent to the company the shares of which are acquired.

Date of disclosure: **17/10/02**

DISCLOSURE UNDER RULE 3 OF THE RULES GOVERNING SUBSTANTIAL ACQUISITIONS OF SHARES ("SARs")

Date of acquisition: **16/10/02**

Acquisition in: **BSS Group PLC**

(1) Class of voting shares (e.g. ordinary shares)	Number of shares/rights over shares acquired	If rights over shares acquired, as opposed to the shares themselves, specify nature of rights
Ordinary Shares of 20p	**160,000** shares **N/A** rights	**N/A**

(2) Resultant total holding of voting shares (and % of total voting shares in issue)	Resultant total holding of rights over shares (and % of total voting shares in issue)	Total percentage
6,422,944 (22.00%)	**N/A (0.00%)**	**22.00%**

(3) Party making disclosure: **Aberforth Partners (as Investment Managers)**

(4) (a) Name of person acquiring shares or rights over shares: **Aberforth Partners (as Investment Managers)** and, if different, beneficial owner: **N/A**

(b) Names of any other persons acting by agreement or understanding (see SAR 5): **N/A**

Signed, for and on behalf of the party named in (3) above: **N/A**

(Also print name of signatory): **Gordon R. Young, Partner**

Telephone and extension number: **0131 220 0733**

Note. Under SAR 5, the holdings of and acquisitions by persons acting by agreement or understanding must be aggregated and treated as a holding of or acquisition by one person. Note 3 on SAR 5 requires persons who must aggregate holdings to disclose certain disposals.

For full details of the SARs disclosure requirements, see Rules 3 and 5 of the SARs. If in doubt, contact the Panel on Takeovers and Mergers, Monitoring Section, Tel. No: 020 7638 0129.