

FORM SAR 3

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Date of disclosure 21/10/02

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

Date of acquisition: 18/10/02

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	374,000 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
6,796,944 (23.28 %)	N/A (0.00 %)	23.28 %

(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 - Electronic Submission

(Also print name of signatory):
Angus McCallum, For Aberforth Partners

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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. E-mail: monitoring@disclosure.org.uk