Lodge with a RIS or 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: 20/02/03 DISCLOSURE UNDER RULE 3 OF THE RULES GOVERNING SUBSTANTIAL ACQUISITIONS OF SHARES ("SARS") Date of acquisition: 19/02/03 Acquisition in: Roxboro Group PLC (1) (a) Class of voting shares (e.g. ordinary shares): Ordinary Shares of 1p (1) (b) Number of shares / rights over shares acquired: **300,000** shares N/A rights (1) (c) If rights over shares acquired, as opposed to the shares themselves, specify nature of rights: N/A (2) (a) Resultant total holding of voting shares (and % of total voting shares in issue): 11,011,500 (19.40%) (2) (b) Resultant total holding of rights over shares (and % of total voting shares in issue): N/A (0.00%) (2) (c) Total percentage: 19.40% (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: (4) (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): David Holland, 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.

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