

## FORM SAR 3

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: 02/04/03

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

Date of acquisition: 01/04/03

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:  
375,000 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):  
12,021,500 (21.18%)

(2) (b) Resultant total holding of rights over shares (and % of total voting shares in issue):  
N/A (0.00%)

(2) (c) Total percentage:  
21.18%

(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

(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):  
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.  
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