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Dear Mr Ferguson

We have received notification pursuant to section 67 of the Companies Act 1990 of the following interest in the issued share capital of Abbey plc.

Effective Date	Notification Date	Shareholder	No. Shares	% of Issued Share Capital
06.01.2003	06.01.2003	Jupiter Split Trust Plc	1,350,000	3.96%

Jupiter Asset Management Limited does not hold any of the above shares beneficially, but holds them as an investment manager acting on behalf of its discretionary clients.

Yours sincerely
For and on behalf of
ABBHEY PLC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Dawson'.

David J Dawson
Company Secretary