

5 September 2006

RNS
The London Stock Exchange
Old Broad Street
London
EC2N 1HP

AVS No: 006883

Dear Sirs

Notification of Change in Interest in Shares

We write in accordance with rule 9.12, under the continuing obligations section of the Listing Rules, to notify you that on 5 September 2006 we received information that, pursuant to section 198 of the Companies Act 1985, the shareholding of Barclays PLC has been reduced and now represents less than 3% of the issued ordinary share capital of Pearson plc.

I attach correspondence from them to this effect:

Yours faithfully



Jenni Burton
Assistant Company Secretary



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The Company Secretary
Pearson PLC
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Dear Sir

Companies Act 1985 ("The Act") - Part VI

I refer to our previous correspondence and now inform you that as 31 August 2006 Barclays PLC no longer has a notifiable interest in the capital of your Company.

According to our records your Company's Issued Share Capital is 805,601,503. If this is incorrect please let me know.

If you have any queries relating to this letter please contact me on 020 7116 2913.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Geoff Smith".

Geoff Smith