



To: Stock Exchange

For immediate release
16 August 2004

Securities Trust of Scotland plc

Securities Trust of Scotland plc, on 16 August 2004, has bought back 72,500 ordinary shares at a price of 82.00p per share for immediate cancellation. Following this purchase 305,212,996 ordinary shares remain in issue.

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