

**Transaction in own shares: purchase of own shares to be held in treasury**

The Company announces that it has today purchased 100,000 of its Ordinary Shares at an average price of 557.42 pence per share to be held in treasury.

Following settlement of this purchase on 16 January 2025 the issued share capital of the Company will be 85,071,864 Ordinary Shares, excluding 18,138,000 shares which are held in treasury.Â Shares held in treasury do not carry any voting rights; 17.57% of the Companyâ€™s total issued share capital (103,209,864 Ordinary Shares, including treasury shares) will be held in treasury following settlement.

For reporting purposes under the FCA's Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules the market should exclude any shares held in treasury and should use the figure of 85,071,864 following settlement when determining if they are required to notify their interest in, or a change to their interest in the Company.

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