



Application to be signed by the company

Name of issuer of the securities:

Abbey plc (the 'applicant')

applies for the securities detailed below to be admitted to AIM, subject to the AIM Rules and the Rules of the London Stock Exchange

Securities to be admitted to AIM

Amounts and descriptions of securities (e.g. Ordinary Shares of 5p each):

34,077,782 Ordinary Shares of nominal value€0.32 each

Nature of Admission (e.g. introduction, exercise of options, vendor consideration, placing for cash, block listing):

Transfer from Designated Market (Official List of the United Kingdom Listing Authority)

Are the securities for which application is now made

(a) identical in all respects? YES / NO

If NO, how do they differ and when will they become identical?

N/A

(b) identical in all respects with an existing class of security (further issues only)? YES / NO N/A

If NO, how do they differ and when will they become identical?

N/A

Admission to AIM sought on: 16 November, 2004

Details of documents of title

Please give details of renounceable document (where applicable)

(a) type of document

N/A

(b) Proposed date of issue: N/A

(c) Last day for splitting: N/A
(i) Nil paid: N/A
(ii) Partly paid: N/A
(iii) Fully paid: N/A

(d) Last day for renunciation: N/A

Applicant's expected accounting reference date:

30 April

Name and position of contact(s) of applicant regarding the application:

David Dawson, Company Secretary

Contact details (address, telephone number, fax number and e-mail address):

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Declaration

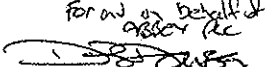
- (i) The applicant has received advice and guidance (from the nominated adviser or other appropriate professional adviser) as to the nature of their responsibilities and obligations to ensure compliance by the issuer with the AIM Rules and the Rules of the London Stock Exchange as amended from time to time and fully understands and accepts these responsibilities and obligations;
- (ii) the applicant has taken appropriate advice where necessary and has acted appropriately on any advice given;
- ~~(iii) the admission document complies with the AIM Rules and includes all such information as investors would reasonably require, and reasonably expect to find there, for the purpose of making an informed assessment of the assets and liabilities, financial position, profits and losses, and prospects of the issuer of the securities and the rights attaching to those securities;~~
- (iv) in the opinion of the applicant, having made due and careful enquiry, the working capital available to the applicant and its group is sufficient for their present requirements, that is for at least the next twelve months from admission; or for listed applicants only, the applicant has no reason to believe that its working capital will be insufficient for at least twelve months from the date of its admission;
- ~~(v) any profit forecast, estimate or projection in the admission document has been made after due and careful enquiry by the issuer; and~~
- (vi) procedures have been established which provide a reasonable basis for the directors to make proper judgements as to the financial position and prospects of the applicant and its group.

Undertaking

We undertake to:

- i comply with the AIM Rules and the Rules of the London Stock Exchange as amended from time to time by the Exchange; and
- ii seek advice and guidance from the nominated adviser when appropriate and act appropriately on such advice.

Signed:

*for and on behalf of
abbey plc*


Date:

10 November, 2004

Director, secretary or other duly authorised officer for and on behalf of
Name of the applicant:

Abbey plc

Note: paragraphs (iii) and (v) of the Declaration are applicable only if this application relates to an issue of securities requiring the publication of an admission document under the AIM Rules. Delete if appropriate.

Please return this form to:

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