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Group NBT PLC ("Group NBT" or "the Company")

Disclosure of Material Interest in Shares

The Company has been notified today that:

- a) Black Rock Inc. (an asset management company in which Merrill Lynch & Co, Inc owns 49.8% of the common stock) has an interest in the Ordinary Shares of the Company as below noted; and
- b) Merrill Lynch & Co, Inc has in aggregate an interest in the Ordinary Shares of the Company also as below noted

Company	Aggregate number of in	% of ordinary share capital
Merrill Lynch & Co, Inc	75,000	0.37
Black Rock Inc.	2,979,512	14.57
Aggregate total	<u>3,054,512</u>	<u>14.94</u>

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