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TR-1: NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTEREST IN SHARESⁱ

1. Identity of the issuer or the underlying issuer of existing shares to which voting rights are attached: ⁱⁱ	Laura Ashley Holdings
2 Reason for the notification (please tick the appropriate box or boxes):	
An acquisition or disposal of voting rights	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
An acquisition or disposal of qualifying financial instruments which may result in the acquisition of shares already issued to which voting rights are attached	<input type="checkbox"/>
An acquisition or disposal of instruments with similar economic effect to qualifying financial instruments	<input type="checkbox"/>
An event changing the breakdown of voting rights	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify):	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Full name of person(s) subject to the notification obligation: ⁱⁱⁱ	Ruffer LLP (for its discretionary clients)
4. Full name of shareholder(s) (if different from 3.): ^{iv}	
5. Date of the transaction and date on which the threshold is crossed or reached: ^v	31 January 2013
6. Date on which issuer notified:	01 February 2013
7. Threshold(s) that is/are crossed or reached: ^{vi, vii}	Less than 5% to 5%

8. Notified details:							
A: Voting rights attached to shares ^{viii, ix}							
Class/type of shares if possible using the ISIN CODE	Situation previous to the triggering transaction		Resulting situation after the triggering transaction				
	Number of Shares	Number of Voting Rights	Number of shares	Number of voting rights		% of voting rights ^x	
			Direct	Direct ^{xi}	Indirect ^{xii}	Direct	Indirect
GB0000533728	34,409,166	34,409,166	39,509,166	39,509,166	-	5%	-

B: Qualifying Financial Instruments				
Resulting situation after the triggering transaction				
Type of financial instrument	Expiration date ^{xiii}	Exercise/ Conversion Period ^{xiv}	Number of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised/ converted.	% of voting rights

C: Financial Instruments with similar economic effect to Qualifying Financial Instruments ^{xv, xvi}						
Resulting situation after the triggering transaction						
Type of financial instrument	Exercise price	Expiration date ^{xvii}	Exercise/ Conversion period ^{xviii}	Number of voting rights instrument refers to	% of voting rights ^{xix, xx}	
					Nominal	Delta

Total (A+B+C)	
Number of voting rights	Percentage of voting rights
39,509,166	5%

9. Chain of controlled undertakings through which the voting rights and/or the financial instruments are effectively held, if applicable: ^{xxi}
N/A

Proxy Voting:	
10. Name of the proxy holder:	N/A
11. Number of voting rights proxy holder will cease to hold:	
12. Date on which proxy holder will cease to hold voting rights:	

13. Additional information:	Ruffer LLP now controls the voting rights over 39,509,166 shares (5% of the voting rights) of Laura Ashley Holdings which are held by Ruffer LLP's discretionary clients. This change from less than 5% to 5% is due to the purchase of 5,100,000 shares on 31 January 2013.
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