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LAURA ASHLEY HOLDINGS PLC

Interim Management Statement

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Laura Ashley Holdings Plc ("Laura Ashley") announces its Interim Management Statement for the 19 weeks to 8 December 2012.

In the first 19 weeks of the second half to 8 December 2012, total retail sales increased by 4.2% year-on-year, with like-for-like sales increasing by 4.9%.

E-Commerce recorded sales growth of 22.6% in the same reporting period. The introduction of a mobile site that offers the complete range of our products, and increased overseas deliveries, have both been instrumental in this growth.

We expect gross margin rate to be marginally lower than last year.

Five stores have been opened this year and three closed.

There has been no material change to the financial position of Laura Ashley since the announcement of the first half results on 12 September 2012.

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