

Meriden Group plc ("Meriden" or "the Company")

Holding in Company

Meriden plc was advised on 1 May 2007 that, following the acquisition of ordinary shares in the Company, Barclays PLC, through Barclays Stockbrokers Limited, now holds 27,587,627 ordinary shares in the Company (with an equal amount of voting rights) as at 30 April 2007, representing 8.00% of the issued share capital of Meriden.