

## Warning to shareholders

A survey by the Financial Services Authority (FSA) has reported that an increasing number of shareholders of UK listed companies are being targeted by individuals purporting to be legitimate brokers or financial advisers.

Shareholders are advised to be very wary of any unsolicited advice, offers to buy shares at a discount or offers of free reports on the Company. If you receive any unsolicited investment advice:-

- Make sure you get the correct name of the person and organisation and make a record of any other information they give you, e.g. telephone number, address etc.,
- Check that they are properly authorised by the FSA before getting involved. You can check at [www.fsa.gov.uk/register](http://www.fsa.gov.uk/register)
- The FSA also maintains on its website a list of unauthorised overseas firms who are targeting, or have targeted, UK investors and any approach from such organisations should be reported to the FSA so that this list can be kept up to date and any other appropriate action can be considered. ***If you deal with any unauthorised firm, you would not be eligible to receive payment under the Financial Services Compensation Scheme.*** The FSA can, preferably, be contacted by completing an on-line form at <http://www.fsa.gov.uk/pages/doing/regulated/law/alerts/overseas.shtml> or, if you do not have access to the internet, on telephone number 0845 606 1234
- The registrars are not able to investigate such incidents themselves but will record details and pass them onto the FSA. To inform the registrars, please contact them on the following telephone numbers:-

Equiniti helpline 0871 384 2355 (Calls to this number are charged at 8p per minute from a BT Landline. Other telephony providers costs may vary).

Equiniti international helpline number is 0044 121 415 7047, if you are calling from outside the United Kingdom.