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PURE WAFER PLC
(“Pure Wafer” or “the Company”)

PLACING OF SHARES

DIRECTORS’ SHAREHOLDINGS

Pure Wafer announces that its broker, Numis Securities Limited, yesterday placed a total of 7,310,062 ordinary shares of the Company with a range of institutional investors and with three directors of the Company at a price of 145p per share. These shares have been placed on behalf of two of the Company’s founding shareholders, IBM and Bank of Scotland. Prior to the placing, IBM owned 4,208,711 ordinary shares of the Company, representing 15.89% of the Company’s issued share capital and Bank of Scotland owned 3,101,151 ordinary shares of the Company, representing 11.70% of the Company’s issued share capital. Following the placing, neither IBM nor Bank of Scotland will own any ordinary shares of the Company.

The placing follows the expiry on 20 June 2004 of a lock-in agreement entered into by, inter alia, IBM and Bank of Scotland not to sell any of their ordinary shares in the Company for a period of 6 months from the Company’s admission to AIM, which took place on 20 December 2004.

Funds advised by Apax Partners, which also entered into the above lock-in agreement, have not sold any of their shares and thus continue to own 13,742,540 ordinary shares representing 51.87% of the Company’s issued share capital.

Of the shares placed on behalf of IBM and Bank of Scotland, 100,000 shares have been placed with Giles Clarke, Pure Wafer’s Chairman, 7,000 have been placed with Keith Baker, Chief Executive and 7,000 have been placed with Peter Harrington, an Executive Director. Following the placing, Giles Clarke’s, Keith Baker’s and Peter Harrington’s interests in the Company’s issued share capital are as follows:

Director	No. of shares previously held	% of issued share capital	No. of shares held following the placing	% of issued share capital
Giles Clarke	59,482	0.22%	159,482	0.60%
Keith Baker	163,921	0.62%	170,921	0.65%
Peter Harrington	163,921	0.62%	170,921	0.65%

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