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JD Sports Fashion Plc

26 January 2009

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TR-1: Notifications of Major Interests in Shares

1. Identity of the issuer or the underlying issuer of existing shares to which voting rights are attached: JD SPORTS FASHION PLC

2. Reason for notification (yes/no) YES
An acquisition or disposal of voting rights
An acquisition or disposal of financial instruments which may result in the acquisition of shares already issued to which voting rights are attached
An event changing the breakdown of voting rights
Other (please specify): _____

3. Full name of person(s) subject to notification obligation: ABERFORTH PARTNERS LLP

4. Full name of shareholder(s) (if different from 3):
Shareholder
Shares
1. Aberforth Smaller Companies Trust plc
2,751,281
2. Aberforth UK Small Companies Fund
1,503,097
3. The Church Commissioners for England
641,900
4. Aberforth Geared Capital & Income Trust plc
559,962
1,2,4 = registered in the name of Nortrust

Nominees
Commissioners for
Ltd A/c Aberforth, 3 = The Church
England (Chase GIS) Nominees Ltd
23/01/2009

5. Date of transaction (and date on which the threshold is crossed or reached if different):
26/01/2009

6. Date on which issuer notified:
11%

7. Threshold(s) that is/are crossed or reached:

8: Notified Details

A: Voting rights attached to shares

Class/type of shares	Situation previous to the triggering transaction	Resulting situation after the triggering transaction
If possible use ISIN code	Number of shares	Number of voting rights
Percentage of voting rights	Number of shares	Number of shares
	Percentage of voting rights	Number of shares
		Direct
Indirect	Indirect	
Ordinary	4,884,473	4,884,473
5,456,240	N/A	5,456,240
GB0004771548	11.31	N/A

B: Financial Instruments

Resulting situation after the triggering transaction

Type of financial instrument	Expiration date	Exercise/ conversion period/date	No. of voting rights that may be acquired (if the instrument
	Percentage of voting rights		exercised/converted)
N/A	N/A		N/A
N/A			

Total (A+B)

Number of voting rights	Percentage of voting rights
5,456,240	11.31

9. Chain of controlled undertakings through which the voting rights and /or the financial instruments are effectively held, if applicable:

HELD BY ABERFORTH PARTNERS LLP

Proxy Voting:

10. Name of proxy holder: N/A

11. Number of voting rights proxy holder will cease to hold: N/A

12. Date on which proxy holder will cease to hold voting rights: N/A

13. Additional information: N/A

14 Contact name: Pauline Robson, Aberforth Partners LLP

15. Contact telephone number: 0131 220 0733

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