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JD Sports Fashion Plc
16 March 2010

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

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2 Reason for the notification (please tick the appropriate box or boxes):

An acquisition or disposal of voting rights
An acquisition or disposal of qualifying financial instruments which may result in the acquisition of shares already issued to which voting rights are attached
An acquisition or disposal of instruments with similar economic effect to qualifying financial instruments
An event changing the breakdown of voting rights
Other (please specify):
YES - TRANSFER OF VOTING RIGHTS

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3. Full name of person(s) subject to the notification obligation: Aberforth Partners LLP
4. Full name of shareholder(s) (if different from 3.): Shareholder Shares 1.
Aberforth Smaller Companies Trust plc 2,880,881 2.
Aberforth UK Small Companies Fund 1,270,897 3.
Aberforth Geared Capital & Income Trust plc 559,962
All shares are registered in

the name of Morturst Nominees Ltd A/c Aberfth
5. Date of the transaction and date on which the threshold is crossed or reached: 15/03/2010
6. Date on which issuer notified: 15/03/2010
7. Threshold(s) that is/are crossed or reached: 10%

2,880,881

2. Aberforth UK Small Companies Fund

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3. Aberforth Geared Capital & Income Trust plc

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8. Notified details:			
A: Voting rights attached to shares			
Class/type of shares if possible using the ISIN CODE	Situation previous to the triggering transaction	Resulting situation after the triggering transaction	
Number	Number	Number	Number
Number of voting rights	% of voting rights	of	of shares
Shares		Voting Rights	
Direct	Indirect	Direct	Indirect
Direct		5,342,640	5,342,640
Ordinary		4,711,740	9.68
GB0004771548		4,711,740	N/A

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B: Qualifying Financial Instruments

Resulting situation after the triggering transaction				
Type of financial instrument	Expiration date	Exercise/ Conversion Period	Number of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised/ converted.	% of rights
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

N/A

N/A

N/A

N/A

N/A

C: Financial Instruments with similar economic effect to Qualifying Financial Instruments

Resulting situation after the triggering transaction				
Type of financial instrument	Exercise/ Conversion	Number of voting rights	% of voting rights	Exercise price
Expiration date				
period	refers to			
N/A	N/A	Nominal	Delta	N/A
N/A	N/A			N/A

N/A

N/A

Nominal

Delta

N/A

N/A

Total (A+B+C)
Number of voting rights
4,711,740
Percentage of voting rights
9.68

4,711,740

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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

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Proxy Voting:
10. Name of the 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

N/A

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N/A

13. Additional information: The voting rights attached to shares beneficially held by The Church Commissioners for England ("Church") were transferred to Church with effect from today, 15 March 2010. Aberforth Partners LLP continue to manage funds for the Church on a discretionary basis.
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