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## FINAL NOTICE

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To:           **Keith Taylor Financial Services**  
Of:           **Pineview**  
              **Ythanbank**  
              **Ellon**  
              **Aberdeenshire**  
              **AB41 7UB**

Dated:       **15 March 2004**

**TAKE NOTICE: The Financial Services Authority of 25 The North Colonnade, Canary Wharf, London E14 5HS (“the FSA”) gives you final notice about a decision to cancel the permission granted to Keith Taylor Financial Services (“KTFS”) to carry on regulated activities.**

**1. ACTION**

The FSA gave you a Decision Notice on 28 May 2004 (“the Decision Notice”) which notified you that for the reasons given below and pursuant to section 45 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (“the Act”), the FSA had decided to cancel the permission granted to KTFS pursuant to Part IV of the Act (“KTFS’ Part IV permission”).

**2. REASONS FOR ACTION**

On the basis of the facts and matters and the conclusions described in its Warning Notice dated 20 March 2003 and in the Decision Notice, the FSA gave notice that it proposed to cancel KTFS’ Part IV permission on the grounds that it appeared to the FSA that KTFS failed to satisfy the threshold conditions set out in Schedule 6 of the Act (“the threshold conditions”) in that KTFS was failing to ensure that its business was conducted soundly and prudently and in compliance with proper standards.

KTFS had also failed to comply with Principle 11, under which firms must co-operate with the FSA. Specifically, it appeared to the FSA that the past business review covering KTFS' entire client base over the preceding 5 years which the FSA had required to be completed by KTFS by the end of January 2002 remained, well over a year later, substantially incomplete.

KTFS exercised its right to make representations to the FSA by a letter faxed to the FSA on 8 May 2002 and orally at a meeting with the Regulatory Decisions Committee on 14 May 2003. In summary, KTFS submitted that the personal circumstances of its sole trader principal, Mr A K Taylor, had caused a series of delays in carrying out the past business review but that was finally to be completed in a matter of days.

Having had regard to KTFS' representations but also to the length of time over which KTFS' failure to co-operate with the FSA has extended, and continues to extend, the FSA's conclusion remained that KTFS was not a fit and proper person having regard to all the circumstances and is therefore failing to satisfy the threshold conditions in relation to the regulatory activities to which KTFS' Part IV permission relates.

KTFS exercised its right to make a reference, about the matters contained in the Decision Notice, to the Financial Services and Markets Tribunal ("the Tribunal") on 26 June 2003. The reference was heard by the Tribunal on 3 February 2004 and, by written decision dated 26 February 2004, was dismissed. Accordingly, the FSA has today cancelled KTFS' Part IV permission.

### **3. IMPORTANT**

This Final Notice is given to you in accordance with section 390(1) of the Act.

#### **Publicity**

Sections 391(4), 391(6) and 391(7) of the Act apply to the publication of information about the matter to which this Final Notice relates. Under those provisions, the FSA must publish such information about the matter to which this Final Notice relates as the FSA considers appropriate. The information may be published in such manner as the FSA considers appropriate. However, the FSA may not publish information if such publication would, in the opinion of the FSA, be unfair to you or prejudicial to the interests of consumers.

The FSA intends to publish such information about the matter to which this Final Notice relates as it considers appropriate.

**FSA Contacts**

For more information concerning this matter generally, you should contact Matthew Fann at the FSA (direct line: 020 7066 5328 /fax: 020 7066 9720).

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