RNS Number : 1980G
Whitbread PLC
02 May 2014

TR-1: NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTEREST IN SHARES [i]

1. Identity of the issuer or the underlying issuer of existing shares to which voting rights are attached: [ii]	Whitbread PLC

2 Reason for the notification (please tick the appropriate box or boxes):	
An acquisition or disposal of voting rights	**X**
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):	

3. Full name of person(s) subject to the notification obligation: [iii]	The Capital Group Companies, Inc.
4. Full name of shareholder(s) (if different from 3.): [iv]	See Schedule A
5. Date of the transaction and date on which the threshold is crossed or reached: [v]	30 April 2014
6. Date on which issuer notified:	1 May 2014
7. Threshold(s) that is/are crossed or reached: [vi, vii]	Below 4%

8. Notified details:

A: Voting rights attached to shares [viii, ix]

Class/type of shares if possible using the ISIN CODE	**Situation previous to the triggering transaction**		**Resulting situation after the triggering transaction**				
	Number of Shares	**Number of Voting Rights**	**Number of shares**	**Number of voting rights**		**% of voting rights** [x]	
			Direct	**Direct** [xi]	**Indirect** [xii]	**Direct**	**Indirect**
Ordinary (GB00B1KJJ408)	9,000,289	9,000,289			7,097,218		3.9112%

B: Qualifying Financial Instruments

Resulting situation after the triggering transaction

Type of financial instrument	**Expiration date** [xiii]	**Exercise/ Conversion Period** [xiv]	**Number of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised/ converted.**	**% of voting rights**
n/a*				

C: Financial Instruments with similar economic effect to Qualifying Financial Instruments [xv, xvi]

Resulting situation after the triggering transaction

Type of financial instrument	Exercise price	Expiration date [xvii]	Exercise/ Conversion period [xviii]	Number of voting rights instrument refers to	% of voting rights [xix, xx]	
					Nominal	Delta
n/a						

Total (A+B+C)	
Number of voting rights	Percentage of voting rights
7,097,218	3.9112%

9. Chain of controlled undertakings through which the voting rights and/or the financial instruments are effectively held, if applicable: [xxi]
See Schedule A

Proxy Voting:	
10. Name of the proxy holder:	
11. Number of voting rights proxy holder will cease to hold:	
12. Date on which proxy holder will cease to hold voting rights:	

13. Additional information:	
14. Contact name:	
15. Contact telephone number:	

Schedule A

As of 30 April 2014

Whitbread PLC

	Number of Shares	Percent of Outstanding
The Capital Group Companies, Inc. ("CG") holdings	**7,097,218**	**3.911%**
Holdings by CG Management Companies and Funds:		
· Capital Guardian Trust Company	564,043	0.311%
· Capital International Limited	66,100	0.036%
· Capital International SArl	96,700	0.053%
· Capital International, Inc.	62,700	0.035%
· Capital Research and Management Company	6,307,675	3.476%

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