

Collins Stewart plc
("the Company")

Director/PDMR Shareholding

The Company announces that on 22nd March 2010, the following options to subscribe for ordinary shares in the Company were granted to its executive Directors under the terms of the Collins Stewart plc Annual Bonus Equity Deferral Plan:

| Name | No. of Options |
|--------------|-----------------------|
| Mark Brown: | 117,417 |
| Paul Baines: | 41,378 |
| John Cotter: | 16,308 |

The options represent the deferred equity element of the annual bonus payable to each of the directors in respect of the year ended 31 December 2009. The exercise price of all options is nil and the options may be exercised after three years provided the participant has not resigned or been dismissed for gross misconduct in the intervening period.

Following the above grants the directors held a total interest in the Company's shares as follows:

| Name | Ordinary Shares | Share Options (Relating to deferral of annual bonus) | LTIP Awards (Subject to Performance Conditions) |
|--------------|------------------------|---|--|
| Mark Brown: | - | 117,417 | 400,000 |
| Paul Baines: | 2,420,639 | 214,498 | - |
| John Cotter: | - | 16,308 | - |

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