

FAIRPOINT.

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Fairpoint Group plc (“Fairpoint” or “the Company”)

Director's Dealings

Fairpoint announces that, on 25 March 2008, Mr CS Mindenhall, a non-Executive director of the Company, bought 12,000 ordinary shares of 1p each in the Company at an average price of approximately 89.3p per share. Following this purchase Mr Mindenhall has an interest in 1,788,854 shares, representing approximately 4.2% of the Company's issued share capital.

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