

**Guinness Peat Group  
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The Manager  
Company Announcements  
The Stock Exchange of Newcastle Limited  
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**By Facsimile: (02) 4929 1556 (3 pages)**

Dear Sir

**RE: GUINNESS PEAT GROUP plc ("GPG")**

Please find attached for your information a copy of a Form 604, Notice of Change of Interests of Substantial Holder in Rattoon Holdings Limited ("RTN") which was lodged with Rattoon this afternoon.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature, likely of RB Maclean, is enclosed within a hand-drawn oval. A small arrow points from the signature towards the word "Yours faithfully" above it.

RB Maclean  
COMPANY SECRETARY

**Form 604**Corporations Act  
Section 671B**Notice of change of interests of substantial holder**To Company Name/Scheme RATTOON HOLDINGS LIMITEDACN/ARSN 076 611 268**1. Details of substantial holder (1)**Name GUINNESS PEAT GROUP plc & its subsidiariesACN (if applicable) Incorporated and registered in England and Wales with registered number 103548There was a change in the interests of the substantial holder on 07/12/05The previous notice was given to the company on 23/09/05The previous notice was dated 23/09/05**2. Previous and present voting power**

The total number of votes attached to all the voting shares in the company or voting interests in the scheme that the substantial holder or an associate (2) had a relevant interest (3) in when last required, and when now required, to give a substantial holding notice to the company or scheme, are as follows:

Class of securities (4)	Previous notice		Present notice	
	Person's votes	Voting power (5)	Person's votes	Voting power (5)
Ordinary	7,743,480	17.15%	7,743,480	20.19%

**3. Changes in relevant interests**

Particulars of each change in, or change in the nature of, a relevant interest of the substantial holder or an associate in voting securities of the company or scheme, since the substantial holder was last required to give a substantial holding notice to the company or scheme, are as follows:

Date of change	Person whose relevant interest changed	Nature of change (6)	Consideration given in relation to change (7)	Class and number of securities affected	Person's votes affected
7/12/05	Guinness Peat Group plc & its subsidiaries	Reduction in shares on issue by Rattoon Holdings following completion of Equal Access Buy-Back offer	N/A	N/A	NIL

**4. Present relevant interests**

Particulars of each relevant interest of the substantial holder in voting securities after the change are as follows:

Holder of relevant interest	Registered holder of securities	Person entitled to be registered as holder (8)	Nature of relevant interest (6)	Class and number of securities	Person's votes
Guinness Peat Group plc & its subsidiaries	BB Nominees Pty Limited	Guinness Peat Group plc & its subsidiaries		Ord 7,743,480	7,743,480

**5. Changes in association**

The persons who have become associates (2) of, ceased to be associates of, or have changed the nature of their association (9) with, the substantial holder in relation to voting interests in the company or scheme are as follows:

Name and ACN (if applicable)	Nature of association

**6. Addresses**

The addresses of persons named in this form are as follows:

Name	Address
Guinness Peat Group plc & its subsidiaries	First Floor, Times Place, 45 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5GP
BB Nominees Pty Limited	Lvl 46 80 Collins Street Melbourne VIC 3000

**Signature**

print name Robert B Maclean Capacity Authorised Officer  
 sign here  Date 8 December 2005

**DIRECTIONS**

- (1) If there are a number of substantial holders with similar or related relevant interests (eg. a corporation and its related corporations, or the manager and trustee of an equity trust), the names could be included in an annexure to the form. If the relevant interests of a group of persons are essentially similar, they may be referred to throughout the form as a specifically named group if the membership of each group, with the names and addresses of members is clearly set out in paragraph 6 of the form.
- (2) See the definition of "associate" in section 9 of the Corporations Act.
- (3) See the definition of "relevant interest" in sections 608 and 671B(7) of the Corporations Act.
- (4) The voting shares of a company constitute one class unless divided into separate classes.
- (5) The person's vote divided by the total votes in the body corporate or scheme multiplied by 100.
- (6) Include details of:
  - (a) any relevant agreement or other circumstances because of which the change in relevant interest occurred. If subsection 671B(4) applies, a copy of any document setting out the terms of any relevant agreement, and a statement by the person giving full and accurate details of any contract, scheme or arrangement, must accompany this form, together with a written statement certifying this contract, scheme or arrangement; and
  - (b) any qualification of the power of a person to exercise, control the exercise of, or influence the exercise of, the voting powers or disposal of the securities to which the relevant interest relates (indicating clearly the particular securities to which the qualification applies).

See the definition of "relevant agreement" in section 9 of the Corporations Act.
- (7) Details of the consideration must include any and all benefits, money and other, that any person from whom a relevant interest was acquired has, or may, become entitled to receive in relation to that acquisition. Details must be included even if the benefit is conditional on the happening or not of a contingency. Details must be included of any benefit paid on behalf of the substantial holder or its associate in relation to the acquisitions, even if they are not paid directly to the person from whom the relevant interest was acquired.
- (8) If the substantial holder is unable to determine the identity of the person (eg. if the relevant interest arises because of an option) write "unknown".
- (9) Give details, if appropriate, of the present association and any change in that association since the last substantial holding notice.