

# Financial Services Authority

## TR-1<sup>i</sup> : NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES

**1. Identity of the issuer or the underlying issuer of existing shares to which voting rights are attached<sup>ii</sup> :**

Meridian Petroleum Plc

**2. Reason for the notification** (please tick the appropriate box or boxes):

An acquisition or disposal of voting rights

An acquisition or disposal of financial instruments which may result in the acquisition of shares already issued to which voting rights are attached

An event changing the breakdown of voting rights

Other (please specify):

**3. Full name of person(s) subject to the notification obligation<sup>iii</sup> :**

Barclays PLC

**4. Full name of shareholder(s)** (if different from 3.)

Barclays Stockbrokers Ltd

Gerrard Investment Management Ltd

**5. Date of the transaction and date on which the threshold is crossed or reached<sup>v</sup> :**

19-May-08

**6. Date on which issuer notified:**

20-May-08

**7. Threshold(s) that is/are crossed or reached:**

12% to 11%

**8. Notified details:**

<b>A: Voting rights attached to shares</b>							
Class/type of shares <small>if possible using the ISIN CODE</small>	Situation previous to the Triggering transaction <sup>vi</sup>		Resulting situation after the triggering transaction <sup>viii</sup>				
	Number of Shares	Number of Voting Rights <sup>viii</sup>	Number of Shares	Number of Voting Rights		% of voting rights	
				Direct <sup>x</sup>	Indirect <sup>xi</sup>	Direct	Indirect
GB00B01D7F15	11,745,508	11,745,508	11,545,781	0	11,545,781	0.00	11.96

<b>B: Financial Instruments</b>				
Resulting situation after the triggering transaction <sup>xiii</sup>				
Type of financial instrument	Expiration date <sup>xiii</sup>	Exercise/Conversion Period/ Date <sup>xiv</sup>	Number of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised/converted.	% of voting rights
<b>Total (A+B)</b>				
Number of voting rights			% of voting rights	
11,545,781			11.96	

**9. Chain of controlled undertakings through which the voting rights and/or the financial instruments are effectively held, if applicable <sup>xv</sup> :**

Barclays Stockbrokers Ltd

Gerrard Investment Management Ltd

**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:** Geoff Smith

**15. Contact telephone number:** 020 7116 2913

**Annex to Notification Of Major Interests In Shares** <sup>xvi</sup>**A: Identity of the person or legal entity subject to the notification obligation**

<b>Full name</b> (including legal form for legal entities)	Barclays PLC
<b>Contact address</b> (registered office for legal entities)	1 Churchill Place London, E14 5HP
<b>Phone number</b>	020 7116 2913
<b>Other useful information</b> (at least legal representative for legal persons)	

**B: Identity of the notifier, if applicable** <sup>xvii</sup>

<b>Full name</b>	Geoff Smith
<b>Contact address</b>	BARCLAYS PLC 1 Churchill Place London, E14 5HP
<b>Phone number</b>	020 7116 2913
<b>Other useful information</b> (e.g. functional relationship with the person or legal entity subject to the notification obligation)	

**C: Additional information**