

JJB Sports plc

Further to the announcement on 25th March 2003 that David Whelan, Chairman, intended to consider making an offer for the Company, the Board has been informed today by Mr Whelan that he will not be proceeding with the offer. Mr Whelan commented:

“Whilst I am confident that financing would have been available to pursue an offer of 220p per share, the Independent Directors, who have been advised by UBS Investment Bank, have concluded that the indicative price would not be recommendable to shareholders.

I continue to believe in the prospects of JJB Sports and I look forward to participating in JJB’s future success both as Chairman and through my significant shareholding which I remain committed to holding.”

The Company reports that trading for the 21 weeks to 22 June 2003 has been challenging and has been impacted by comparisons with the period including the FIFA World Cup in 2002. Whilst like for like turnover and gross margins are slightly lower than those achieved in the comparative period, the Board remains confident for the full year and is comfortable with current market expectations.

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