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Numis Corporation Plc (“Numis” or “the Company”)

The Board of Numis announces that, on 15 March 2004, options over a total of 111,500 (0.58%) ordinary shares in Numis held by the Numis Employee Share Trust (“the Trust”) were surrendered, as a part of the on-going reorganisation of the Company’s employee share option arrangements. These options had been granted to Charles Crick, an executive director of Numis. The terms of the options were as follows:

| Number of options over ordinary shares in Numis | Subscription price/p | Latest exercise date |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| 71,500 | 105.0p | 7 July 2004 |
| 40,000 | 107.5p | 18 October 2006 |

Subsequently, on 15 March 2004, the Trust disposed of 111,500 ordinary shares in Numis at an average price of 105.90p per ordinary share to a discretionary trust established by Charles Crick. Following the disposal the Trust holds 826,269 (4.31%) and Charles Crick holds 428,818 (2.24%) ordinary shares in Numis.

The ordinary shares referred to are Numis’ ordinary shares of 25p per share and the total number of shares in issue is 19,159,997.

16 March 2004

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