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For the attention of Mr David Horsley, Coroner

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30 October 2012

Dear Sirs

Our Client:

Mrs Gladys Mabel Richards (deceased)

**Pre-Inquest Hearing** 

New Kings Court, Tollgate, Chandler's Ford Eastleigh, Hampshire SO53 3LG

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Our Ref: 558203/000001/JCW/RICHARD/S2D

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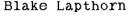
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