

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr Nicholas Blunden
Alan Blunden & Co Ltd
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UNITED KINGDOM
SS12JN

06 November 2004

Ref: A4002827

Dear Mr Blunden

Grant of Permission under Part IV of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 ("FSMA").

I am pleased to inform you that your application for permission under Part IV of FSMA has been granted by the FSA. Consequently Alan Blunden & Co Ltd is an authorised person with effect from Friday, January 14, 2005. This letter supersedes any Minded to Authorise letter that you may have previously received.

Other than in accordance with the attached permission profile under Part IV of FSMA, or any other FSMA provision, Alan Blunden & Co Ltd as an authorised person must not carry on a regulated activity in the United Kingdom, or purport to do so (s20 FSMA).

You will find in the top right hand corner of this letter your Application Reference Number which you should quote in any correspondence relating to this letter. You have also been allocated a Firm reference Number: 309694. This is the reference you should use in correspondence with the FSA from the date of regulation. Product providers may also ask you for this number as proof of authorisation.

Attached to this letter are three appendices (where applicable):

- Appendix A sets out the scope of the permission Alan Blunden & Co Ltd has been granted, including any requirements or limitations.
- Appendix B contains a list of the approved persons who may carry on controlled functions under s59 FSMA with effect from the date Alan Blunden & Co Ltd is an authorised person.
- Appendix C sets out the Appointed Representatives (ARs) for which Alan Blunden & Co Ltd has responsibility, and the approved persons of these AR's who may carry out controlled functions under s59 FSMA with effect from the date Alan Blunden & Co Ltd is an authorised person.

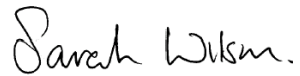
It is important that you check the information contained in these attachments carefully. If any changes are required please tell us immediately so that we can make the amendments and issue a revised version prior to the date of regulation.

If you want to withdraw your application, for example, because you have decided to become an appointed representative of an authorised firm, you must notify us at the earliest opportunity as you cannot be both authorised and exempt at the date of regulation.

Under s44 FSMA, the FSA may consider any application Alan Blunden & Co Ltd might make to vary your permission by adding, or removing a regulated activity, or altering the description of a regulated activity, or by varying or cancelling any requirement imposed by the FSA under s43 FSMA.

We will be in touch with you nearer to the launch of the regime with more about our supervision regime. In the mean time, should you have any questions arising from the contents of this letter or its appendices, please do not hesitate to contact us on 0845 6055525 or by email at fsaenquiries@mgf.fsa.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sarah Wilson
Director
High Street Firms Division

Enc: Appendix A - Scope of Permission
 Appendix B - Approved Persons
 Appendix C - Appointed Representatives (where appropriate)

Appendix A: Scope of Permission

Alan Blunden & Co Ltd
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Essex
UNITED KINGDOM
SS12JN

(309694)

Permissions:

Regulated activity - Advising on investments (except Pension Transfers and Pension Opt Outs)

Investment Type
Non Investment Insurance Contracts

Customer Type
All

Authorised from
14-JAN-2005

Regulated activity - Arranging (bringing about) deals in investments

Investment Type
Non Investment Insurance Contracts

Customer Type
All

Authorised from
14-JAN-2005

Regulated activity - Making arrangements with a view to transactions in investments

Investment Type
Non Investment Insurance Contracts

Customer Type
All

Authorised from
14-JAN-2005

Regulated activity - Dealing in investments as agent

Investment Type
Non Investment Insurance Contracts

Customer Type
All

Authorised from
14-JAN-2005

Regulated activity - Assisting in the administration and performance of a contract of insurance

Investment Type
Non Investment Insurance Contracts

Customer Type
All

Authorised from
14-JAN-2005

Regulated activity - Agree to carry on a regulated activity

Investment Type
Regulated Activity

Limitations
The firm can agree to carry on only the regulated activities specified in this permission notice

Customer Type
All

Authorised from
14-JAN-2005

Requirements

none

Appendix B: Approved Persons

Alan Blunden & Co Ltd

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Name	Reference	NI Number	Date of Birth
Mr Nicholas Alan Blunden	NAB01095	NW141492B	28 August 1970
<i>Director Function</i>			
<i>Chief Executive Function</i>			
<i>Apportionment and Oversight Function</i>			
Mr Daniel John Blunden	DJB00147	ZW626162C	30 June 1940
<i>Director Function</i>			
<i>Chief Executive Function</i>			
<i>Apportionment and Oversight Function</i>			
Mr Barry Dennis Brook	BDB01024	WP142882D	24 November 1961
<i>Director Function</i>			
<i>Chief Executive Function</i>			
<i>Apportionment and Oversight Function</i>			
