

TR1	NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES
1. Identity of the issuer or the underlying issuer of existing shares to which voting rights are attached:	JOHN MENZIES PLC

2. Reason for the notification (please tick the appropriate box or boxes):	
An acquisition or disposal of voting rights	X
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): EU Transparency Directive	

3. Full name of person(s) subject to the notification obligation:	AXA S.A., 25 Avenue Matignon, 75008 Paris and its group of Companies
4. Full name of shareholder(s) (if different from 3):	
5. Date of the transaction and date of which the threshold is crossed or reached:	24/03/2009
6. Date on which issuer notified:	25/03/2009
7. Threshold(s) that is/are crossed or reached:	5%
8. Notified details:	

A. VOTING RIGHTS ATTACHED TO SHARES							
Class/type of shares if possible using the ISIN CODE	Situation previous to the triggering transaction		Resulting situation after the triggering transaction				
	Number of shares	Number of voting rights	Number of shares	Number of voting rights		% of Voting rights	
			Direct	Direct	Indirect	Direct	Indirect
GB0005790059	3,509,563	3,509,563	263,534	263,534	2,657,887	0.44	4.41

B. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS				
Resulting situation after the triggering transaction				
Type of financial instrument	Expiration date	Exercise/Conversion Period/Date	Number of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised/converted	% of voting rights
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

TOTAL (A+B)	
Number of voting rights	% of voting rights
2,921,421	4.85%

9. Chain of controlled undertakings through which the voting rights and/or the financial instruments are effectively held, if applicable:
AXA 94,898 shares (direct) AXA Framlington 888,451 (indirect) AXA Rosenberg 168,636 (direct) AXA Rosenberg 1,769,436 (indirect)

PROXY VOTING:	
10. Name of the proxy holder:	N/A

11. Number of voting rights proxy holder will cease to hold:	N/A
12. Date on which proxy holder will cease to hold voting rights:	N/A
13. Additional Information	N/A
14. Contact Name:	KYERE TABIRI
15. Contact Telephone Number:	020 7003 1510

This notification is made in accordance with Rule 5.8.12 R(1) of the Disclosure and Transparency Rules sourcebook.

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