SIGNET GROUP PLC Form 6-K January 16, 2004

FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

Special Report of Foreign Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a - 16 or 15d - 16 of The Securities and Exchange Act of 1934

For the date of January 16, 2004

SIGNET GROUP plc

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Zenith House The Hyde London NW9 6EW England (Address of principal executive office)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40F.

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes No X

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SCHEDULE 10

NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES

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Name of company SIGNET GROUP plc 2) Name of shareholder having a major interest HBOS plc AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES 3) Please state whether notification indicates that it is in respect of holding of the shareholder named in 2 above or in respect of a non-beneficial interest or in the case of an individual holder if it is a holding of that person's spouse or children under the age of 18 AS IN 2 ABOVE 4) Name of the registered holder(s) and, if more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them PLEASE SEE LETTER BELOW 5) Number of shares/amount of stock acquired N/A 6) Percentage of issued class N/A 7) Number of shares/amount of stock disposed NOT STATED 8) Percentage of issued class N/A 9) Class of security 0.5P ORDINARY SHARES 10) Date of transaction NOT STATED 11) Date company informed 15 JANUARY 2004 12) Total holding following this notification NOT STATED 13) Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification N/A 14) Any additional information

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15) Name of contact and telephone number for queries

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16) Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification

Date of notification .. 16 JANUARY 2004..

Letter from HBOS plc

Section 198 disclosure by HBOS plc on its own behalf and on behalf of those of its subsidiaries which hold a material interest in Ordinary 0.5p shares comprising part of the relevant share capital of Signet Group plc ("the Company")

Pursuant to Section 198 of the Act, we hereby give the Company notice that we no longer have a material interest (for the purposes of Sections 208 and 209 of the Act) in the Ordinary 0.5p shares comprising part of the relevant share capital (as defined in the section 198 of the Act) of the Company immediately after such time as our obligation to make this notification arose.

END

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

SIGNET GROUP plc

By: /s/ Walker Boyd

Name: Walker Boyd Title: Group Finance Director

Date: January 16, 2004