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## The Morgan Crucible Company plc

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Re:

The Morgan Crucible Company plc - File No. 82-3387

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The enclosed material is furnished pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) on behalf of The Morgan Crucible Company plc (the 'Company'), File No.82-3387.

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Sincerely,

Jan Z **Tracey Bigmore** 

Manager, Company Secretariat

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The Morgan Crucible Company plc

82-3387

Company TIDM Headline Released Number Morgan Crucible Co PLC MGCR Holding(s) in Company 16:00 7 Apr 2003 7369J

## SCHEDULE 10

## NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES

- Name of company: The Morgan Crucible Company plc
- 2) Name of shareholder having a major interest: AXA S.A.
- 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:

  Beneficial and non-beneficial interest of the shareholder named in 2 and its subsidiaries.
- 4) Name of the registered holder(s) and, if more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them: HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Ltd A/C 845315 2,565 shares; HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Ltd A/C 845017 1,200,000 shares; HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Ltd A/C 777086 41,796 shares; HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Ltd A/C 777094 30,000 shares; HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Ltd A/C 777167 37,580 shares; HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Ltd A/C 785078 8,038 shares; HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Ltd A/C 873426 17,550 shares; HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Ltd A/C 867815 1,108,484 shares; HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Ltd A/C 867396 1,687,683 shares; HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Ltd A/C 867530 200,000 shares; HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Ltd A/C 867372 5,153,862 shares; HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Ltd A/C 867116 646,575 shares; HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Ltd A/C 867268 601,717 shares; HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Ltd A/C 867050 2,251,220 shares; RBSTB Nominees designation Sunpen 248,936 shares; Sun Life International (IOM) Ltd A/C SLI 11 3,001,500 shares; Chase Nominees Ltd A/C BTO1C 801,188 shares; Chase Nominees Ltd A/C 00994 1,533,648 shares; Other Accounts 7,315,271 shares; HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Ltd A/C 880868 1,700,000 shares; HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Ltd A/C 845029 1,875,000 shares; HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Ltd A/C 844359 1,641,999 shares; Citibank Crest: BAO1F 300,000 shares.
- 5) Number of shares/amount of stock acquired: Not known
- 6) Percentage of issued class: Not known
- 7) Number of shares/amount of stock disposed: Not known
- 8) Percentage of issued class:
   Not known
- 9) Class of Security: Ordinary shares of 25p
- 10) Date of Transaction: Not known

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11) Date company informed: Faxed letter dated 7/4/03 received 7/4/03

- 12) Total holding following this notification: 15,703,447 non-material; 15,701,165 material
- 13) Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification: 6.77% non-material; 6.77% material
- 14) Any additional information: N/A
- 15) Name of contact and telephone number for queries: Mr D.J. Coker, Company Secretary tel. 01753 837222
- 16) Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification:
  Mr D.J. Coker
- 17) Date of notification:  $7^{\text{th}}$  April 2003

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