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**Countrywide Farmers plc
Death of a Director**

Countrywide Farmers plc, one of the UK's leading suppliers of products, services and advice to the rural community, is saddened to announce the death of Sir Ben Gill, Non-Executive Director, who passed away on Thursday 8 May 2014, aged 64.

Nigel Hall, Chairman of Countrywide, said: "Ben made a tremendous contribution to the development of Countywide during his nine and a half years on the board and he will be sorely missed by all his colleagues and friends. His strategic vision, commercial acumen and tireless enthusiasm, right to the end, are a testimony to his character. Everyone at Countrywide extends their heartfelt sympathy to his family."

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Nigel Hall
Chairman

The Directors of Countrywide Farmers plc accept full responsibility for this statement