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## **UNITED STATES**

### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## NOTICE OF EXEMPT SOLICITATION

- 1. Name of Registrant: Towers Watson & Company
- 2. Name of Person Relying on Exemption: Driehaus Capital Management LLC
- 3. Address of Person Relying on Exemption: 25 East Erie Street

Chicago, IL 60611

4. Written Materials:

The attached written materials are submitted pursuant to Rule 14a-6(g)(1)

September 14, 2015

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Once again, we urge fellow shareholders to vote against this proposal.

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# Driehaus Capital Management Issues Open Letter to Towers Watson Shareholders Opposing its Proposed Transaction with Willis Holdings

CHICAGO, Ill., September 14, 2015 Driehaus Capital Management, a Chicago-based investment adviser of funds that own 697,000 shares of Towers Watson & Company (NASDAQ: TW), released an open letter to its fellow TW shareholders regarding TW s proposed transaction with Willis Holdings Group plc (NYSE: WSH). Driehaus states that it intends to vote the shares owned by the Driehaus funds against the proposed transaction. The letter and an accompanying paper explain why the proposed transaction does not adequately compensate TW shareholders.

The full text of the letter is provided below:

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