

COMPANIES FORM No. 155(6)b

## Declaration by the directors of a holding company in relation to assistance for the acquisition of shares



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Pursuant to section 155(6) of the Companies Act 1985

Please complete legibly, preferably in black type, or bold block lettering

To the Registrar of Companies (Address overleaf - Note 5)

For official use Company number 29796

\*Insert full name

of company

Note Please read the on page 3 e completing this form

name(s) and address(es) of all the directors

Name of company \* RING LIMITED

#### ±/We<sup>†</sup>

ROBERT LYNN SKILLEN of Apt. 510, 7345 Fairway Drive, Miami Lakes, Florida 33014, USA, ERIC BESCOBY OF 2422 NW 40th Circle, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, ANTHONY FREDERICK WELHAM of 82 West End Lane, Horsforth, Leeds, West Yorkshire LS18 5EP and JOHN MADDISON HALL of the Granary, Briery Hall Farm, Chevet Lane, Wakefield, West Yorkshire WF2 6PT.

SDelete as appropriate [the sode sinestor][all the directors]\$ of the above company (hereinafter called 'this company') do solemnly and sincerely declare that:

The business of this company is:

‡Delete whichever is inappropriate

(a) that of a free egnised bank (tire resect institution) Swithin the meaning of the Banking Art 1979. ‡ (b)xthat of axpersorx authorised under section 8×ex4xxf the insurance Companies Astx1982 to sarry ‡mobgnizhetink extra essaizudekkingdom

(c) something other than the above ‡

This company is [the][a] holding company of\* HOVEKEY LIMITED

which is

proposing to give financial assistance in connection with the acquisition of shares in [this company][

xthe holding company of this company &

Presentor's name address and reference (if any):

Morgan, Lewis & Bockius 2 Gresham Street London EC2V 7PE DX 42603 Cheapside 1

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Post room



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The assistance is for the purpose of [that: acquisition] reducing or discharging a liability incurred for the purpose of that acquisition].\* (note 1)

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The number and class of the shares acquired or to be acquired is:

39,645,923 50p Ordinary Shares, being the entire issued Ordinary Share Capital of Ring Limited.

The assistance is to be given to: (note 2)

CATALINA INTERNATIONAL LIMITED whose registered office is at: 100 Barbirolli \*Square, Manchester, Lancashire M2 3AB.

The assistance will take the form of:

It is proposed that pursuant to the terms of the Third Amended and Restated Revolving Credit and Term Loan Agreement dated as of July 23, 2001 (the "Credit Agreement"), the Subsidiary Company will enter into both:

- (a) the First Amendment to the Guaranty Agreement (UK Subsidiaries) to be between centain of the direct and indirect subsidiaries of Ring Limited, including the Subsidiary Company, and the SunTrust Bank (the "New UK Subsidiary Guaranty"); and
- (b) the Mortgage Debenture to be between certain of the direct and indirect subsidiaries of Ring Limited, including the Subsidiary Company, and SunTrust Bank (the "Mortgage Debenture").

The person who [has acquired [wilk acquire] \* the shares is: CATALINA INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

\*Delete as appropriate

The principal terms on which the assistance will be given are:

Please see attached continuation sheet.

The amount (if any) by which the net assets of the company which is giving the assistance will be reduced by giving it is

The amount of cash to be transferred to the person assisted is £

nil

The value of any asset to be transferred to the person assisted is £

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#### **Continuation Sheet**

The principal terms on which the assistance will be given are:

Pursuant to the Mortgage Debenture, the Subsidiary Company grants a legal mortgage and fixed and floating charges over all of their assets by way of continuing security for the monies, obligations and liabilities of the Borrowers under the Credit Agreement.

Pursuant to the New UK Subsidiary Guaranty, the Subsidiary Company irrevocably and unconditionally guarantees the punctual payment when due, whether at stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise, of all Sterling Borrower Obligations owed by Ring Limited and all Holdings Borrower Obligations owing by Catalina International Limited to the Lenders, the Administrative Agent, the UK Issuing Bank and the UK Swingline Lender or any of them under the Credit Agreement and all other Credit Documents.

All capitalised terms shall have the meaning ascribed in the Credit Agreement unless stated otherwise.

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The date on which the assistance is to be given is

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May, 2002

Please complete legibly, preferably in black type, or bold block lettering \*/We have formed the opinion, as regards this company's initial situation immediately following the date on which the assistance is proposed to be given, that there will be no ground on which it could then be found to be unable to pay its debts. (note 3)

† Delete either (a) or (b) as appropriate

- (a) [I/We have formed the opinion that this company will be able to pay its debts as they fall due during the year immediately following that date] † (note 3)

And I/we make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of the Statutory Declarations Act 1835.

Declared at

Day Month Year

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A Commissioner for Oaths or Notary Public or Justice of the Peace or a Solicitor having the powers conferred on a Commissioner for Oaths. ALICIA BLANCO
MY COMMISSION # CC 778752
EXPIRES: 12/14/2002

Declarants to sign below

#### **Notes**

- 1 For the meaning of "a person incurring a liability" and "reducing or discharging a liability" see section 152(3) of the Companies Act 1985.
- 2 Insert full name(s) and address(es) of the person(s) to whom assistance is to be given; if a recipient is a company the registered office address should be shown.
- 3 Contingent and prospective liabilities of the company are to be taken into account see section 156(3) of the Companies Act 1985.
- 4 The auditors' report required by section 156(4) of the Companies Act 1985 must be annexed to this form.
- 5 The address for companies registered in England and Wales or Wales is:-

The Registrar of Companies Companies House Crown Way Cardiff CF14 3UZ

or, for companies registered in Scotland:-

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**30** May, 2002

Declarant

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# AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS OF RING LIMITED (THE COMPANY) PURSUANT TO SECTION 156(4) OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

We have examined the attached statutory declaration of the directors dated 30 May 2002 in connection with the proposal that the Company should give financial assistance for the purchase of 39,645,923 of the Company's 50 p Ordinary shares.

#### BASIS OF OPINION

We have enquired into the state of the Company's affairs in order to review the bases for the statutory declaration.

#### **OPINION**

We are not aware of anything to indicate that the opinion expressed by the directors in their declaration as to any of the matters mentioned in section 156(2) of the Companies Act 1985 is unreasonable in all the circumstances.

GRANT THORNTON
REGISTERED AUDITORS

Count Thoulas

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Leeds

30 May 2002