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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

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

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Company number

383505

Name of company

Note
Please read the notes
on page 3 before
completing this form

* FOSECO OVERSEAS LIMITED (The Company)

* insert full name
of company

~~We~~ David Gordon Hussey of Callingwood Hall, Callingwood Lane,
Tatenhill, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire, DE13 9SH

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

Paul Dean of 11 Botany, Highworth, Swindon, Wiltshire SN6 7BT

James Robert Provan Pike of 16A Dyer Street, Cirencester,
Gloucestershire GL7 2PF

† delete as
appropriate

~~We~~ [all the directors]† of the above company (hereinafter called 'this company') do
solemnly and sincerely declare that:

§ delete whichever
is inappropriate

The business of this company is:

- (a) ~~that of a person authorised under section 1 of the Insurance Companies Act 1982 to carry on insurance business in the United Kingdom~~
- (b) ~~that of a person authorised under section 3 or 4 of the Insurance Companies Act 1982 to carry on insurance business in the United Kingdom~~
- (c) something other than the above§

This company is [the] ~~a~~ holding company of* Foseco (GB) Limited ("Subco")

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

~~This holding company of this company~~

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

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Broadwalk House
5 Appold Street
London
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The assistance is for the purpose of ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ [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: 60,616,139 ordinary shares
of 25p each

The assistance is to be given to: (note 2) Foseco plc (company number 5413927) of
Coleshill Road, Fazeley, Tamworth, Staffordshire B78 3XG

The assistance will take the form of:

PARTICULARS OF THE FORM OF ASSISTANCE TO BE PROVIDED ARE SET OUT IN
ATTACHMENT 1

The person who [has acquired] ~~XXXXXXXX~~ the shares is:

Foseco (UK) Limited (company number 4250748) of Coleshill Road, Fazeley,
Tamworth, Staffordshire B78 3XG

† delete as appropriate

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

PARTICULARS OF THE FORM OF ASSISTANCE TO BE PROVIDED ARE SET OUT IN
ATTACHMENT 2.

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

The amount of cash to be transferred to the person assisted is £ See attachment 3.

The value of any asset to be transferred to the person assisted is £ NIL 3706742 Page 2

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The date on which the assistance is to be given is within eight weeks of today's date

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☒ 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)

(a) ☒ 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)

* delete either (a) or
(b) as appropriate

(b) ~~We have formed the opinion that this company will be able to pay its debts in full within 12 months of the date on which the assistance is proposed to be given]* (note 3)~~

And ☒ 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 TAMWORTH IN THE
COUNTY OF STAFFORDSHIRE

Declarants to sign below

Day Month Year
on

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before me *[Signature]*

A Commissioner for Oaths or Notary Public or Justice of the Peace or a Solicitor having the powers conferred on a Commissioner for Oaths.

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.
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Cardiff
CF14 3UZ

or, for companies registered in Scotland:-

The Registrar of Companies
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Edinburgh
EH1 2EB

FOSECO OVERSEAS LIMITED

**Company Number 383505
Attachment 1 to Form 155(6)b**

Upstream Loan Facility

An intra-group loan facility granted by Subco, along with other members of the group of companies of which it is a member, in favour of Foseco plc (No. 5413927) pursuant to an upstream loan agreement dated on or about the date hereof (the "**Upstream Loan Agreement**").

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Company Number 383505
Attachment 2 to Form 155(6)b

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

Upstream Loan

By executing the Upstream Loan Agreement, Subco will make available to Foseco plc (No. 5413927) (the "**Assisted Company**") a revolving loan facility of up to £46,000,000 in order to enable the Assisted Company to make payments when due under a facilities agreement dated 4 May 2005 between, inter alia, the Assisted Company and The Royal Bank of Scotland plc (as amended or restated from time to time), any such advances under the facility to be made only if the aggregate of all monies standing to the credit of all its bank accounts exceeds the amount of the proposed advance.

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Company Number 383505
Attachment 3 to Form 155(6)b

Cash to be transferred at the time of the giving of the financial assistance is nil. However, cash may become payable under the Upstream Loan Agreement.

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[illegible]

And ~~X~~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

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Declarants to sign below

Mr. Viter

on

Day	Month	Year
10	05	2005

before me

Alison J Fielden

~~A Commissioner for Oaths or Notary Public or Justice of the Peace or a Solicitor having the powers conferred on a Commissioner for Oaths.~~

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS OF FOSECO
OVERSEAS LIMITED PURSUANT TO SECTION 156(4) OF THE COMPANIES ACT
1985**

We have examined the attached statutory declarations of the directors dated 10 May, prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law, in connection with the proposed financial assistance to be given by the company's subsidiary, Foseco (GB) Limited, in support of debt of Foseco plc incurred to refinance existing debt previously used to acquire shares in Foseco Overseas Limited.

This report is made solely to the directors in accordance with section 156(4) of the Companies Act 1985. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the directors those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report under section 156(4) and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the directors, for our work under section 156(4), for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Basis of opinion

We have enquired into the state of affairs of the company so far as necessary 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.



Ernst & Young LLP
Registered Auditor
No.1 Colmore Square
Birmingham
B4 6HQ

10 May 2005