

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

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

or official use	Company number
	00497339

in black type, or bold block lettering

Name of company

Please read the notes on page 3 before completing this form

\* insert full name of company

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

\* W.H. BODDINGTON & CO LIMITED

See Annexure A

† delete as appropriate

solemnly and sincerely declare that:

§ delete whichever is inappropriate

The business of this company is:

- $\langle \langle \rangle \rangle$
- (c) something other than the above§

This company is [A] [a] holding company of\* TONBRIDGE TOOLS LIMITED which is proposing to give financial assistance in connection with the acquisition of shares in [this company] [ \_ 

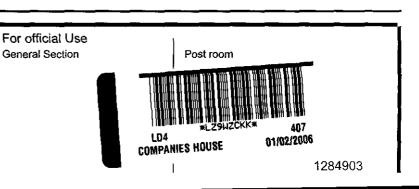
Presentor's name address and reference (if any):

SJ Berwin LLP 222 Grays Inn Road

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The assistance is for the purpose of ***********************************	Please do not write in this margin
The number and class of the shares acquired or to be acquired is: 147,200 Ordinary Shares of	Please complete legibly, preferably in black type, or bold block
£1 each	lettering
The assistance is to be given to: (note 2) W.H. BODDINGTON & CO (HOLDINGS) LIMITED	
(company registration number 04765851), Suite 14, 55 Park Lane, London W1Y 3DH	
The assistance will take the form of:	
See Annexure B	
The person who [has acquired] [walkackackack the shares is:	† delete as appropriate
W.H. BODDINGTON & CO (HOLDINGS) LIMITED	
The principal terms on which the assistance will be given are:	
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The amount (if any) by which the net assets of the company which is giving the assistance will be reduced by giving it is $\frac{Nil}{}$	(V, 1) M57
The amount of cash to be transferred to the person assisted is £ See Annexure D	
The value of any asset to be transferred to the person assisted is £	Page 2 1284903

Please do not write in this margin The date on which the assistance is to be given is

within 8 weeks of the date hereof

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

delete either (a) or (b) as appropriate

When 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) Xi/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 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

SJ Berwin LLP, 222 Grays Inn Road, London, WC1X 8XF

Day Month Year

before me

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

The Registrar of Companies Companies House 37 Castle Terrace Edinburgh EH1 2EB



## WH Boddington & Co Limited Company No. 00497339 (the "Company")

### Annexure A – Form 155(6)a

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Annexure B - Form 155(6)b

#### **Definitions**

In this Statutory Declaration (including Annexures A, B, C and D) the following expressions shall have the following meanings:

"Board Resolutions"

means the resolutions of the board of directors of the

Company and the Subsidiary passed on or about the date

of this Statutory Declaration

"Intercreditor Deed"

has the meaning given to it in the Senior Facility Agreement

"Intra-Group Loan Agreement"

means the agreement to be entered into whereby the Company, inter alios, has agreed to provide a loan to WH Boddington & Co (Holdings) Limited as amended,

supplemented, novated and restated from time to time

"Mezzanine Facility Agreement"

has the meaning given to it in the Intercreditor Deed

"Senior Facility Agreement"

means the term loan, revolving credit and guarantee facility dated on or about the date hereof between, among others (1) the Parent (as defined in the Senior Facility Agreement) and others and (2) The Royal Bank of Scotland plc as Agent, Arranger, Issuing Bank and Ancillaries Bank (as such terms are defined therein) and (3) the Lenders (as defined therein) as amended, supplemented, novated or restated from time to time

"Subsidiary"

means Tonbridge Tools Limited

The assistance will take the form of:

- 1. the Intercreditor Deed; and
- 2. the Intra-Group Loan Agreement.

#### Annexure C - Form 155(6)b

The assistance will be given on the terms set out in the Intercreditor Deed, and the Intra-Group Loan Agreement, the principal terms of which include:

#### (A) Intercreditor Deed

The Company and the Subsidiary undertake to comply with the order of priorities set out therein which subordinates the Intercompany Liabilities, the New Loan Stock Liabilities, the Subordinated Liabilities, the Management Liabilities and the Investor Liabilities (each as defined therein) to the Senior Liabilities, Hedging Liabilities and the Mezzanine Liabilities (each as defined therein).

#### (B) Intra-Group Loan Agreement

The Company and the Subsidiary have by the Board Resolution, resolved to make available loans, as requested from time to time by WH Boddington & Co (Holdings) Limited, for the purposes of assisting WH Boddington & Co (Holdings) Limited in meeting its obligations under the Senior Facility Agreement and the Mezzanine Facility Agreement.

#### Annexure D - Form 155(6)b

The amount of cash to be transferred to the person assisted is any amounts payable under the Intra-Group Loan Agreement.

This is Annexures A to D referred to in Form 155(6)b and declared by the Company at 222 Grays Inn Road, London WC1X 8XF on // January 2006.

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Signed

Solicitor





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The Directors
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18 January 2006

Dear Sirs

Auditors' report to the directors of W H Boddington & Co Limited pursuant to Section 156(4) of the Companies Act 1985

We have examined the attached statutory declaration of the directors of W H Boddington & Co Limited (the "Company") dated 18 January 2006 in connection with the proposal that the Company's subsidiary undertaking, Tonbridge Tools Limited, should give financial assistance for the purpose of reducing or discharging a liability incurred for the purpose of the purchase of all of the issued share capital of the Company. This report, including the opinion, has been prepared for and only for the Company and the Company's directors in accordance with Section 156 of the Companies Act 1985 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving the opinion set out below, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

#### 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.

Yours faithfully
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Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors