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# Declaration in relation to assistance for the acquisition of shares

155(6)a

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

Please complete legibly, preferably	To the Registrar of Companies		For official use Company number			
in black type, or bold block lettering	(Address overleaf - Note 5)			00656739		
Note	Name of company					
Please read the notes on page 3 before completing this form.	* VECTOR MERCHANTING LIM	ITED				
* insert full name of company	₩eø See Annexure A					
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	The assistance is for the purpose of <b>KNAXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX</b>					
	purpose of that acquisition].†					
J.L	The number and class of the shares acquired or to be acquired is:  28,000,000 ordinary					
CA	shares of £1 each in Vector Engineering Products Limited					
No.	Presentor's name address and	For official Use				
	reference (if any):	General Section	Post ro	om		
	J Berwin LLP 22 Grays Inn Road					
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The assistance is to be given to: (note 2) VECTOR INDUSTRIES		52)	_ Please do not write in this
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The person who [has acquired] [w <b>x//xx/xx/X</b> the shares is:			* dal-4
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Vector Industries Limited			_
The principal terms on which the assistance will be given are:			
See Annexure C			
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The amount of cash to be transferred to the person assisted is £	See Annexure D		2 KIT
The value of any asset to be transferred to the person assisted is ${\mathfrak L}$	Nil		(ht ma
he date on which the assistance is to be given is <u>within 8 week</u>	ks of the date hereof		-128436Bage 2

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When have formed the opinion, as regards the 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 the 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

Declarants to sign below

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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.

## **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 37 Castle Terrace Edinburgh FH1 2FB

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# Vector Merchanting Limited Company No. 00656739 (the "Company")

#### Annexure A - Form 155(6)a

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Annexure B - Form 155(6)a

#### **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 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 and whereby the Company, inter alios, has agreed to provide a loan to

Finance Holdings Limited

"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 pic as

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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

The assistance will take the form of:

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

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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 undertakes 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 has by the Board Resolution, resolved to make available loans, as requested from time to time by Finance Holdings Limited, for the purposes of assisting Finance Holdings Limited in meeting its obligations under the Senior Facility Agreement and the Mezzanine Facility Agreement.

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

These are Annexures A to D referred to in Form 155(6)a and declared by the directors of the Company on  $\mathcal{O}$  January 2006.

Signed

Solicitor





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The Directors
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18 January 2006

Dear Sirs

Auditors' report to the directors of Vector Merchanting Limited pursuant to Section 156(4) of the Companies Act 1985

We have examined the attached statutory declaration of the directors of Vector Merchanting Limited (the "Company") dated 18 January 2006 in connection with the proposal that the Company should give financial assistance for the purpose of reducing or discharging a liability incurred for the purpose of the purchase of all the issued share capital of the Company's holding company, Vector Engineering Products Limited. 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

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

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