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## COMPANIES FORM No. 155(6)a

### Declaration in relation to assistance for the acquisition of shares

# 155(6)a

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

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

Name of company

\* OLDSCO (No.99) LIMITED (formerly Steel Burrill Jones Group Plc)

\* Insert full name  
of company

\*/We ~~is~~ SEE ANNEXURE 1

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

† delete as  
appropriate

~~[the sole director]~~ [all the directors]† of the above company do solemnly and sincerely declare that:

The business of the company is:

§ delete whichever  
is inappropriate

~~(a) that of a recognised bank licensed institution† within the meaning of the Banking Act 1979~~

~~(b) that of a person authorised under section 8 or 4 of the Insurance Companies Act 1982 to carry on insurance business in the United Kingdom~~

(c) something other than the above§

The company is proposing to give financial assistance in connection with the acquisition of shares in the  
[company] ~~[company's holding company]~~ \_\_\_\_\_ limited†

The assistance is for the purpose of [that acquisition] ~~[reducing or discharging a liability incurred for the purpose of that acquisition]†~~

The number and class of the shares acquired or to be acquired is: SEE ANNEXURE 2

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

Travers Smith Braithwaite  
10 Snow Hill  
London  
EC1A 2AL

DX 79 London/City  
MSJ/SXB 1059034

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The assistance is to be given to: (note 2) SBJ Group Limited (formerly Issuemove plc)  
Company Number: 3630730, whose registered office is One Hundred Whitechapel,  
London E1 1JG

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The assistance will take the form of:

SEE ANNEXURE 3

The person who [has acquired] [~~will acquire~~]† the shares is:

† delete as  
appropriate

SBJ Group Limited

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

SEE ANNEXURE 4

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 £ NIL

The date on which the assistance is to be given is SEE ANNEXURE 5 19

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

~~\*/~~We 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)

(b) ~~[It is intended to commence the winding up of the company within 12 months of that date and we have formed the opinion that the company will be able to pay its debts in full within 12 months of the commencement of the winding up]~~\* (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.

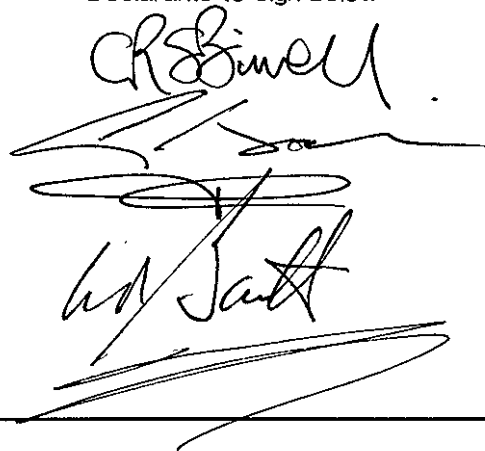
Declared at One hundred Whitechapel  
London E1 1JG

the 11<sup>th</sup> day of MAY  
one thousand nine hundred and ninety nine

before me Simon Thomas

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  
CF4 3UZ

or, for companies registered in Scotland:-

The Registrar of Companies  
37 Castle Terrace  
Edinburgh  
EH1 2EB

**OLDCO (No.99) LIMITED (the "Company")**

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54,996,646 Ordinary Shares of ten pence each in the share capital of Oldco (No.99) Limited.

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**ANNEXURE 3 TO FORM 155(6)a**

The assistance will take the form of the execution, delivery and performance by the Company of:-

1. a composite guarantee in favour of the Bank pursuant to which the Company guarantees payment to the Bank of all liabilities to the Bank of the Charging Group Companies as defined under a credit agreement dated 30 November 1998 between SBJ Group Limited and National Westminster Bank plc as the Bank (the "Credit Agreement") (the "Guarantee").
2. a mortgage debenture in favour of the Bank pursuant to which the Company with full title guarantee charges the property as set out in paragraph 2 of Annexure 4 to this document (the "Debenture").
3. an unsecured intra-group loan agreement (the "Loan Agreement") between SBJ Group Limited as borrower and the Company (inter alia) as lender.

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**ANNEXURE 4 TO FORM 155(6)a**

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

1. Under the terms of the Guarantee:-

- 1.1 the Company guarantees payment to the Bank on demand of all liabilities (in whichever currency denominated) of each and any of the Charging Group Companies to the Bank howsoever arising whether present future actual and/or contingent and whether incurred solely severally and/or jointly and as principal or surety and all legal and other costs and expenses (on a full indemnity basis) howsoever incurred by the Bank in connection therewith together with all interest (whether before or after judgement) and all of the Bank's costs and expenses (on a full indemnity basis) incurred in connection with the enforcement of the Guarantee;
- 1.2 the Bank may without giving notice to or obtaining the consent of the Company and without affecting the Company's liability under the Guarantee renew, vary or determine any accommodation given to any of the Charging Group Companies hold over renew modify or release any security or guarantee held from any of the Charging Group Companies and grant time or indulgence to or compound with any Charging Group Company;
- 1.3 the Guarantee shall not be discharged nor shall the Company's liability under it be affected by anything which would not have discharged or affected the Company's liability if the Company had been a principal debtor to the Bank instead of a guarantor;
- 1.4 the Guarantee is in addition to any other guarantee or security present or future held by the Bank in respect of any of the Charging Group Companies' obligations and liabilities and shall be a continuing security or shall remain in force notwithstanding any disability of the Company until determined by three month's notice in writing from the Company but notwithstanding such determination the Company shall remain liable as Guarantor for all the liabilities of any of the Charging Group Companies (whether or not due and payable at the expiration of such notice);
- 1.5 the Bank shall have a lien on all securities or other property of the Company held by the Bank and the Bank shall be entitled to set off (after as well as before demand) against any credit balance on any account of the Company with the Bank and against any interest accruing thereon any liability of the Company to the Bank whatsoever (whether arising thereunder or otherwise) and if the liability or any part thereof is in a different currency from a credit balance against which the Bank seeks to set it off the Bank shall be entitled to utilise currency of the account in credit for the purchase at its spot rate of exchange of an amount in the currency of the liability and also to pay out of the credit balance any additional sum which the Bank may be required to pay for such currency;
- 1.6 the Guarantee shall not be affected by any fluctuation in or intermediate discharge of any of the Charging Group Companies' obligations and liabilities and until such liabilities have been discharged in full the Company shall not be entitled to share in any security held or money received by the Bank on account of such liabilities or to stand in the place of the Bank in respect of any security or money nor until such liabilities have been discharged in full shall the Company take any step to enforce any right or claim against any of the Charging Group Companies in respect of any moneys paid by the Company to the Bank thereunder or have or exercise any rights as surety in competition with the Bank;
- 1.7 the Guarantee shall not be discharged nor the Company's liability affected by reason of any failure of or irregularity, defect or informality in any security given by any of the Charging Group Companies nor by any legal limitation, bar, or restriction, dissolution, disability, incapacity or want of any borrowing powers of any Charging Group Company or want of authority of any person appearing to be acting for any Charging Group Company or by any

supervening matters rendering the performance of the obligations of any Borrower illegal in any jurisdiction;

- 1.8 any settlement, discharge or release between the Company and the Bank shall be conditional upon no security or payment to the Bank by any Charging Group Company or any other person being avoided or reduced for any reason and the Bank shall be entitled to recover the value or amount of any such security or payment from the Company subsequently as if such settlement, discharge or release had not occurred.

2. Under the terms of the Debenture:-

- 2.1 the Company with full title guarantee and to the intent that the security shall rank as a continuing security charges with the payment or discharge of all moneys obligations and liabilities covenanted under the Debenture to be paid or discharged (together with all costs and expenses howsoever incurred by the Bank on a full indemnity basis):

- 2.1.1 by way of legal mortgage any property referred to in the Schedule to the Debenture (the legally mortgaged property) and the proceeds of sale thereof;
- 2.1.2 by way of specific equitable charge all estates or interests in any freehold and leasehold property (except the legally mortgaged property) now and at any time during the continuance of the security under the Debenture belonging to or charged to the Company (the equitably charged property) and the proceeds of sale thereof;
- 2.1.3 by way of specific charge all plant, machinery, vehicles, computers and office and other equipment both present and future (excluding all stock in trade) and the full benefit of all warranties and maintenance for any of the same;
- 2.1.4 by way of specific charge all stocks, shares and other securities now or at any time during the continuance of the security under the Debenture belonging to the company either in or issued by any of its subsidiary companies or any other company and all dividends and other rights in relation thereto and the Company undertakes at any time to execute over all or any part thereof a charge by way of legal mortgage and any appropriate transfer or other forms, instruments or instructions in the case of the stocks and shares in favour of the Bank or its nominee in such form as the Bank shall require;
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- 2.1.7 by way of floating security its undertaking and all its property assets and rights whatsoever and wheresoever present and/or future including those for the time being charged by way of specific charge pursuant to the foregoing paragraphs if and to the extent that such charges as aforesaid shall fail as specific charges but without prejudice to any such specific charges as shall continue to be effective.

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3. Under the Loan Agreement:

- 3.1 The Company will, together with certain other subsidiaries of SBJ Group Limited (as lenders), enter into the Loan Agreement with SBJ Group Limited (as borrower) in which such subsidiaries as lenders (including the Company) together agree to make available to SBJ Group Limited a loan facility of up to £13,250,000 for the period from the date of the Agreement.
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**OLDCO (No.99) LIMITED (the "Company")**

**ANNEXURE 5 TO FORM 155(6)a**

the date hereof or within 8 weeks of the date hereof



## AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS OF OLDCO (NO.99) LIMITED ("THE COMPANY") PURSUANT TO SECTION 156(4) OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

We have examined the attached statutory declaration of the directors on Companies Form No. 155(6)b dated 11 May 1999 in connection with the proposal that the Company should give financial assistance in connection with the acquisition of its own 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 is unreasonable in all the circumstances.

*Deloitte & Touche*  
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Registered Auditors  
21 May 1999

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