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To the Registrar of Companies
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Company number

1697262

Note
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completing this form.

Name of company

* STORES GROUP LIMITED

* insert full name
of company

XWee SEE ATTACHMENT 1

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

† delete as appropriate

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

The business of the company is:

§ delete which ever
is inappropriate

[illegible][illegible]~~insubordinate, and belittled his work.~~

(c) something other than the above\$

The company is proposing to give financial assistance in connection with the acquisition of shares in the

~~XXXXXXXX~~ [company's holding company] **SAFEWAY LIMITED**

The assistance is for the purpose of ~~(the 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 ATTACHMENT 2

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

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Broadwalk House, 5 Appold Street,
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0404
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The assistance is to be given to: (note 2) WM MORRISON SUPERMARKETS PLC

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The assistance will take the form of:

SEE ATTACHMENT 3

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

† delete as
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WM MORRISON SUPERMARKETS PLC,

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

SEE ATTACHMENT 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

WMC
The date on which the assistance is to be given is 19 MAY 2004 (or within 8 weeks of the date hereof)

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☒ 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 the~~
~~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

Declarants to sign below

Mommsom, Hilmore House, Thornton Rd,
Bradford

on

Day	Month	Year
19	05	2004

before me Michael J. Crook

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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STORES GROUP LIMITED
Company Number 1697262
Attachment 1 to Form 155(6)a
[BRADFORD]

Martin Ackroyd
6 High Meadows
Wilsden
Bradford
BD15 0HN

together with:

Robert Winston Stott
Hall Croft
5 Hall Drive
Bramhope
Leeds
LS16 9JF

**who is making a declaration on the date hereof which together with this
declaration is the statutory declaration required by Section 155(6)a of the
Companies Act 1985.**

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STORES GROUP LIMITED
Company Number 1697262
Attachment 2 to Form 155(6)a

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On the Scheme becoming effective on 8 March 2004, the credit arising as a result of the reduction of share capital referred to above was applied in paying up 1,077,057,669 ordinary shares in the capital of Safeway which were allotted and issued to Wm Morrison Supermarkets PLC (or its nominees).

Pursuant to an amendment to the articles of association of Safeway passed by special resolution of the members of Safeway at an extraordinary general meeting of Safeway held on 11 February 2004, if any shares in the capital of Safeway are issued to any person other than Wm Morrison Supermarkets PLC (or its nominees) at or after the hearing record time of the Scheme, the holder of such shares shall be obliged to transfer to Wm Morrison Supermarkets PLC (or its nominees) all such shares on the terms set out in such amended articles of association.

Options over an aggregate number of 1,714,102 ordinary shares in the capital of Safeway were exercised during March and April 2004 and accordingly, pursuant to the terms of the amended articles of association of Safeway, Wm Morrison Supermarkets PLC (or its nominees) acquired a further 1,714,102 ordinary shares in the capital of Safeway.

Therefore, in aggregate, Wm Morrison Supermarkets PLC (or its nominees) has been issued with or has acquired 1,078,771,771 ordinary shares in the capital of Safeway.

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The financial assistance to be given by the Company shall take the form of:

- (a) an accession agreement (the "**Accession Agreement**") relating to the provision of a guarantee, indemnity and a right of set-off and made between (1) ABN AMRO Bank N.V., London Branch as Facility Agent for and on behalf of the finance parties (the "**Finance Parties**") (2) Wm Morrison Supermarkets PLC and (3) the Company under which the Company will give:
 - (i) a guarantee and indemnity proposed to be granted by the Company to the Finance Parties pursuant to the credit agreement dated 15 December 2003 (the "**Credit Agreement**"); and
 - (ii) a right of set-off proposed to be granted by the Company to the Finance Parties pursuant to the Credit Agreement; and
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Company Number 1697262
Attachment 4 to Form 155(6)a

The principal terms on which the assistance will be given are set out below.

Guarantee and indemnity

The guarantee and indemnity are recorded in clause 16 of the Credit Agreement and are to be entered into by the Company pursuant to the Accession Agreement. The Company jointly and severally with certain other members of the group of companies of which it is a member:

- (a) guarantees to each of the Finance Parties punctual performance by each Borrower (as defined in the Credit Agreement) of all its payment obligations under the Finance Documents (as defined in the Credit Agreement);
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- (c) indemnifies each of the Finance Parties immediately on demand against any loss or liability suffered by that Finance Party if any obligation guaranteed by it is or becomes unenforceable, invalid or illegal; the amount of the loss or liability under this indemnity will be equal to the amount the Finance Parties would otherwise have been entitled to recover.

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Set-Off

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Intra-Group Funding Agreement

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~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ [the Board of Directors] [all the directors]† of the above company do solemnly and sincerely declare that:

The business of the company is:

§ delete whichever
is inappropriate

[illegible]

~~Not that of a person authorised under section 8(1) of the Insurance Companies Act 1982 to act as~~

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

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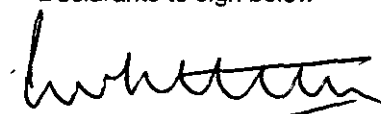
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And ~~X~~we make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of the Statutory Declarations Act 1835.

Declared at Safeway Plc, 6 Millington Road
Hayes, Middlesex, UB3 4AY Declarants to sign below 

Day Month Year
on

19	05	20	04
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before me Paaminaw Mattoo of MTG Solicitors
A Commissioner for Oaths or Notary Public or Justice of the Peace or a Solicitor having the powers conferred on a Commissioner for Oaths. 61 Cadderbar Lane
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The Directors
Stores Group Limited
6 Millington Road
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UB3 4AY

Our ref sw/sef/004

19 May 2004

Dear Sirs

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

We have examined the attached statutory declaration of the directors dated 19 May 2004 in connection with the proposal that the company should give financial assistance for the purchase of 1,078,771,771 of the ordinary shares in Safeway Limited, the company's holding company.

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

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

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

KPMG Audit Plc
Registered Auditor



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