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COMPANIES FORM No. 155(6)a

## Declaration 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

For official use

Company number

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

Name of company

\* HOW Fire (Maintenance) Limited

\*Insert full name  
of company

I/We†

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

Christopher Gateley  
of Macaret  
Garford  
Nr. Abingdon  
Oxon  
OX13 5PF

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appropriate

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

The business of the company is:

- (a) that of a ~~(recognised bank)~~ ~~(licensed institution)~~§ within the meaning of the Banking Act 1970†  
(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 ‡

§Delete whichever  
is inappropriate

The company is proposing to give financial assistance in connection with the acquisition of shares in  
the ~~company~~ [company's holding company HOW Group Plc (now HOW  
Group 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: 44,682,755 10p  
Ordinary shares

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

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General Section

Post room



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COMPANIES HOUSE 23/12/98

The assistance is to be given to: (note 2) Tilbury Douglas Plc,  
Tilbury House, Ruscombe Park, Twyford,  
Reading RG10 9JU

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The assistance will take the form of:

See Rider 1

The person who ~~has acquired~~ ~~will acquire~~\* the shares is:

Tilbury Douglas Plc

\*Delete as  
appropriate

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

See Rider 2

The amount of cash to be transferred to the person assisted is £ N/A

The value of any asset to be transferred to the person assisted is £ N/A

The date on which the assistance is to be given is 17 December 19 98

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†Delete either (a) or (b) as appropriate

I/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) [I/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 I/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 I/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 Tisbury House  
Ridgeway Park Tisbury  
Reading Berkshire  
the 17 day of December  
One thousand nine hundred and ninety eight  
before me A. J. Foster

Declarants to sign below

*[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.
- 4 The auditors report required by section 156(4) of the Companies Act 1985 must be annexed to this form.



**Rider 1 to Form 155(6) a**

How Group Limited ("How"), of which How Fire (Maintenance) Limited is a subsidiary is to enter into a Deed of Guarantee ("the Guarantee") to be made between How and the Midland Bank plc (the "Bank") under which How agrees to pay to the Bank all monies and liabilities whatever due from Tilbury Douglas Plc ("Tilbury") to the Bank. By virtue of the Facilities as defined in Rider 2 and the entering into of the Guarantee by How, the Company may be considered to be giving financial assistance to Tilbury for the purpose of reducing or discharging the liability incurred by Tilbury.

**Rider 2 to Form 155(6) a**

Midland Bank plc ("the Bank"), by a letter dated 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1998 addressed to inter alia which How Fire (Maintenance) Limited ("the Company") offered certain banking facilities ("the Facilities") to inter alia the Company (the "Offer"). One of the conditions precedent of the Offer is that an Unlimited Multilateral Guarantee dated 9<sup>th</sup> October 1991 given by inter alia the Company to the Bank be held as security under the Facilities.

Tilbury, pursuant to the authority given by the Company on 7<sup>th</sup> October 1998, accepted the Facilities on behalf of inter alia the Company on 10<sup>th</sup> November 1998.

A. Jose