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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

* LAMBERT FENCHURCH OVERSEAS LIMITED

* insert full name
of company

X We ~~are~~ SEE ANNEX A

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

† delete as
appropriate

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ [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 22 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 to carry on a regulated activity 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] HEATH LAMBERT GROUP

Limited]†

The assistance is for the purpose of [that acquisition] and/or 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: 196,005,000 ORDINARY
SHARES

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

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One Bunhill Row
London
EC1Y 8YY

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The assistance is to be given to: (note 2) HEATH LAMBERT HOLDINGS LIMITED

FRIARY COURT, CRUTCHED FRIARS, LONDON EC3N 2NP

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The assistance will take the form of:

SEE ANNEX B

The person who ~~(has acquired)~~ ^{XXXXXXXXXX} will acquire† the shares is:

† delete as
appropriate

HEATH LAMBERT HOLDINGS LIMITED

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

SEE ANNEX C

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

17th December 2003

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

~~X~~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) ~~X~~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) ~~X~~It is intended to commence the winding up of the company within 12 months of that date, and ~~X~~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 ~~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

Declarants to sign below

ONE BONDILL ROW LONDON
EC4Y 844

Smith Bear

Day Month Year
on

17	12	2003
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before me Mr Campbell FLORENCE CAMPBELL

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
EH1 2EB

Lambert Fenchurch Overseas Limited
Company Number 02214161
(the "Company")

Annex A - Form 155(6)a

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Larges House
Lower Village
Blunsdon
Swindon
Wiltshire
SN26 7BJ

Lambert Fenchurch Overseas Limited
Company Number 02214161
(the "**Company**")

Annex B

The financial assistance will take the form of:

- (i) execution, delivery and performance by the Company of a guarantee and debenture (the "**LFO Guarantee and Debenture**") pursuant to which the Company will guarantee the obligations of Heath Lambert Holdings Limited and certain other group companies referred to in the LFO Guarantee and Debenture under the Bank Credit Agreement (as defined below) and the ICG Loan Agreement (as defined below) and certain related documents and grant security in favour of the National Westminster Bank plc (the "**Security Trustee**"); and
- (ii) a loan of £766,304 from Heath Lambert Group Limited (the "**Loan**") and the repayment of an equivalent loan to HLF Group plc.

Definitions

"Bank Credit Agreement" means the senior credit agreement dated on or about 17 December, 2003 and made between, amongst others, Heath Lambert Holdings Limited, the Company, The Royal Bank of Scotland plc acting as agent for National Westminster Bank plc as Facility Agent (as defined therein) and the Banks (referred to therein).

"ICG Loan Agreement" means the loan agreement dated on or about 17 December 2003 and made between, amongst others, Heath Lambert Holdings Limited, the Company, Intermediate Capital Group PLC as Facility Agent (as defined therein) and the Banks (referred to therein).

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Annex C

1. By entering into the Loan, the Company will be required to pay the interest that accrues and may be required to repay the amount of the Loan on demand.
2. By entering into the LFO Guarantee and Debenture, the Company irrevocably and unconditionally:
 - (A) guarantees to the Security Trustee as agent and trustee for the Secured Parties and each a "**Secured Party**", that it shall on demand pay to the Security Trustee, all monies which are or become due or owing by Heath Lambert Holdings Limited or any other obligor under the Financing Documents (as defined below) (the "**Group Companies**" and each a "**Group Company**") (other than itself) from time to time to any or all of the Secured Parties pursuant to the terms of all or any of the Financing Documents;
 - (B) covenants with each Secured Party that it will on demand pay and discharge the Secured Obligations when due;
 - (C) agrees that the security constituted by the LFO Guarantee and Debenture shall be continuing and shall not be considered as satisfied or discharged by any intermediate payment or settlement of the whole or any part of the Secured Obligations and shall be binding until all the Secured Obligations have been discharged in full to the satisfaction of the Security Trustee and all of the Secured Parties have ceased to have any obligation whether actual or contingent to make any credit or accommodation available to the Company; and
 - (D) provides various other undertakings, indemnities and representations as required by the Financing Documents.

"**Financing Documents**" means the Bank Credit Agreement, the ICG Loan Agreement and the LFO Guarantee and Debenture.

"**Secured Obligations**" means the actual, contingent, present and/or future obligations and liabilities of the Group Companies to any of the Secured Parties under or pursuant to all or any of the Financing Documents, the Fees Letter, the Interest Rate Protection Agreement, the Security Documents (as each of these is defined in the Credit Agreement);

"**Secured Parties**" means all of the Finance Parties as defined in the Bank Credit Agreement and the Finance Parties as defined in the ICG Loan Agreement.

3. Fixed and floating charges
 - (A) By entering into the LFO Guarantee and Debenture, as a continuing security for the payment or discharge of the Secured Obligations, the Company, with full title guarantee,

charges, and agrees to charge, in favour of the Security Trustee the following assets which are at any time owned by the Company, or in which the Company is from time to time interested in the manner specified. In particular, the Company will be granting the following charges in favour of the Security Trustee:

- (i) by way of legal mortgage all estates or interests in the freehold, leasehold and other immovable property described in Schedule 2 (of the LFO Guarantee and Debenture) and the proceeds of sale thereof and all buildings and trade and other fixtures on any such property belonging to or charged to the Company (the "**Legally Mortgaged Property**");
- (ii) by way of a fixed charge all estates or interests in any freehold, leasehold and other immovable property now or at any time during the continuance of the security constituted by the LFO Guarantee and Debenture belonging to the Company (other than the Legally Mortgaged Property) and the proceeds of sale thereof and all buildings and trade and other fixtures from time to time on any such property belonging to or charged to the Company;
- (iii) by way of fixed charge all plant, machinery, vehicles, computers and office and other equipment owned by the Company both present and future;
- (iv) by way of fixed charge all stocks, shares, debentures, bonds, notes and loan capital of:

- (1) any Subsidiary of the Company (as defined in the LFO Guarantee and Debenture); and

- (2) any other body corporate;

and all rights to subscribe for, redeem, convert other securities into or otherwise acquire any of the same which may now or hereafter belong to the Company, together with all dividends, interest and other income and all other rights of whatsoever kind deriving from or incidental to any of the foregoing;

- (v) by way of fixed charge the goodwill of the Company and its uncalled capital now or at any time hereafter in existence;
- (vi) by way of fixed charge all copyrights, patents, patent applications, licences, trade marks, tradenames, know-how and inventions or other rights of every kind deriving therefrom now or at any time hereafter belonging to the Company and all fees, royalties and other rights of every kind deriving from such copyrights, patents, trade marks, tradenames, know-how and inventions;
- (vii) by way of floating charge the whole of the Company's undertaking and all its property, assets and rights, whatsoever and wheresoever, present and future, other than any property or assets from time to time or for the time being effectively mortgaged or charged to the Security Trustee by way of fixed charge and excluding any Approved Assets (as defined in the LFO Guarantee and Debenture) and the IBA Accounts (as defined in the LFO Guarantee and

Debenture) opened in the name of the Company (and any balances standing to the credit of such IBA Accounts);

- (B) The security constituted by or pursuant to the LFO Guarantee and Debenture shall be in addition to and shall be independent of every bill, note, guarantee, mortgage, pledge or other security which the Security Trustee may at any time hold and no prior security held by the Security Trustee over the charged property or any part thereof shall merge in the security created by or under the LFO Guarantee and Debenture;
- (C) the guarantee to be provided is a continuing security and shall remain in full force and effect until all moneys, obligations and liabilities of the LFO Guarantee and Debenture have been paid, discharged or satisfied in full notwithstanding the liquidation, administration or other incapacity or any change in the constitution of the Company or any Group Company (as defined in the LFO Guarantee and Debenture) or in the name and style of either of them or any settlement of account or other matter whatsoever.

The Directors
Lambert Fenchurch Overseas Limited
Friary Court
Crutched Friars
London EC3N 2NP

17 December 2003

Dear Sirs

Auditors' report to the directors of Lambert Fenchurch Overseas Limited pursuant to Section 156(4) of the Companies Act 1985

We have examined the attached statutory declaration of the directors of Lambert Fenchurch Overseas Limited ("the Company") dated 17 December 2003 in connection with the proposal that the Company should give financial assistance for the purchase of 196,005,000 of the ordinary shares of the Company's holding company, Heath Lambert Group 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.

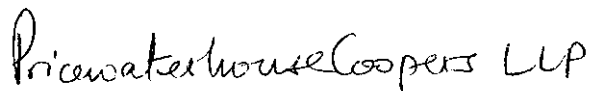
Basis of opinion

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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