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COMPANIES FORM No. 155(6)b

## Declaration by the directors of a holding company 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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**Note**  
Please read the notes  
on page 3 before  
completing this form.

\* insert full name  
of company

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

† delete as  
appropriate

§ delete whichever  
is inappropriate

To the Registrar of Companies

For official use

Company number

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2272577

Name of company

\* Rider Holdings Limited

(the "Company")

I/We Ø Keith Norman Ahlers of 7 Burnbrae Road, West Parley, Wimborne  
Dorset BH22 8RL

~~[the sole director]~~ [all the directors]† of the above company (hereinafter called 'this company') do  
solemnly and sincerely declare that:

The business of this company is:

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

This company is ~~[the sole]~~ holding company of\* Yorkshire Rider Limited  
(the "Subsidiary") which is

proposing to give financial assistance in connection with the acquisition of shares  
in [this company][\_\_\_\_\_]

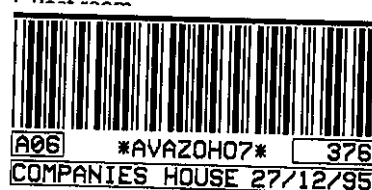
~~the holding company of this company.]†~~

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

Burges Salmon  
Narrow Quay House  
Prince Street  
Bristol BS1 4AH

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The assistance is for the purpose of ~~[that acquisition]~~ [reducing or discharging a liability incurred for the purpose of that acquisition].† (note 1)

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The number and class of the shares acquired or to be acquired is: 10,000,000 Ordinary  
shares of .5p each

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The assistance is to be given to: (note 2) FirstBus plc ("FirstBus")

The assistance will take the form of:

Rider 1

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

Badgerline Yorkshire Limited

† delete as  
appropriate

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

Rider 2

The amount (if any) by which the net assets of the company which is giving the assistance will be reduced  
by giving it is nil

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

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

The date on which the assistance is to be given is within 8 weeks of today's date 19\_\_

I/We have formed the opinion, as regards this 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 this company will be able to pay it's debts as they fall due during the year immediately following that date]\*(note 3)

~~(b)[It is intended to commence the winding up of this company within 12 months of that date, and I/we have formed the opinion that this 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 Bristol

Declarants to sign below

the 15<sup>th</sup> day of December  
one thousand nine hundred and nineteen

before me [Signature]

A Comissioner for Oaths or Notary Public or Justice of the Peace or a Solicitor having the powers conferred on a Comissioner for Oaths.

[Signature]

## 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.

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**Rider 1**

The assistance will take the form of the execution by the Subsidiary of a £60,000,000 revolving credit and guarantee facility agreement between, inter alia, FirstBus, certain subsidiaries of FirstBus and a syndicate of banks (including Samuel Montagu & Co. Limited as facility agent and Midland Bank PLC as arranger and issuing bank) (the "**Finance Parties**") (the "**Facility Agreement**") pursuant to which the Company guarantees the obligations of FirstBus and any Additional Borrowers (as defined in the Facility Agreement) to the Finance Parties thereunder.

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**Rider 2**

The financial assistance will be given on the terms set out in Facility Agreement under which the Subsidiary (together with certain other subsidiaries of FirstBus) guarantees the obligations and liabilities of FirstBus and any Additional Borrower under the Facility Agreement and the Finance Documents (as defined in the Facility Agreement) to the Finance Parties. These obligations and liabilities being guaranteed include a revolving credit facility unlikely to exceed £45 million and a guarantee facility unlikely to exceed £25 million; the aggregate of such facilities will not exceed £60 million.

The Facility Agreement also contains, inter alia, a prohibition on the Company creating or permitting to subsist certain security interests, charges or mortgages over any of its assets.

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The Directors  
Rider Holdings Limited

15 December 1995

Dear Sirs

**Auditors' report to the directors of Rider Holdings Limited ("the Company") pursuant to Section 156(4) of the Companies Act 1985**

We have examined the attached statutory declaration of the directors dated 15 December 1995 in connection with the proposal that Yorkshire Rider Limited, of which the Company is a holding company, should give financial assistance for the purchase of shares in the Company. 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*

**KPMG**  
Registered Auditors

CERTIFIED A TRUE AND COMPLETE  
COPY OF THE ORIGINAL

DATE: .....22.12.95.....

REFERENCE: .....EP.....

**BURGES SALMON**  
SOLICITORS

Narrow Quay House, Prince Street, Bristol.



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names is open to inspection.



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