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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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**Note**  
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completing this form.

Name of company

\* PREMIER INVESTMENT CORPORATION LIMITED

\* insert full name  
of company

\*/We ~~are~~ SEE APPENDIX 1

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

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

The business of the company is:

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

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~~[company]~~ [company's holding company] WACO UK

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 APPENDIX 2

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

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The assistance is to be given to: (note 2) SEE APPENDIX 3

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

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PURCHASER ONE IN RESPECT OF ACQUISITION ONE (as defined in Appendix 2&3) &

PURCHASER TWO IN RESPECT OF ACQUISITION TWO (as defined in Appendix 2&3)

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

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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 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 Catwrick Lane  
Bromdesburn.  
E. Yorkshire of A. L. Walker

Declarants to sign below

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on 

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before me 

~~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

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**Appendices to Target Form 155(6)a**

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## APPENDIX 2

1. In respect of Acquisition One the number and class of shares acquired is: 9,461,164 ordinary shares of 7.5 pence each; and
2. in respect of Acquisition Two the number and class of shares acquired is: 17,816,164 ordinary shares of 7.5 pence each

### Definitions

**"Acquisition One"** means the recommended unconditional cash offer by KPMG Corporate Finance on behalf of Purchaser One made on 24 September 1999 as revised on 5 November 1999, to acquire 9,461,164 ordinary shares of 7.5 pence each in the issued share capital of Waco UK Limited ("**Waco**"); and

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### APPENDIX 3

Waco International Limited ("**Purchaser One**") a company incorporated in South Africa;

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The execution, or in the case of paragraph 5 below, the continued provision of the following documents (as the same may be amended, varied, supplemented or substituted from time to time):

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Declared at BRITISH CONSULATE OPORTO

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before me Zilda MARTINS NEIVA Gomes

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**Auditors' report to the directors of Premier Investment Corporation Limited pursuant to section 156(4) of the Companies Act 1985**

We have examined the attached statutory declaration of the directors dated 19 December 2000 in connection with the proposal that the company should give financial assistance for the purpose of reducing or discharging a liability incurred for the purpose of the acquisition of shares in Waco UK Limited.

**Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors**

The company's directors are responsible for the statutory declaration in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law. It is our responsibility as established in the United Kingdom by statute, the Auditing Practices Board and our profession's ethical guidance to review the bases for the declaration, based on our enquiries into the state of the company's affairs, and to provide a report to the directors.

**Basis of opinion**

We have enquired into the state of the company's affairs so far as necessary for us 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.



Arthur Andersen  
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19 December 2000