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COMPANIES FORM NO. 395

Particulars of a mortgage or charge

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Pursuant to section 395 Companies Act 1985

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*insert full name
of company

To the Registrar of Companies

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Company Number

2563345

Name of Company

* BIRCH PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

Date of creation of the charge

19 December 1996

Description of the instrument (if any) creating or evidencing the charge

Mortgage Debenture

Amount secured by the mortgage or charge

All liabilities of the Company present and future actual and/or contingent to National Westminster Bank Plc

Names and addresses of the mortgagees or persons entitled to the charge

National Westminster Bank Plc

41 Lothbury

London

Postcode EC2P 2BP

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

**NatWest UK,
Retail Banking Services
Credit Management**
Litigation, Technical & Securities
King's Cross House
200 Pentonville Road
London N1 9HL

Presentor's Reference
and/or telephone number

MI - D - SC 0171-239 8205

Time critical reference

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Mortgage Section

Post room



Short particulars of all the property mortgaged or charged

(a) A specific equitable charge over the Company's estate or interest in all freehold or leasehold properties for the time being belonging to or charged to the Company other than the property hereinafter described and the proceeds of sale thereof.

(b) A specific charge over all plant machinery vehicles computers and office and other equipment both present and future (excluding all stock in trade) and the full benefit of all warranties and maintenance contracts for any of the same.

(c) A specific charge over all stocks shares and other securities either in or issued by any subsidiary companies or any other company and all dividends and other rights in relation thereto.

(d) A specific charge over all Book and other Debts for the time being but so that the Company shall pay into the Company's account with the Bank all moneys which it may receive in in respect of such debts and shall not without the prior consent in writing of the Bank sell factor discount or otherwise charge or assign the same in favour of any other person or purport to do so and the Company shall if called upon so to do by the Bank from time to time execute legal assignments of such book debts and other debts to the Bank.

(e) A specific charge over its goodwill and the benefit of any licences and all patents patent applications inventions trade-marks trade names registered designs copyrights know-how and any other intellectual property rights.

(f) A floating charge over the undertaking and all other property and assets present and future but so that the Company shall not without the Bank's consent create any mortgage or charge ranking in priority to or pari passu with this charge.

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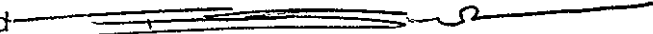
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Particulars as to commission allowance or discount

Nil

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**Natwest UK,
Retail Banking Services
Credit Management**
Litigation, Technical & Securities
King's Cross House
200 Pentonville Road, London N1 9HL

Please see notes below.

Signed 

Date _____

On behalf of mortgagee 

Notes

(a) A description of the instrument, eg 'Trust Deed', 'Mortgage', 'Debenture', etc. as the case may be, should be given.

(b) The rate of interest payable under the terms of the Debentures should not be entered.

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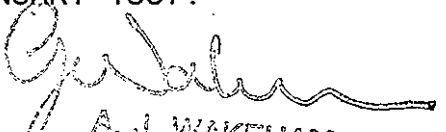
CERTIFICATE OF THE REGISTRATION OF A MORTGAGE OR CHARGE

Pursuant to section 401(2) of the Companies Act 1985

COMPANY No. 02563345

THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES FOR ENGLAND AND WALES HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT A MORTGAGE DEBENTURE DATED THE 19th DECEMBER 1996 AND CREATED BY BIRCH PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY FOR SECURING ALL MONIES DUE OR TO BECOME DUE FROM THE COMPANY TO NATIONAL WESTMINSTER BANK PLC ON ANY ACCOUNT WHATSOEVER WAS REGISTERED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 1 PART XII OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985 ON THE 30th DECEMBER 1996.

GIVEN AT COMPANIES HOUSE, CARDIFF THE 3rd JANUARY 1997.


A. J. WAKEHAM

for the Registrar of Companies

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