

COMPANIES FORM No. 155(6)b

# Declaration by the directors of a holding company in relation to assistance for the acquisition of shares



Please do not write in this margin Pursuant to section 155(6) of the Companies Act 1985

Please complete legibly, preferably in black type, or To the Registrar of Companies (Address overleaf - Note 5)

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Name of company

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

\* NHP Limited

- \* insert full name of company
- ø insert name(s) and address(es) of all the directors

X/We ø See Schedule 1

† delete as appropriate

§ delete whichever is inappropriate The business of this company is:

- (c) something other than the above§

This company is [the] [X holding company of\*

\_ which is

NHP Operations (York) Limited (the "Company") proposing to give financial assistance in connection with the acquisition of shares

in [this company] [

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

Clifford Chance LLP 10 Upper Bank Street London

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DX: 149120 Canary Wharf 3 Ref: SCD/B2487/01059/GK

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40 Berkeley Square, London W1J 5AL	
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The person who [has acquired] [wXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	† delete as
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The date on which the assistance is to be given is

within 8 weeks of date hereof

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- (a) New will be able to pay its debts as they fall due during the year immediately following that date]\* (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.

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CLAIRE TOSEPH NE BERWICK

A Commissioner for Oaths or Notary Public or Justice of the Peace or a Solicitor having the powers conferred on a Commissioner for Oaths. Declarants to sign below

PHILLIP SCOTT

CHRISTOPHER RUTTER

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## Schedule 1 to the Statutory Declaration (Companies Form No. 155(6)b) dated 8 April 2005

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### Schedule 2 to the Statutory Declaration (Companies Form No. 155(6)b) dated 8 April 2005

- 1. The execution, delivery and performance by the Company of its obligations under a facility agreement dated 29 November 2004 between, *inter alia*, TBG CareCo Limited as original borrower (the "Original Borrower") and the financial institutions listed therein as lenders (the "Original Lenders"), (as amended, varied, supplemented, novated or restated from time to time, the "Facility Agreement"), to which the Company will become a party as a guarantor (the "Guarantor") by way of an amendment and restatement deed (the "Amendment and Restatement Deed"), to be dated on or about the date hereof (or, as the case may be, by way of a subsequent accession agreement relating to the Facility Agreement), and pursuant to which the Company will (*inter alia*) guarantee the obligations of the obligors, which include the Original Borrower.
- 2. The execution, delivery and performance by the Company of its obligations under an intercreditor deed dated 29 November 2004 between, *inter alia*, the Original Borrower and Barclays Bank PLC as agent (the "Agent") and security agent (the "Security Agent"), (as amended, varied, supplemented, novated or restated from time to time, the "Intercreditor Deed"), to which the Company will become party as an obligor, an intercompany lender and an intercompany borrower by way of the Amendment and Restatement Deed (or, as the case may be, by way of a subsequent accession deed relating to the Intercreditor Deed), and pursuant to which the Company (*inter alia*) agrees to make loans to the other obligors, which include the Original Borrower, and to subordinate its right to repayment of such loans.
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- 4. The execution, delivery and performance by the Company of its obligations under a debenture (the "**Debenture**") between, *inter alia*, the Company and the Security Agent, pursuant to which the Company will grant security in favour of the Security Agent to secure its obligations as a Guarantor under the Facility Agreement.

#### Schedule 3 to the Statutory Declaration (Companies Form No. 155(6)b) dated 8 April 2005

- 1. By becoming a party to the Facility Agreement, the Company:
  - (a) irrevocably and unconditionally:
    - (i) guarantees to each Finance Party and Hedging Bank punctual performance by each other Obligor of all that Obligor's obligations under the Finance Documents;
    - (ii) undertakes with each Finance Party and Hedging Bank that whenever an Obligor does not pay any amount when due under or in connection with any Finance Document, the Company shall immediately on demand pay that amount as if it was the principal obligor;
    - (iii) indemnifies each Finance Party and Hedging Bank immediately on demand against any cost, loss or liability suffered by that Finance Party or Hedging Bank if any obligation guaranteed by it is or becomes unenforceable, invalid or illegal;
  - (b) makes certain representations to the Finance Parties; and
  - (c) undertakes to comply with certain general undertakings including, without limitation, an undertaking not to create or permit to subsist any security or quasi security over any of its assets and not to dispose of its assets (in each case, subject to certain exceptions),

(where "Finance Party", "Hedging Bank", "Obligor" and "Finance Document" have the meaning given to them in the Facility Agreement).

- 2. By becoming a party to the Intercreditor Deed, the Company:
  - (a) subordinates its right to repayment of monies due to it in respect of the Intercompany Debt;
  - (b) agrees to make loans to the other Intercompany Borrowers, which include the Original Borrower, under an Intercompany Funding Agreement;
  - (c) agrees to the ranking in right and priority of payments set out in the Intercreditor Deed:
  - (d) undertakes to comply with the undertakings contained in the Intercreditor Deed, including, without limitation:
    - (i) agreeing not to demand or receive payment of, or any distribution in respect of, or on account of any Intercompany Debt in cash or in kind or apply any money or property in or towards discharge of any Intercompany Debt;

- (ii) agreeing not to discharge any of the Intercompany Debt by set-off, any right of combination of accounts or otherwise;
- (iii) agreeing to hold certain amounts it receives in respect of the Intercompany Debt on trust for the Security Agent and to pay such amounts to the Security Agent;
- (iv) agreeing to the restrictions on enforcement and the application of proceeds of any enforcement as set out in the Intercreditor Deed;
- (e) provides the representations and warranties to the extent applicable under the terms of the Intercreditor Deed;
- (f) agrees to indemnify on demand each of the Senior Finance Parties and the Hedging Banks in full for, and pay to the Agent (for the account of the Senior Finance Parties and the Hedging Banks) an amount equal to certain costs and expenses; and
- (g) irrevocably and unconditionally guarantees to each Hedging Bank, and indemnifies each Hedging Bank in respect of, payment in full of the Hedging Debt owed to it by any other Obligor on the same terms as are set out in Clause 21 (Guarantee and indemnity) of the Facility Agreement,

(where "Agent", "Hedging Bank", "Hedging Debt", "Intercompany Debt", "Intercompany Borrowers", "Intercompany Funding Agreement", "Original Borrower", "Obligor", "Security Agent" and "Senior Finance Parties" have the meaning given to them in the Intercreditor Deed).

3. By executing the Intercompany Funding Agreement (or, as the case may be, a subsequent accession agreement to the Intercompany Funding Agreement), the Company agrees to make loans to the Intercompany Borrowers, which include the Original Borrower,

(where "Intercompany Borrowers" has the meaning given to it in the Intercompany Funding Agreement).

- 4. By executing the Debenture, the Company:
  - (a) covenants with the Security Agent that it will pay or discharge the Liabilities at the times and in the manner provided in the relevant Finance Documents;
  - (b) with full title guarantee, as security for the payment or discharge or all Liabilities, assigns to the Security Agent (as trustee for the Secured Parties):
    - all of its rights, title and interest from time to time in respect of any sums payable to it pursuant to the Insurance Policies (subject to the prior claims, if any, of any third parties in respect of those Insurance Policies);

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- (ii) all of its rights, title and interest from time to time in respect of the Hedging Documents; and
- (iii) all of its rights, title and interest from time to time in respect of the Accounts;
- (c) with full title guarantee, as security for the payment or discharge or all Liabilities, charges to the Security Agent:
  - (i) by way of legal mortgage, all Land (excluding Excluded Land) in England or Wales then or in the future vested in it and registered at the Land Registry or which will be subject to first registration at the Land Registry upon the execution and delivery of the Debenture or a Deed of Accession and Charge;
  - (ii) by way of fixed charge:
    - (1) all other Land (other than Excluded Land) which in the future becomes its property;
    - (2) all interests and rights in or relating to Land (excluding Excluded Land) or the proceeds of sale of Land (excluding Excluded Land) then or in the future belonging to it;
    - (3) all plant and machinery then or in the future attached to any Land (other than Excluded Land) which, or an interest in which, is charged by it under the provisions of the Debenture;
    - (4) all rental and other income and all debts and claims then or in the future due or owing to it under or in connection with any lease, agreement or licence relating to Land (excluding Excluded Land);
    - (5) all Specified Investments which are then, or in the future become, its property;
    - (6) all Derivative Rights then or in the future accruing in respect of its Specified Investments;
    - (7) to the extent not assigned pursuant to the other provisions of the Debenture, all insurance or assurance contracts or policies then or in the future held by or otherwise benefiting it which relate to Fixed Security Assets or which are then or in the future deposited by it with the Security Agent, together with all its rights and interests in such contracts and policies (including the benefit of all claims arising and all money payable under them and payable to the relevant Obligor) apart from any claims which are otherwise subject to a fixed charge or assignment (at law or in equity) in this Debenture;
    - (8) all its goodwill and uncalled capital for the time being;

- (9) all Intellectual Property then or in the future belonging to it legally or beneficially, including, subject to any necessary consent from a coproprietor being given, any Intellectual Property which it owns, or (to the extent of its interest) in which it then or in the future has an interest, together with others;
- (10) all its rights and causes of action in respect of infringement(s) (past, present or future) of the rights referred to in sub-paragraph (9) above;
- (11) all Receivables then or in the future owing to it;
- (12) all Intercompany Debt then or in the future owing to it;
- (13) the benefit of all instruments, guarantees, charges, pledges and other security and all other rights and remedies available to it in respect of any Fixed Security Asset except to the extent that such items are for the time being effectively assigned in the Debenture;
- (14) all rights, money or property accruing or payable to it then or in the future under or by virtue of a Fixed Security Asset except to the extent that such rights, money or property are for the time being effectively assigned or charged by fixed charge in the Debenture;
- (15) to the extent not assigned in the Debenture, each Account and all moneys at any time standing to the credit of any Account; and
- (16) other than in relation to its Intellectual Property, the benefit of all licences, consents and authorisations held in connection with its business or the use of any Asset and the right to recover and receive all compensation which may be payable in respect of them;
- (d) with full title guarantee, charges to the Security Agent as security for the payment or discharge of all Liabilities, by way of floating charge:
  - (i) all its Assets (other than Excluded Land and Excluded Assets), except to the extent that such Assets are for the time being effectively assigned by way of security or charged by any fixed charge in the Debenture; and
  - (ii) all its Assets in so far as they are for the time being situated in Scotland or otherwise governed by Scots law;
- (e) covenants with the Security Agent that it will (and will procure each Obligor to) promptly do all such acts and execute all such documents (including assignments, transfers, mortgages, charges, notices and instructions) as the Security Agent may reasonably specify and in such form as the Security Agent may reasonably require (in favour of the Security Agent or its nominee(s)) and consistent with the terms of the Debenture in order to:
  - (i) comply with the Perfection Requirements;

- protect (or following an Enforcement Event, perfect) the Security created or intended to be created under or evidenced by the Debenture (which may include the execution of a mortgage, charge, assignment or other Security over all or any of the assets which are, or are intended to be, the subject of the Debenture) or for the exercise of any rights, powers and remedies of the Security Agent or the Secured Parties provided by or pursuant to the Finance Documents or by law; and/or
- (iii) following an Enforcement Event to facilitate the realisation of the Assets which are, or are intended to be, the subject of the Debenture;
- (f) covenants with the Security Agent to (and to procure that each Obligor will) at the request of the Security Agent at any time after an Enforcement Event take all such action as is available to it (including making all filings and registrations) as may be necessary for the purpose of the creation, perfection (after an Enforcement Event), protection or maintenance of any Security conferred or intended to be conferred on the Security Agent or the Finance Parties by or pursuant to the Debenture and to promptly execute a legal mortgage, charge or assignment over any of the Assets subject to or intended to be subject to any fixed Security created by the Debenture in favour of the Security Agent in such form as the Security Agent may reasonably require; and
- (g) undertakes not to, amongst other things:
  - (i) do anything prohibited by the negative pledge set out in Clause 22.18 (*Negative Pledge*) of the Facility Agreement, except as permitted by that clause; or
  - (ii) do anything prohibited by the prohibition on disposals set out in Clause 22.19 (*Disposals*) of the Facility Agreement, except as permitted by that clause.

(where "Liabilities", "Finance Documents", "Secured Parties", "Insurance Policies", "Hedging Documents", "Accounts", "Land", "Excluded Land", "Deed of Accession and Charge", "Specified Investments", "Derivative Rights", "Fixed Security Assets", "Obligor", "Intellectual Property", "Receivables", "Intercompany Debt", "Assets", "Excluded Assets", "Perfection Requirements", "Finance Parties", "Security Agent", "Enforcement Event" and "Security" have the meaning given to them in the Debenture).

# Schedule 4 to the Statutory Declaration (Companies Form No. 155(6)b) dated 8 April 2005

Up to 150 per cent. of the Total Commitments under the Facility Agreement (being £555,000,000),

(where "Total Commitments" has the meaning given to it in the Facility Agreement).

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The Directors
NHP Limited
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GU21 5BH

8 April 2005

**Dear Sirs** 

#### Auditors' report to the directors of NHP Limited pursuant to Section 156(4) of the Companies Act 1985

We have examined the attached statutory declaration of the directors of NHP Limited (the "Company") dated 8 April 2005 in connection with the proposal that NHP Operations (York) Limited should give financial assistance for the purposes set out in the attached statutory declaration. 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

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Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors



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Declared at

PAISLEY

Declarants to sign below

JOHN MURPHY

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    - (1) all other Land (other than Excluded Land) which in the future becomes its property;
    - (2) all interests and rights in or relating to Land (excluding Excluded Land) or the proceeds of sale of Land (excluding Excluded Land) then or in the future belonging to it;
    - (3) all plant and machinery then or in the future attached to any Land (other than Excluded Land) which, or an interest in which, is charged by it under the provisions of the Debenture;
    - (4) all rental and other income and all debts and claims then or in the future due or owing to it under or in connection with any lease, agreement or licence relating to Land (excluding Excluded Land);
    - (5) all Specified Investments which are then, or in the future become, its property;
    - (6) all Derivative Rights then or in the future accruing in respect of its Specified Investments;
    - (7) to the extent not assigned pursuant to the other provisions of the Debenture, all insurance or assurance contracts or policies then or in the future held by or otherwise benefiting it which relate to Fixed Security Assets or which are then or in the future deposited by it with the Security Agent, together with all its rights and interests in such contracts and policies (including the benefit of all claims arising and all money payable under them and payable to the relevant Obligor) apart from any claims which are otherwise subject to a fixed charge or assignment (at law or in equity) in this Debenture;
    - (8) all its goodwill and uncalled capital for the time being;

- (9) all Intellectual Property then or in the future belonging to it legally or beneficially, including, subject to any necessary consent from a coproprietor being given, any Intellectual Property which it owns, or (to the extent of its interest) in which it then or in the future has an interest, together with others;
- (10) all its rights and causes of action in respect of infringement(s) (past, present or future) of the rights referred to in sub-paragraph (9) above;
- (11) all Receivables then or in the future owing to it;
- (12) all Intercompany Debt then or in the future owing to it;
- (13) the benefit of all instruments, guarantees, charges, pledges and other security and all other rights and remedies available to it in respect of any Fixed Security Asset except to the extent that such items are for the time being effectively assigned in the Debenture;
- (14) all rights, money or property accruing or payable to it then or in the future under or by virtue of a Fixed Security Asset except to the extent that such rights, money or property are for the time being effectively assigned or charged by fixed charge in the Debenture;
- (15) to the extent not assigned in the Debenture, each Account and all moneys at any time standing to the credit of any Account; and
- (16) other than in relation to its Intellectual Property, the benefit of all licences, consents and authorisations held in connection with its business or the use of any Asset and the right to recover and receive all compensation which may be payable in respect of them;
- (d) with full title guarantee, charges to the Security Agent as security for the payment or discharge of all Liabilities, by way of floating charge:
  - (i) all its Assets (other than Excluded Land and Excluded Assets), except to the extent that such Assets are for the time being effectively assigned by way of security or charged by any fixed charge in the Debenture; and
  - (ii) all its Assets in so far as they are for the time being situated in Scotland or otherwise governed by Scots law;
- (e) covenants with the Security Agent that it will (and will procure each Obligor to) promptly do all such acts and execute all such documents (including assignments, transfers, mortgages, charges, notices and instructions) as the Security Agent may reasonably specify and in such form as the Security Agent may reasonably require (in favour of the Security Agent or its nominee(s)) and consistent with the terms of the Debenture in order to:
  - (i) comply with the Perfection Requirements;

- (ii) protect (or following an Enforcement Event, perfect) the Security created or intended to be created under or evidenced by the Debenture (which may include the execution of a mortgage, charge, assignment or other Security over all or any of the assets which are, or are intended to be, the subject of the Debenture) or for the exercise of any rights, powers and remedies of the Security Agent or the Secured Parties provided by or pursuant to the Finance Documents or by law; and/or
- (iii) following an Enforcement Event to facilitate the realisation of the Assets which are, or are intended to be, the subject of the Debenture;
- (f) covenants with the Security Agent to (and to procure that each Obligor will) at the request of the Security Agent at any time after an Enforcement Event take all such action as is available to it (including making all filings and registrations) as may be necessary for the purpose of the creation, perfection (after an Enforcement Event), protection or maintenance of any Security conferred or intended to be conferred on the Security Agent or the Finance Parties by or pursuant to the Debenture and to promptly execute a legal mortgage, charge or assignment over any of the Assets subject to or intended to be subject to any fixed Security created by the Debenture in favour of the Security Agent in such form as the Security Agent may reasonably require; and
- (g) undertakes not to, amongst other things:
  - (i) do anything prohibited by the negative pledge set out in Clause 22.18 (Negative Pledge) of the Facility Agreement, except as permitted by that clause; or
  - (ii) do anything prohibited by the prohibition on disposals set out in Clause 22.19 (*Disposals*) of the Facility Agreement, except as permitted by that clause,

(where "Liabilities", "Finance Documents", "Secured Parties", "Insurance Policies", "Hedging Documents", "Accounts", "Land", "Excluded Land", "Deed of Accession and Charge", "Specified Investments", "Derivative Rights", "Fixed Security Assets", "Obligor", "Intellectual Property", "Receivables", "Intercompany Debt", "Assets", "Excluded Assets", "Perfection Requirements", "Finance Parties", "Security Agent", "Enforcement Event" and "Security" have the meaning given to them in the Debenture).

# Schedule 4 to the Statutory Declaration (Companies Form No. 155(6)b) dated 8 April 2005

Up to 150 per cent. of the Total Commitments under the Facility Agreement (being £555,000,000),

(where "Total Commitments" has the meaning given to it in the Facility Agreement).



COMPANIES FORM No. 155(6)b

#### Declaration by the directors of a holding company in relation to assistance for the acquisition of shares



Company number

02798607

Please do not write in this margin

Please complete legibly, preferably in black type, or bold block lettering

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

Pursuant to section 155(6) of the Companies Act 1985

To the Registrar of Companies (Address overleaf - Note 5)

Name of company

\* NHP Limited

X/Weø See Schedule 1

t delete as appropriate

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\$ delete whichever is inappropriate The business of this company is:

- (a) TASTACOCASTANAS CONTROL CO
- (c) something other than the above§

This company is [the] [X holding company of\*

\_ which is

NHP Operations (York) Limited (the "Company") proposing to give financial assistance in connection with the acquisition of shares

in [this company] [ \_\_\_\_

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

Clifford Chance LLP 10 Upper Bank Street London E14 5JJ

DX: 149120 Canary Wharf 3 Ref: SCD/B2487/01059/GK

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The assistance is for the purpose of ***********************************	Please do not write in this margin
The surpher and close of the phone considered and to be considered in	Please complete legibly, preferably in black type, or
The number and class of the shares acquired or to be acquired is:	bold block lettering
216,614,127 ordinary shares of one pence each	_
The assistance is to be given to: (note 2) TBG CareCo Limited whose registered office is	
40 Berkeley Square, London W1J 5AL	
The assistance will take the form of:	
The person who [has acquired] [white whose registered office is 40 Berkeley Square, London w1J 5AL	1 delete as appropriate
The principal terms on which the assistance will be given are:	
See Schedule 3	
The amount (if any) by which the net assets of the company which is giving the assistance will be reduced by giving it is $\_{\tt NIL}$	
The amount of cash to be transferred to the person assisted is £  See Schedule 4	

NIL

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

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The date on which the assistance is to be given is

within 8 weeks of date hereof

Please complete legibly, preferably in black type, or bold block lettering

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) New will be able to pay its debts as they fall due during the year immediately following that date]\* (note 3)

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

And Xwe 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

Day Month

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Year

before me

A Commissioner for Oaths of Notary Public of CANGE OF A IN

the Peace or a/Solicitor having the powers conferred on

a Commissioner for Oaths.

Declarants to sign below

#### 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 Companies House 37 Castle Terrace Edinburgh EH1 2EB

### Schedule 1 to the Statutory Declaration (Companies Form No. 155(6)b) dated 8 April 2005

John Murphy of 21 Montgreenan View, Kilwinning, Ayrshire KA13 7NL, Graham Kevin Sizer of Old Salutation Barn, Low Street, Little Fencote, Northalerton DL7 9LR, Christopher Rutter of 15 The Dell, Bishop Auckland, Durham DL14 7HJ and Philip Scott of The Old Vicarage, Newgate, Barnard Castle, Durham DL12 8NW

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### Schedule 2 to the Statutory Declaration (Companies Form No. 155(6)b) dated 8 April 2005

- 1. The execution, delivery and performance by the Company of its obligations under a facility agreement dated 29 November 2004 between, *inter alia*, TBG CareCo Limited as original borrower (the "Original Borrower") and the financial institutions listed therein as lenders (the "Original Lenders"), (as amended, varied, supplemented, novated or restated from time to time, the "Facility Agreement"), to which the Company will become a party as a guarantor (the "Guarantor") by way of an amendment and restatement deed (the "Amendment and Restatement Deed"), to be dated on or about the date hereof (or, as the case may be, by way of a subsequent accession agreement relating to the Facility Agreement), and pursuant to which the Company will (*inter alia*) guarantee the obligations of the obligors, which include the Original Borrower.
- 2. The execution, delivery and performance by the Company of its obligations under an intercreditor deed dated 29 November 2004 between, *inter alia*, the Original Borrower and Barclays Bank PLC as agent (the "Agent") and security agent (the "Security Agent"), (as amended, varied, supplemented, novated or restated from time to time, the "Intercreditor Deed"), to which the Company will become party as an obligor, an intercompany lender and an intercompany borrower by way of the Amendment and Restatement Deed (or, as the case may be, by way of a subsequent accession deed relating to the Intercreditor Deed), and pursuant to which the Company (*inter alia*) agrees to make loans to the other obligors, which include the Original Borrower, and to subordinate its right to repayment of such loans.
- 3. The execution, delivery and performance by the Company of its obligations under an intercompany funding agreement, to be dated on or about the date hereof (the "Intercompany Funding Agreement") between, inter alia, the Company and the Original Borrower (or, as the case may be, a subsequent accession agreement relating to the Intercompany Funding Agreement), pursuant to which the Company will (inter alia) agree to make loans to the other obligors, which include the Original Borrower.
- 4. The execution, delivery and performance by the Company of its obligations under a debenture (the "**Debenture**") between, *inter alia*, the Company and the Security Agent, pursuant to which the Company will grant security in favour of the Security Agent to secure its obligations as a Guarantor under the Facility Agreement.

### Schedule 3 to the Statutory Declaration (Companies Form No. 155(6)b) dated 8 April 2005

- 1. By becoming a party to the Facility Agreement, the Company:
  - (a) irrevocably and unconditionally:
    - (i) guarantees to each Finance Party and Hedging Bank punctual performance by each other Obligor of all that Obligor's obligations under the Finance Documents;
    - (ii) undertakes with each Finance Party and Hedging Bank that whenever an Obligor does not pay any amount when due under or in connection with any Finance Document, the Company shall immediately on demand pay that amount as if it was the principal obligor;
    - (iii) indemnifies each Finance Party and Hedging Bank immediately on demand against any cost, loss or liability suffered by that Finance Party or Hedging Bank if any obligation guaranteed by it is or becomes unenforceable, invalid or illegal;
  - (b) makes certain representations to the Finance Parties; and
  - (c) undertakes to comply with certain general undertakings including, without limitation, an undertaking not to create or permit to subsist any security or quasi security over any of its assets and not to dispose of its assets (in each case, subject to certain exceptions),

(where "Finance Party", "Hedging Bank", "Obligor" and "Finance Document" have the meaning given to them in the Facility Agreement).

- 2. By becoming a party to the Intercreditor Deed, the Company:
  - (a) subordinates its right to repayment of monies due to it in respect of the Intercompany Debt;
  - (b) agrees to make loans to the other Intercompany Borrowers, which include the Original Borrower, under an Intercompany Funding Agreement;
  - (c) agrees to the ranking in right and priority of payments set out in the Intercreditor Deed;
  - (d) undertakes to comply with the undertakings contained in the Intercreditor Deed, including, without limitation:
    - (i) agreeing not to demand or receive payment of, or any distribution in respect of, or on account of any Intercompany Debt in cash or in kind or apply any money or property in or towards discharge of any Intercompany Debt;

- (ii) agreeing not to discharge any of the Intercompany Debt by set-off, any right of combination of accounts or otherwise;
- (iii) agreeing to hold certain amounts it receives in respect of the Intercompany Debt on trust for the Security Agent and to pay such amounts to the Security Agent;
- (iv) agreeing to the restrictions on enforcement and the application of proceeds of any enforcement as set out in the Intercreditor Deed;
- (e) provides the representations and warranties to the extent applicable under the terms of the Intercreditor Deed:
- (f) agrees to indemnify on demand each of the Senior Finance Parties and the Hedging Banks in full for, and pay to the Agent (for the account of the Senior Finance Parties and the Hedging Banks) an amount equal to certain costs and expenses; and
- (g) irrevocably and unconditionally guarantees to each Hedging Bank, and indemnifies each Hedging Bank in respect of, payment in full of the Hedging Debt owed to it by any other Obligor on the same terms as are set out in Clause 21 (Guarantee and indemnity) of the Facility Agreement,

(where "Agent", "Hedging Bank", "Hedging Debt", "Intercompany Debt", "Intercompany Borrowers", "Intercompany Funding Agreement", "Original Borrower", "Obligor", "Security Agent" and "Senior Finance Parties" have the meaning given to them in the Intercreditor Deed).

3. By executing the Intercompany Funding Agreement (or, as the case may be, a subsequent accession agreement to the Intercompany Funding Agreement), the Company agrees to make loans to the Intercompany Borrowers, which include the Original Borrower,

(where "Intercompany Borrowers" has the meaning given to it in the Intercompany Funding Agreement).

- 4. By executing the Debenture, the Company:
  - (a) covenants with the Security Agent that it will pay or discharge the Liabilities at the times and in the manner provided in the relevant Finance Documents;
  - (b) with full title guarantee, as security for the payment or discharge or all Liabilities, assigns to the Security Agent (as trustee for the Secured Parties):
    - (i) all of its rights, title and interest from time to time in respect of any sums payable to it pursuant to the Insurance Policies (subject to the prior claims, if any, of any third parties in respect of those Insurance Policies);

- (ii) all of its rights, title and interest from time to time in respect of the Hedging Documents; and
- (iii) all of its rights, title and interest from time to time in respect of the Accounts;
- (c) with full title guarantee, as security for the payment or discharge or all Liabilities, charges to the Security Agent:
  - (i) by way of legal mortgage, all Land (excluding Excluded Land) in England or Wales then or in the future vested in it and registered at the Land Registry or which will be subject to first registration at the Land Registry upon the execution and delivery of the Debenture or a Deed of Accession and Charge;
  - (ii) by way of fixed charge:
    - all other Land (other than Excluded Land) which in the future becomes its property;
    - (2) all interests and rights in or relating to Land (excluding Excluded Land) or the proceeds of sale of Land (excluding Excluded Land) then or in the future belonging to it;
    - (3) all plant and machinery then or in the future attached to any Land (other than Excluded Land) which, or an interest in which, is charged by it under the provisions of the Debenture;
    - (4) all rental and other income and all debts and claims then or in the future due or owing to it under or in connection with any lease, agreement or licence relating to Land (excluding Excluded Land);
    - (5) all Specified Investments which are then, or in the future become, its property;
    - (6) all Derivative Rights then or in the future accruing in respect of its Specified Investments;
    - (7) to the extent not assigned pursuant to the other provisions of the Debenture, all insurance or assurance contracts or policies then or in the future held by or otherwise benefiting it which relate to Fixed Security Assets or which are then or in the future deposited by it with the Security Agent, together with all its rights and interests in such contracts and policies (including the benefit of all claims arising and all money payable under them and payable to the relevant Obligor) apart from any claims which are otherwise subject to a fixed charge or assignment (at law or in equity) in this Debenture;
    - (8) all its goodwill and uncalled capital for the time being;

- (9) all Intellectual Property then or in the future belonging to it legally or beneficially, including, subject to any necessary consent from a coproprietor being given, any Intellectual Property which it owns, or (to the extent of its interest) in which it then or in the future has an interest, together with others;
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- (16) other than in relation to its Intellectual Property, the benefit of all licences, consents and authorisations held in connection with its business or the use of any Asset and the right to recover and receive all compensation which may be payable in respect of them;
- (d) with full title guarantee, charges to the Security Agent as security for the payment or discharge of all Liabilities, by way of floating charge:
  - (i) all its Assets (other than Excluded Land and Excluded Assets), except to the extent that such Assets are for the time being effectively assigned by way of security or charged by any fixed charge in the Debenture; and
  - (ii) all its Assets in so far as they are for the time being situated in Scotland or otherwise governed by Scots law;
- (e) covenants with the Security Agent that it will (and will procure each Obligor to) promptly do all such acts and execute all such documents (including assignments, transfers, mortgages, charges, notices and instructions) as the Security Agent may reasonably specify and in such form as the Security Agent may reasonably require (in favour of the Security Agent or its nominee(s)) and consistent with the terms of the Debenture in order to:
  - (i) comply with the Perfection Requirements;

- (ii) protect (or following an Enforcement Event, perfect) the Security created or intended to be created under or evidenced by the Debenture (which may include the execution of a mortgage, charge, assignment or other Security over all or any of the assets which are, or are intended to be, the subject of the Debenture) or for the exercise of any rights, powers and remedies of the Security Agent or the Secured Parties provided by or pursuant to the Finance Documents or by law; and/or
- (iii) following an Enforcement Event to facilitate the realisation of the Assets which are, or are intended to be, the subject of the Debenture;
- (f) covenants with the Security Agent to (and to procure that each Obligor will) at the request of the Security Agent at any time after an Enforcement Event take all such action as is available to it (including making all filings and registrations) as may be necessary for the purpose of the creation, perfection (after an Enforcement Event), protection or maintenance of any Security conferred or intended to be conferred on the Security Agent or the Finance Parties by or pursuant to the Debenture and to promptly execute a legal mortgage, charge or assignment over any of the Assets subject to or intended to be subject to any fixed Security created by the Debenture in favour of the Security Agent in such form as the Security Agent may reasonably require; and
- (g) undertakes not to, amongst other things:
  - (i) do anything prohibited by the negative pledge set out in Clause 22.18 (Negative Pledge) of the Facility Agreement, except as permitted by that clause; or
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Up to 150 per cent. of the Total Commitments under the Facility Agreement (being £555,000,000),

(where "Total Commitments" has the meaning given to it in the Facility Agreement).



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The Directors
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Woking
GU21 5BH

**&** April 2005

**Dear Sirs** 

Auditors' report to the directors of NHP Operations (York) Limited pursuant to Section 156(4) of the Companies Act 1985

We have examined the attached statutory declaration of the directors of NHP Operations (York) Limited (the "Company") dated **%** April 2005 in connection with the proposal that the Company should give financial assistance in respect of itself for the purposes set out in the attached statutory declaration. 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

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Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors