

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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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

* ERM Limited (the "Company")

X/We ø See Schedule 1 attached

For official use Company number

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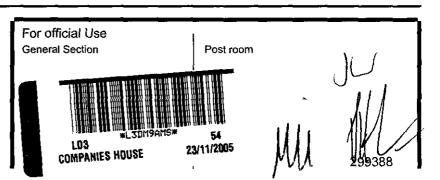
§ delete whichever is inappropriate The business of this company is:

- (a) (b) (b) (c) (c) (d) (d)
- (c) something other than the above§

This company is [23] [a] holding company of* ERM-Europe, Ltd (company number 02137137) with registered office at 8 Cavendish Square. London W1G 0ER which is proposing to give financial assistance in connection with the acquisition of shares in [23] [ANNION ERM Holdings Limited (company number 04067993) with registered office at 8 Cavendish Square, London W1G 0ER the holding company of this company.]†

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

SJ Berwin LLP
222 Gray's Inn Road
London
WC1X 8XF
Ref: SAFR/E16489.0012
DX (255) London/Chancery



The assistance is for the purpose of [that acquisition] [k&&XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	Please do not write in this margin
The number and class of the shares acquired or to be acquired is: <u>See Schedule 2 attached</u>	Please complete legibly, preferab in black type, or bold block lettering
The assistance is to be given to: (note 2) Eagle 1 Limited (company number 5593398) with registered office at 8 Cavendish Square, London W1G 0ER	
The assistance will take the form of:	
See Schedule 3 attached	
The person who [hakkakkk [will acquire]† the shares is: Eagle 1 Limited The principal terms on which the assistance will be given are:	† delete as appropriate
See Schedule 4 attached	
The amount (if any) by which the net assets of the company which is giving the assistance will be reduced by giving it isnil	. JU
The amount of cash to be transferred to the person assisted is £ See Schedule 5 attached	
The value of any asset to be transferred to the person assisted is £ $\frac{\text{nil}}{}$	Page 2 299388

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delete either (a) or (b) as appropriate

X/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) We have formed the opinion that this company 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.

Declared at See Schedule 1 attached

Day Month Year
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before me M M (JACK WHIBLEY)

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

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

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SCHEDULES

Financial Assistance Declaration Section 155(6)b

ERM Limited (in respect of financial assistance given by ERM-Europe, Ltd (the "Subsidiary"))

This is the document "Schedule 1", "Schedule 2", "Schedule 3", "Schedule 4", and "Schedule 5" referred to in the attached Statutory Declaration.

SCHEDULE 1

Names and addresses of all directors

Philip Keller

30 Meadowbank

London NW3 3AY

Dr Malcolm Hutton

Box Lane Court

Box Lane Boxmoor Hemel Hempstead

Hertfordshire

HP3 0DH

of the provisions of the Statutory Declarations Act 1835.

And we make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue

SCHEDULE 2

Number and class of shares acquired

948,597 A ordinary shares of \$0.10 each; 1,138,237 B ordinary shares of \$0.01 each; 1,000 C ordinary shares of \$0.01 each; and 10,900 B deferred shares of £0.01 each.

SCHEDULE 3

Form of financial assistance

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- 1. The entry by the Subsidiary into a guarantee increase deed (the "Guarantee Increase Deed"), to be substantially in the form presented at the meeting of the directors of the Company on or around the date hereof, and to be dated within 8 weeks and pursuant to which the parties thereto will increase their liability under the initial guarantee which they will provide by acceding before the date of the Guarantee Increase Deed to the terms of a senior credit agreement (dated 28 October 2005 and made between Eagle 1 Limited (the "Parent"), the companies named therein as Original Borrowers, and Original Guarantors, The Governor and Company of The Bank of Scotland as Arranger, The Governor and Company of The Bank of Scotland as Security Agent and The Governor and Company of The Bank of Scotland as Issuing Bank (each defined therein)) (the "Senior Credit Agreement") (and contained within the Guarantee Increase Deed) for the punctual performance of all obligations arising under the Senior Finance Documents (as defined in the Senior Credit Agreement) by amongst other the Parent.
- 2. The entry by Eagle US, Inc., Eagle Germany GmbH and Eagle 4 Limited as borrowers and ERM Holdings Limited, the Company, the Subsidiary, ERM-Asia Pacific Holdings, Limited, Ltd, ERM (Overseas Holdings) Limited, Environmental Resources Management Limited and ERM Certification and Verification Services Limited as Lenders into an intragroup loan agreement (the "Upstream Intra-group Loan Agreement") whereunder, amongst others, the Company and the Subsidiary each agree to lend to Eagle US, Inc., Eagle Germany GmbH and Eagle 4 Limited, up to an aggregate maximum principal amount of US\$349,000,000.
- The execution and delivery by the Company of the certificates and other documents to be delivered to the Agent pursuant to the Senior Credit Agreement.

SCHEDULE 4

Principal terms on which the financial assistance will be given

- Pursuant to the Guarantee Increase Deed, the Subsidiary will guarantee the obligations of, amongst others, the Original Obligors and of all their obligations arising under the Senior Finance Documents, give various representations and warranties, undertakings, covenants and indemnities to the Senior Finance Parties and will agree that at any time following the occurrence of an Event of Default which is continuing, any Senior Finance Party may set-off any amount standing to the credit of any Obligor's accounts with that Senior Finance Party to the Obligor against any due and payable liability in respect of all the debt due and owing by the Obligor to the Senior Finance Party (capitalised terms in this paragraph (unless otherwise defined in this Form 155 (including appendices) have the meanings given to them in the Senior Credit Agreement (as amended and/or supplemented by the Guarantee Increase Deed).
- Pursuant to the Upstream Intra-group Loan Agreement, the Subsidiary, amongst others, will agree to lend to Eagle US, Inc., Eagle Germany GmbH and Eagle 4 Limited (the "Borrowers"), up to an aggregate maximum principal amount of US\$349,000,000 at the Applicable Rate (as therein defined) or such other rate as the parties may agree (capitalised terms in this paragraph (unless otherwise defined in this Form 155 (including appendices)) have the meanings given to them in the Upstream Intra-group Loan Agreement), such amounts to be available to the Borrowers for the purposes of:

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- the Borrowers making payments when due under the Senior Credit Agreement (as amended and/or supplemented by the Guarantee Increase Deed);
- (b) to pay costs and expenses incurred by the Parent directly or indirectly in connection with the acquisition by the Parent of any shares in the capital of any of the Lenders (as defined therein);
- (c) to on lend funds to the Borrowers parent companies for the making of payments when due under (i) the US\$60,000,000 guaranteed loan notes issued by Eagle 3 Limited and (ii) the US\$9,000,000 subordinated term loan facility available to the Parent; and
- (d) to pay any other liability incurred directly or indirectly for the purpose of or otherwise in connection with any such transaction,

in each case where the Borrowers as applicable, is obliged or permitted (in accordance with the Senior Credit Agreement (as amended and/or supplemented by the Guarantee Increase Deed).

Schedule 5

Cash to be transferred at the time of the giving of the financial assistance is nil, however cash may become payable, under the Upstream Intra-group Loan Agreement and/or under the other documents.

These above Schedules 1 to 5 referred to in the Form 155(6)b declared by the Directors of the Company on 21st November 2005 at i Caundish Place WIGORF

before me JACK WHIBLEY

London

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

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■ Ernst & Young

Auditors' report to the directors of ERM Limited pursuant to section 156(4) of the Companies Act 1985

We have examined the attached statutory declaration of the directors of ERM Limited ("the Company") dated 21 November 2005, prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom Law, in connection with the proposal that ERM-Europe, Ltd should give financial assistance in connection with the acquisition of the entire issued share capital of ERM Holdings Limited by Eagle 1 Limited.

This report is made solely to the directors in accordance with Section 156(4) of the Companies Act 1985. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the directors those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the directors, for our work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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.

Ernst & Young LLP Registered Auditor

London

21 November 2005