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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

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

For official use Company number 03338230

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Name of company

- 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

\* Christy Group Limited

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

- (c) something other than the above §

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

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The assistance will take the form of:	
See Appendix 3	
The person who [XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	† delete as appropriate
The principal terms on which the assistance will be given are:	
See Appendix 4	
The amount (if any) by which the net assets of the company which is giving the assistance will be reduced by giving it is $\frac{Nil}{}$	
The amount of cash to be transferred to the person assisted is £  See Appendix 5	
The value of any asset to be transferred to the person assisted is f	Page 2

The date on which the assistance is to be given is

Within 8 weeks of the date hereof

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(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)

delete either (a) or (b) as appropriate

And Www 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

Hammonds, Truity Court, John Dalton Street
Manchester

On 0 5 0 1 2 0 0 7

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

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# Appendix 1 to Form 155(6)b

# CHRISTY GROUP LIMITED (the "Company")

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Andy Pybus	Green Hill Raper View Aberford West Yorkshire LS25 3AF	
Anthony James Lewis	9 Meadow Road Middleton Manchester M24 1WH	
Louis Jules Hydleman	Middle Spreadcombe Farm Braunton North Devon EX33 1JA	
Gary Panons	15 Jenner Close Wantorough Wiltshire SN4 0FA	



# Appendix 2 to Form 155(6)b

# **CHRISTY GROUP LIMITED (the "Company")**

(Company No. 03338230)

The number and class of shares acquired or to be acquired is:

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3,000,000 ordinary shares of £1.00 each.

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## Appendix 3 to Form 155(6)b

## CHRISTY GROUP LIMITED (the "Company")

- The execution and delivery by Christy & Co. Limited (Company Number 01468380) ("CCL") of an unlimited cross company guarantee (the "Guarantee") proposed to be entered into by the Company, the Purchaser, CCL and the other trading subsidiaries of the Company, being Christys By Design Limited (Company Number 01118407) and C W Headdress Limited (Company Number 03165540) (the "Subsidiaries") in favour of The Royal Bank of Scotland plc acting as agent for National Westminster Bank Plc (the "Bank").
- The execution and delivery by CCL of an intercreditor agreement (the "Intercreditor Agreement") proposed to be entered into between, inter alia, the Purchaser, the Company, CCL, the Subsidiaries, the Bank, RBS Invoice Finance Limited ("RBSIF"), Barclays Unquoted Investments Limited (the "Investor") Baggy Nominees Limited (Company Number 03277636) ("Baggy Nominees") and Pinto Partners LP and others (the "Accrued Interest Creditors").
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- The execution and delivery by CCL of a composite guarantee and debenture (the "BUIL Guarantee and Debenture") proposed to be entered into by the Purchaser, the Company, CCL and the Subsidiaries in favour of the Investor as security trustee (the "Investor Security Trustee") for the Beneficiaries (as defined therein) (the "Investor Beneficiaries").
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## Appendix 4 to Form 155(6)b

## CHRISTY GROUP LIMITED (the "Company")

- Pursuant to the Guarantee, CCL would (i) guarantee the payment and discharge by the Purchaser, the Company and the Subsidiaries of all their obligations and liabilities to the Bank, including under a facility agreement pursuant to which the Bank would make available to the Company a term loan facility of up to £4,200,000 (four million two hundred thousand pounds sterling) (the "Facility Agreement") and a multi-currency overdraft facility letter pursuant to which the Bank would make available to the Purchaser, the Company, CCL and the Subsidiaries a multi-currency overdraft facility with a net limit of up to £10,000,000 (ten million pounds sterling) (the "Overdraft Facility Letter") and (ii) further indemnify the Bank in respect of such liabilities.
- Pursuant to the Intercreditor Agreement, CCL would acknowledge the priorities of security and ranking of payments and other contractual arrangements made between, inter alia, the Bank, RBSIF, the Investor, Baggy Nominees and the Accrued Interest Creditors.
- Pursuant to the Intra-Group Loan Agreement, any loans made by CCL to the Purchaser could, inter alia, be used by the Purchaser to repay its obligations to Baggy Nominees under the Vendor Loan Notes (as defined therein) and/or the Accrued Interest Creditors under the Accrued Interest Credit Agreements (as defined therein) and/or the Investor under the BUIL Loan Notes (as defined therein).
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In entering into the various documents referred to above, CCL is entering into obligations and assuming liabilities and giving security in connection with the acquisition of the entire issued share capital of the Company by the Purchaser (the "Acquisition") and the subscription for 3,000,000 ordinary shares in the Company by the Purchaser (the "Subscription") and may in the future be called upon pursuant to any of the documents referred to in this declaration to discharge obligations and/or liabilities arising in connection with the Acquisition or the Subscription.

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# Appendix 5 to Form 155(6)b

# CHRISTY GROUP LIMITED (the "Company")

(Company No. 03338230)

The amount of any loans made from time to time by CCL to the Purchaser under the terms of the Intra-Group Loan Agreement.



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The Directors
Christy Group Limited
Wood Street
Barnsley
South Yorkshire
S70 1NB

Our ref ch/la/239/007

**5** January 2007

Dear Sirs

Auditors' report to the directors of Christy Group Limited (the "Company") pursuant to Section 156(4) of the Companies Act 1985

We have examined the attached statutory declaration of the directors dated 5 January 2007 in connection with the proposal that the Company's subsidiary, Christy & Co Limited, should give financial assistance for the purpose of the acquisition of the entire share capital in the Company by Hamsard 3031 Limited on 5 January 2007.

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

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 sincerely

KPMG LLP

Registered Auditor

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

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

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proposing to give financial assistance in conne in [this company] [	•	<b>}</b> \$
01468380)		which is
This company is [the] [X holding company of*	Christy & Co Limited	(Company Number

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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 Room 1201, 12/F, Far East Constrium Building, No.121 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region by Gary Charies Panons:

Declarants to sign below

on 0 5 0 1 2 0 0 7

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

Elaine Chi Ling Tam
Notary Public, Hong Kong SAR
Room 1201, 12th Floor,
Far East Consortium Building,
No. 121 Des Voeux Road Central,
Hong Kong SAR
(I assume no responsibility for the contents of this document)

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Registered Auditor

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