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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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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

For official use	Company number
	3346374

* SWEETMANS HOLDINGS LIMITED

XWe ø CHRISTOPHER JONES OF Y GARN FAWR, GLEN USK ROAD, LLANHENOCK, NEWPORT NP18 1LU AND

GRAHAM WHILEY OF THE WHITE HOUSE, DALEFORDS LANE, WHITEGATE, NORTHWICH CHESHIRE CW8 2BN

t delete as appropriate

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

- (c) something other than the above§

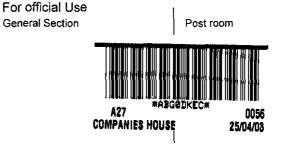
This company is [the] [X] holding company of* SWEETMANS RETAIL LIMITED (NO: 744248)

which is proposing to give financial assistance in connection with the acquisition of shares in [this company] [

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

DOLMANS SOLICITORS 17-21 WINDSOR PLACE CARDIFF CF10 3DS

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The assistance is for the purpose of [that acquisition]	Please do not * write in this margin
The number and class of the shares acquired or to be acquired is: 1000 ORDINARY SHARES OF £1 EACH	Please complete legibly, preferably in black type, or bold block lettering
The assistance is to be given to: (note 2) GOWER HOLDINGS LIMITED (NO: 4686340) WHOSE	
REGISTERED OFFICE IS 17-21 WINDSOR PLACE CARDIFF CF10 3DS ("THE PURCHASER")	ē
The assistance will take the form of:	
 A Guarantee by the company to HSBC Bank Plc ('the Bank') to secure all the present and future indebtedness and liabilities to the Bank howsoever arising. A Debenture (including a Legal Mortgage over the freehold and leasehold property; a first fixed Charge over inter alia the chattels, book and other debts, licenses, goodwill and uncalled capital both present and future) and first floating Charge over the undertaking of the Company and all its property. A Legal Charge in favour of the Bank granted by the Company over each of the freehold properties known as 44 Sway Road, Morriston and 64 High Street, Gorseinon, securing the payment of all monies owed by the Company to the Bank at any time and from time to time. If required by the Bank, a chattel mortgage over certain assets of the Company. An inter-company loan by the Company to the Purchaser to assist in financing the acquisition. The payment, if required, of professional advisers fees incurred in connection with the acquisition of the Company. 	
The person who [has acquired] [wilk it is shares is: THE PURCHASER	† delete as appropriate
The principal terms on which the assistance will be given are:	
 A Guarantee by the company to HSBC Bank Plc ('the Bank') to secure all the present and future indebtedness and liabilities to the Bank howsoever arising. A Debenture (including a Legal Mortgage over the freehold and leasehold property; a first fixed Charge over inter alia the chattels, book and other debts, licenses, goodwill and uncalled capital both present and future) and first floating Charge over the undertaking of the Company and all its property. A Legal Charge in favour of the Bank granted by the Company over each of the freehold properties known as 44 Sway Road, Morriston and 64 High Street, Gorseinon, securing the payment of all monies owed by the Company to the Bank at any time and from time to time. If required by the Bank, a chattel mortgage over certain assets of the Company. An inter-company loan by the Company to the Purchaser to assist in financing the acquisition. The payment, if required, of peofessional advisers fees incurred in connection with the acquisition of the shares. 	
The amount (if any) by which the net assets of the company which is giving the assistance will be reduced	
by giving it is $\frac{\text{NIL}}{\text{NIL}}$	
The amount of cash to be transferred to the person assisted is £ N/A	
he value of any asset to be transferred to the person assisted is £ $^{ m N/A}$	Page 2

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The value of any asset to be transferred to the person assisted is $\boldsymbol{\pounds}$

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The date on which the assistance is to be given is

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XWe 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)

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

- (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)
- *************************************** (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

BABILY COME PARCE PLACE

Declarants to sign below

CAMPIN OF 10

Day Month Year

before me

MARAN PARSAL

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

- 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 Edinburah EH1 2EB

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AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS OF SWEETMANS HOLDINGS LIMITED (THE COMPANY) PURSUANT TO SECTION 156(4) OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

We have examined the attached statutory declaration of the directors dated 26 March 2003 in connection with the proposal that the Company should give financial assistance for the purchase of the entire share capital of the Company.

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.

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