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The Directors
Lion Corporate Assets Limited
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Dear Sirs

Auditors' statement to the directors of Lion Corporate Assets Limited under section 43(3)(b) of the Companies Act 1985

We have examined the balance sheet of Lion Corporate Assets Limited at 7 August 1998, which has been prepared for the purposes of the company's proposed re-registration as a public company and audited by us.

Basis of opinion

The scope of our work for the purpose of this statement was limited to an examination of the relationship between the company's net assets and its called up share capital and undistributable reserves as stated in the audited balance sheet in connection with the company's proposed re-registration as a public company.

Opinion

In our opinion the balance sheet shows that, at 7 August 1998, the amount of the company's net assets was not less than the aggregate of its called-up share capital and undistributable reserves.

Yours faithfully

PricewaterhouseCoopers

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors



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