

COMPANIES FORM No. 173

Declaration in relation to the redemption or purchase of shares out of capital



Company number

3608348

Please do not write in this margin Pursuant to section 173 of the Companies Act 1985

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*Insert full name of company

Note Please read the notes on page 2 before completing this form

† insert name(s) and address(es) of all the directors

To the Registrar of Companie	s
(Address overleaf - note 4)	

Name of company

* Arlington Securities (2003) Limited

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Sir Patrick BROWN of Great House Cottage, Hambledon, Surrey GU8 4DR
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[thexsobexdinexton][all the directors]§ of the above company do solemnly and sincerely declare that:

The business of the company is:

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(c) that of something other than the above †

The company is proposing to make a payment out of capital for the redemption or purchase of its own shares

The amount of the permissible capital payment for the shares in question is £ (note 1)

209,000,000

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Presentor's name address and reference (if any):
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The Directors
Arlington Securities (2003) Limited
Arlington Business Park
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13 May 2003

Dear Sirs

Auditors' report to the directors of Arlington Securities (2003) Limited pursuant to Section 173(5) of the Companies Act 1985

We have examined the attached statutory declaration of the directors of Arlington Securities (2003) Limited ("the Company") dated 13 May 2003 in connection with the Company's proposed purchase of its ordinary shares by a payment out of capital and reserves.

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

In our opinion, the amount of £209 million specified in the statutory declaration of the directors as the permissible capital payment for the shares to be purchased is properly determined in accordance with Sections 171 and 172 of the Companies Act 1985.

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 173(3) of the Companies Act 1985 is unreasonable in all the circumstances.

Yours faithfully

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

#\text{\five have made full enquiry into the affairs and prospects of the company, and \text{\five have formed the opinion:}

- (a) as regards its initial situation immediately following the date on which the payment out of capital is proposed to be made, that there will be no grounds on which the company could then be found unable to pay its debts (note 2), and
- (b) as regards its prospects for the year immediately following that date, that, having regard to may/our intentions with respect to the management of the company's business during that year and to the amount and character of the financial resources which will in may/our view be available during that year, the company will be able to continue to carry on business as a going concern (and will accordingly be able to pay its debts as they fall due) throughout that year, (note 2)

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And 1/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

Day Month Year

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

Notes

- 'Permissible capital payment' means an amount which, taken together with
 - (i) any available profits of the company; and
 - (ii) the proceeds of any fresh issue of shares made for the purposes of the redemption or purchase;

is equal to the price of redemption or purchase.

'Available profits' means the company's profits which are available for distribution (within the meaning of section 172 and 263 of the Companies Act 1985). The question whether the company has any profits so available and the amount of any such profits is to be determined in accordance with section 172 of the Companies Act 1985.

2 Contingent and prospective liabilities of the company must be taken into account, see sections 173(4) & 517 of the Companies Act 1985. 3 A copy of this declaration together with a copy of the auditor's report required by section 173 of the Companies Act 1985, must be delivered to the Registrar of Companies not later than the day on which the company publishes the notice required by section 175(1) of the Companies Act 1985, or first publishes or gives the notice required by section 175(2), whichever is the earlier.

Declarant(s) to sign below

4 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