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COMPANIES FORM No. 155(6)a

Declaration in relation to
assistance for the acquisition
of shares

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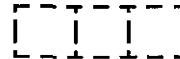
Pursuant to section 155(6) of the Companies Act 1985

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To the Registrar of Companies
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Company number



3767885

Note

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on page 3 before
completing this form.

Name of company

* The Malmaison Hotel (Birmingham) Limited

* insert full name
of company

X We see continuation sheet page 1

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

† delete as
appropriate

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ [all the directors]† of the above company do solemnly and sincerely declare that:

The business of the company is:

§ delete whichever
is inappropriate

~~(a) that of a (registered bank) (licensed insurance) within the meaning of the Banking Act 1988~~

~~(b) that of a person authorised under section 1 of the Insurance Companies Act 1982 to carry~~

~~insurance business in the United Kingdom~~

(c) something other than the above§

The company is proposing to give financial assistance in connection with the acquisition of shares in the

[company] ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

~~XXXXXX~~

The assistance is for the purpose of ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ [reducing or discharging a liability incurred for the
purpose of that acquisition].†

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

2 ordinary shares of £1 each

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

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222 Gray's Inn Road
London
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The assistance is to be given to: (note 2) MWB Malmaison Holdings Limited (Registered No.3917393)

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The assistance will take the form of:

See Annexure 1.

The person who [has acquired] [~~will acquire~~] the shares is:

† delete as
appropriate

MWB Malmaison Holdings Limited (Registered Number 3917393) (formerly known as MWB Hotel
Properties Limited) whose registered office is at 179 Great Portland Street, London W1W 5LS.

The principal terms on which the assistance will be given are:

See Annexure 2.

The amount of cash to be transferred to the person assisted is £ Nil.

The value of any asset to be transferred to the person assisted is £ Nil.

The date on which the assistance is to be given is within 8 weeks of the date hereof

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☒ We have formed the opinion, as regards the 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 the company will be able to pay its debts as they fall due during the year immediately following that date]* (note 3)

(b) ~~It is intended to commence the winding up of the company within 12 months of that date, and the~~
~~have formed the opinion that the company will be able to pay its debts in full within 12 months of the~~
~~commencement of the winding up.]~~* (note 3)

And ☒ 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

Declarants to sign below

on

Day	Month	Year

before me _____

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

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- 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.

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The Malmaison Hotel (Birmingham) Limited

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1. Ian Bruce Cave, 82 Park Street, Thame, Oxfordshire, OX9 3HX
2. Jagtar Singh, 163 Hempstead Road, Hertfordshire WD1 3HF

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of this Statutory Declarations Act 1835.

Declared at 1 West Garden Place, Kendal Street, London W2 2AQ

the 31st day of May 2002
before me



JULIET WALLER, Solicitor
46 Blandford Street
London W1U 7HT

A Solicitor having the powers conferred on a Commissioner for Oaths.

THE MALMAISON HOTEL (BIRMINGHAM) LIMITED

Company No. 3767885

(the "Company")

Annexure 1 - Form 155(6)a

Definitions

In this Statutory Declaration (including Annexures 1 & 2) the following expressions shall have the following meanings:

- "Borrower"** means MWB Malmaison Holdings Limited (Company Number 03917393)
- "BoS"** means the Governor and Company of the Bank of Scotland plc.
- "BoS Facility Letter"** means the amendment and restatement agreement which amends and restates the credit agreement dated 3 November 2000 entered into between (among others) MWB Hotel Properties Limited (now known as MWB Malmaison Holdings Limited) and Société Générale (the "Soc Gen Facility"), which was on or about the date of this declaration assigned to BoS. Such amended and restated agreement provides for a maximum aggregate sum of £83,000,000 to be advanced (to be increased to £110,000,000 upon the fulfilment of certain conditions) to MWB Malmaison Holdings Limited. The proceeds of the Soc Gen Facility were used by MWB Malmaison Holdings Limited to acquire (amongst other things) the entire issued share capital of Malmaison Limited and the Malmaison Hotel (Birmingham) Limited.
- "BoS Debenture"** Means the debenture dated on or about the date hereof, to be granted by the Company in favour of BoS to secure all monies and liabilities due, owing or incurred by the Company to BoS, whereby the Company:
- (a) covenants that it will on demand pay or discharge such sums due, owing or incurred, more particularly referred to in the BoS Debenture as the "Secured Obligations"; and
 - (b) grants legal, fixed and floating charges and mortgages over its assets and undertakings in favour of BoS as continuing security and with full title guarantee for the payment and discharge of such Secured Obligations.
- "BoS Guarantee"** means the corporate guarantee dated on or about the date hereof to be granted by (inter alios) various group



companies, including the Company in favour of BoS guaranteeing payments of monies due and owing by the "Principal" (as defined in the BoS Guarantee) to BoS, including under the BoS Facility Letter.

**"BoS Charge over
Agreement for Lease"**

means the charge over agreement for lease dated on or about the date hereof, to be granted by the Company in favour of BoS to secure all monies and liabilities due, owing or incurred to BoS by the Company whether actually or contingently, solely or jointly, as principal or surety, whereby the Company:

- (a) will on demand pay such sums, more particularly referred to as the "Secured Liabilities" therein; and
- (b) grants (inter alia) fixed charges over the benefit of the Company's interest in the Agreement for Lease dated 23 June 1999 made between Birmingham Mailbox Limited and the Company and the "Lease" and "Property" (as therein defined), as continuing security and with full title guarantee for the payment and discharge of such Secured Liabilities.

**"Intra-Group Loan
Agreement"**

means the intra-group loan agreement to be granted by various group companies (including the Company) as lenders to the Borrower as borrower, pursuant to which such group companies may lend money to the Borrower to service interest costs and repay advances and make other payments due under the BoS Facility Letter

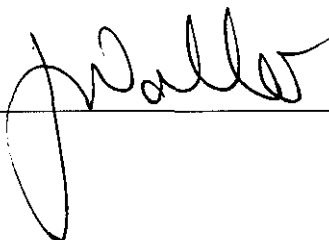
The assistance will take the form of:

- 1. The BoS Debenture
- 2. The BoS Guarantee
- 3. The BoS Charge over Agreement for Lease
- 4. The Intra-Group Loan Agreement

This is Annexure 1 referred to in Form 155(6)a declared by the directors of the Company on 31 May 2002.

Signed

Solicitor



JULIET WALLER, Solicitor
46 Blandford Street
London W1U 7HT

THE MALMAISON HOTEL (BIRMINGHAM) LIMITED

Company No. 3767885

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Annexure 2 - Form 155(6)a

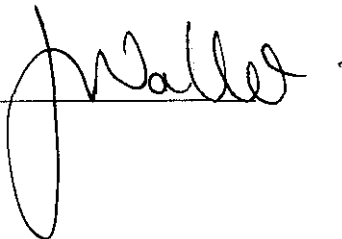
All capitalised terms in this Annexure 2 shall have the meanings given to them in Annexure 1.

The principal terms on which the assistance will be given are as follows:

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Signed

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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

Declarants to sign below

Day Month Year
on

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before me _____

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Declared at ~~1 West Garden Place, Kendal Street, London W2 2AQ~~

*Malmaison Hotel 278 West George Street Glasgow
Lancashire G2 4LL*

the *31* day of May 2002

before me

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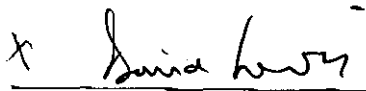
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Signed

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Solicitor

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Company No. 3767886

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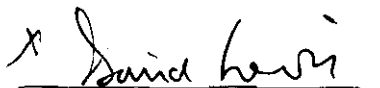
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Signed



Solicitor



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Contact Tony Cates
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The Directors
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31 May 2002

Dear Sirs

Auditors' report to the directors of The Malmaison Hotel (Birmingham) Limited pursuant to Section 156(4) of the Companies Act 1985

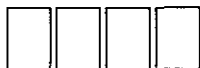
We refer to the statutory declaration (Form 155(6)a) to which this report is annexed made by the directors of the Company and dated the same date as this report.

We have examined the attached statutory declaration of the directors dated 31 May 2002 in connection with the proposal that the company should give financial assistance in connection with the refinancing of the debt used to acquire the entire issued share capital of Malmaison Limited and The Malmaison Hotel (Birmingham) Limited. 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 faithfully

KPMG Audit Plc



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