

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
	3858303

* ANS 2000 Limited

I/We ø

Geoffrey William Stuart Daly of 97 Valiant House, Vicarage Crescent, London SW11 3LX;
Surindar Singh Dhandsa of 14 Canons Close, Bognor Regis, West Sussex, PO21 4EB;
Anoop Kumar Nandubhai Patel of 28 Avenue Paul De Jaer, Apartment 3, St. Gilles, Brussells 1060, Belgium; and Frederick John Sinclair Brown of 13 Sudbrooke Road, London SW12 8TG

† delete as appropriate

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

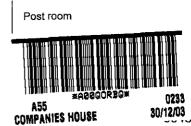
- (b) the contract of the contra
- (c) something other than the above§

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

Herbert Smith Exchange House, Primrose Street, London, EC2A 2HS

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The assistance is for the purpose of [that acquisition] ************************************	
1 Battersea Square, London SW11 3PZ	
The assistance will take the form of:	
Please see Continuation Sheet	
The person who [has acquired] [will with the shares is: ANS 2003 PLC whose registered office is at 1 Battersea Square, London SW1 3PZ	† delete as appropriate
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The principal terms on which the assistance will be given are:	
Please see Continuation Sheet	
The amount (if any) by which the net assets of the company which is giving the assistance will be reduced by giving it isNIL_	
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	5548 3 2age 2

Please do not write in this margin The date on which the assistance is to be given is

within 8 weeks of the date hereof

Please complete legibly, preferably in black type, or bold block lettering

When we 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) [I/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)

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

1 Battersea Square, London SW11 3PZ

on 23122003

before me BENJANIN 34003

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

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 Edinburgh EH1 2EB In these Continuation Sheets, capitalised terms bear the meanings given to them in the Facilities Agreement and the Debenture unless otherwise defined.

The subsidiaries giving financial assistance

- 1. ANS Limited
- 2. ANS Homes Limited
- 3. ANS Contract Healthcare Limited
- 4. ANS Contract Healthcare (Hartlepool) Limited
- 5. ANS Contract Healthcare (East Sussex) Limited
- 6. ANS Contract Healthcare (Cambridge) Limited
- 7. Stephigh Limited
- 8. Beckerworld Limited
- 9. Calverguild Limited
- 10. Camomile Homes Limited
- 11. Ebbgate Nursing Homes Limited
- 12. Sutton Court Homes Limited
- 13. Hornchurch VCT Limited
- 14. Sutton Court Homes (No.2) Limited

(the "Subsidiaries" and each a "Subsidiary").

The form of financial assistance

In September 2003 ANS 2003 PLC made an offer for the entire share capital of ANS 2000 Limited (formerly known as ANS 2000 PLC) which it subsequently acquired.

On 15 October 2003 ANS 2003 PLC entered into a facilities agreement relating to the provision of term loan facilities of up to £130,000,000 and an overdraft facility of up to £2,000,000 made between ANS 2003 PLC and a number of banks and financial institutions named therein and Barclays Bank PLC as agent (the "Facilities Agreement"). Some of the monies made available under this Facilities Agreement will be applied towards the discharge of liabilities incurred for the purposes of the acquisition of ANS 2000 Limited by ANS 2003 PLC and it is proposed that some of the monies will be used in order to discharge the balance of the liabilities incurred for the purposes of the acquisition of ANS Limited by ANS 2000 Limited in December 1999.

It is now proposed that the Subsidiaries will enter into an accession letter substantially in the form of Schedule 6 to the Facilities Agreement whereby each Subsidiary agrees to become a Guarantor (as defined in the Facilities Agreement) and to be bound by the terms of the Facilities Agreement. The financial assistance to be given by the Subsidiaries named herein will take the form of:

- (A) a guarantee under the Facilities Agreement (the "Guarantee") pursuant to which the Subsidiaries will guarantee the obligations of the Borrowers (including ANS 2003 PLC) under the Finance Documents;
- (B) indemnity provisions under the Finance Documents;
- (C) the provision of security pursuant to a security agreement (the "Debenture") made in favour of Barclays Bank PLC as security trustee (the "Security Trustee") for the Secured Parties as defined in the Debenture pursuant to which each of the Subsidiaries will give security for its obligation to the Security Trustee or any of the other Secured Parties. Further, certain of the Subsidiaries (namely ANS Homes Limited, ANS Contract Healthcare Limited and Camomile Homes Limited) will provide financial assistance by the provision of security pursuant to a standard security (the "Standard Security") in favour of the Security Trustee; and
- (D) various representations, warranties and undertakings under the Finance Documents.

Principal terms on which assistance is given

1. Principal terms of the Guarantee

Each of the Subsidiaries jointly and severally with each of the other Guarantors:

- (A) guarantees to each Finance Party the punctual performance by each Borrower of all of their obligations under the Finance Documents;
- (B) undertakes that if a Borrower does not pay any amount when due under or in connection with any Finance Document, each of the Subsidiaries shall immediately on demand pay that amount as if each of the Subsidiaries was the principal obligor; and
- (C) indemnifies each Finance Party on demand against any cost loss or liability suffered by that Finance Party if any obligation guaranteed by it is or becomes unenforceable, invalid or illegal.

2. Principal terms of the indemnities

Each of the Subsidiaries undertakes to indemnify each Finance Party against loss or liability arising from certain events or from the operation of certain provisions of the Finance Documents, including, *inter alia*, the occurrence of any Events of Default, changes of currency, acceleration, failure to pay an amount due under a Finance Document on its due date, failure to prepay a Term Loan in accordance with notice of prepayment, a Term Loan not being made after a notice requesting such Term Loan has been delivered and costs and expenses incurred by a Finance Party as a result of its obligation to mitigate.

3. Principal terms of the Debenture

- (A) Each of the Subsidiaries covenants to discharge all obligations which it may at any time have to the Security Trustee (whether for its own account or as trustee for the Secured Parties) including any liability in respect of any further advances made under the Facilities whether present or future, actual or contingent (and whether incurred solely or jointly and whether as principal or as surety or in some other capacity) and each Subsidiary shall pay to the Security Trustee when due and payable every sum at any time owing, due or incurred by that Subsidiary to the Security Trustee (whether for its own account or as trustee for the Secured Parties) or any of the other Secured Parties in respect of any such liabilities.
- (B) Each of the Subsidiaries with full title guarantee as continuing security for the payment of the Secured Obligations charges in favour of the Security Trustee:
 - (a) by way of a first legal mortgage the Real Property;
 - (b) by way of first fixed charge;
 - (i) the Tangible Moveable Property;

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- (ii) the Accounts;
- (iii) the Intellectual Property;
- (iv) any goodwill and rights in relation to the uncalled capital of the Company;
- (v) the Investments;
- (vi) the Shares, all dividends, interest and other monies payable in respect of the Shares and all other Related Rights (whether derived by way of redemption, bonus, preference, option, substitution, conversion or otherwise);
- (vii) all Monetary Claims other than any claims which are otherwise subject to a fixed charge or assignment (at law or in equity) pursuant to this Debenture and all Related Rights.
- (C) Each of the Subsidiaries assigns with full title guarantee as continuing security for the payment of the Secured Obligations to the Security Trustee by way of security its rights, title and interests in and to all proceeds of any Insurance Policy and all Related Rights and all agreements, contracts, deeds, licences, undertakings, guarantees, covenants, warranties, representations and other documents entered into by or given by each of the Subsidiaries in respect of the Real Property.
- (D) Each of the Subsidiaries charges with full title guarantee and absolute warrandice in favour of the Security Trustee with the payment and discharge of the Secured Obligations by way of a first floating charge all its undertaking and assets (present and future) not otherwise effectively mortgaged, charged or assigned by way of fixed mortgage or charge or assignment by paragraphs (B) and (C) above.
- (E) Each of the Subsidiaries covenants that, without prior consent of the Security Trustee, it shall not create or permit to subsist any Security over all or any part of the Charged Property other than Security permitted by the Secured Parties, nor execute any conveyance, transfer, lease, assignment or assignation of, or other right to use or occupy, create any legal or equitable estate, trust or other interest in, or over, or otherwise relating to, all or any part of the Charged Property, grant or vary, or accept any surrender or cancellation or disposal of any right in relation to any of the Charged Property or allow any person any right to use or occupy or to become entitled to asset any proprietary interest in or over the Charged Property or assign or otherwise dispose of any interest in any Account.
- (F) The Debenture contains a covenant for further assurances and shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding any amendments, variations or novations from time to time of the terms of the Facilities or any assignment, transfer or novation of the rights and obligations of any Lender or the Security Trustee.

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4. Principal Terms of the Standard Security

ANS Homes Limited, ANS Contract Healthcare Limited and Camomile Homes Limited each with absolute warrandice as continuing security for the payment of the Secured Obligations charges in favour of the Security Trustee its interest in the property referred to therein.



Our Ref:

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23 December 2003

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Dear Sirs

Auditors' Report to the directors of ANS 2000 Limited ("the Company") pursuant to Section 156(4) of the Companies Act 1985 Company number 03858303

We have examined the attached statutory declaration of the directors of the Company dated 23 December 2003 in connection with the proposal that the Company's subsidiaries should give financial assistance for the purchase of the Company's entire issued ordinary share capital.

We have enquired into the state of the Company's affairs so far as is necessary for us to review the bases for the statutory declaration.

We are not aware of anything to indicate that the opinion expressed by the directors of the Company 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

Horwath Clark Whitehill

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

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