

COMPANIES FORM No. 155(6)b

Declaration by the directors of a holding company in relation to assistance for the acquisition of shares



Please do not write in this margin Pursuant to section 155(6) of the Companies Act 1985

Please complete legibly, preferably in black type, or bold block lettering To the Registrar of Companies (Address overleaf - Note 5)

Name of company

For official use	Company number
	03899044

*Insert full name of company

Note Please read the notes on page 3 before completing

this form

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

* Priory Specialist Health Limited

½We† See Appendix 1

SDelete as appropriate

[the sole directors] of the above company (hereinafter called 'this company') do solemnly and sincerely declare that:

The business of this company is:

‡Delete whichever is inappropriate

(e) that of a / recognised bank | licensed institution | Swithin the meaning of the Banking Aot / 1978 | ‡ (b) that of a / person authorised under section (3 x x x 4 of the Insurance Companies Act / 1982 to corry on insurance business in the United Kingdom ‡

(c) something other than the above ‡

This company is [the][a] holding company of* Farm Place Limited

which is

proposing to give financial assistance in connection with the acquisition of shares in [this company] Priory Healthcare Holdings Limited

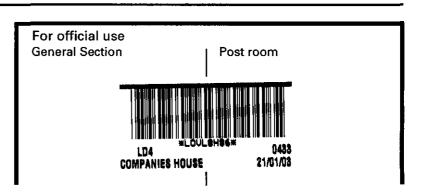
the holding company of this company.] §

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

Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP One Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London, E14 5DS

Ref: SNB

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The assistance is for the purpose of [thatkacquisition][reducing or discharging a liability incurred	Please do not
for the purpose of that acquisition].* (note 1)	write in this margin
The number and class of the shares acquired or to be acquired is: See Appendix 2	Please complete legibly, preferably in black type, or bold block letterin
The assistance is to be given to: (note 2) Priory Healthcare Acquisition Co Limited Priory House Randalls Way Leatherhead, Surrey KT22 7TP	
The assistance will take the form of:	
See Appendix 3	
The person who [has acquired] wilk acquired * the shares is: Priory Healthcare Acquisition Co Limited	*Delete as appropriate
The principal terms on which the assistance will be given are:	
See Appendix 4	
The amount (if any) by which the net assets of the company which is giving the assistance will be reduced by giving it is $_{ t nil}$.	

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

Nil

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 #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) H/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)
- (b) His intended to seammense the winding-up of this company with his 12 mouths of that date; x and 4/we have 4 amed 4 he opinion that this company with he able to pay its tiebts in full within x 12 mouths of the commencements of the winding apx 1 (note 3)

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

PRIORY House, RANDAILS WAY
Declared at LEATHERHEAD, SURREY
KT22 717

Declarants to sign below

on 2 3 12 2 0 02

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.

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Notes

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- 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 37 Castle Terrace Edinburgh EH1 2EB

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Appendix 1 - Form 155(6)()

Dr Chaitayna Bhupendra Patel of The Thatched House, Manor Way, Oxshott, Surrey, KT22 0HU

Mr Paul John Greensmith of 19 Chatsworth Road, London, W4 3HY

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Appendix 2 - Form 155(6)(b)

86,031,339 A ordinary shares

30,412,224 special shares

13,593,413 ten per cent cumulative preference shares

10 B non-voting deferred shares

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Appendix 3 - Form 155(6)(b)

The execution by Farm Place Limited (the **Vendor**) of a sale and purchase agreement dated 23 December 2002 between the Vendor and Priory Hospitals Limited (the **Purchaser**) relating to the sale of the entire trade and assets of the Farm Place business (the **Sale and Purchase Agreement**). This transaction is part of a wider group re-organisation (the **Re-organisation**) the objectives of which include resolving dividend block issues existing in the current group structure and achieving a corporate structure that will facilitate a future securitisation.

- 1.1 The execution of the Sale and Purchase Agreement by the Vendor (in particular, the provisions relating to the transfer of assets at book value which is less than market value and consideration being left outstanding on intercompany account) would constitute financial assistance:
 - (a) within the meaning of sections 151(2) and 152 of the Act in connection with the acquisition by Priory Healthcare Acquisition Co Limited (**Priory**) of the entire issued share capital of Priory Healthcare Holdings Limited on 22 May 2002 (on the basis that one of the purposes of the Re-organisation is to achieve a corporate structure that will facilitate a future securitisation which will alter Priory's financial position).

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Farm Place Limited (the **Vendor**) agrees to sell the Business and Priory Hospitals Limited (the **Purchaser**) agrees to purchase the Business on, *inter alia*, the following terms:

- 1.2 In consideration for the sale and transfer by the Vendor of the Business Assets, the Purchaser shall:
 - (a) pay to the Vendor the book value of the Business Assets; and
 - (b) assume responsibility for the satisfaction of all the Liabilities.
- 1.3 The cash sum referred to in clause 1.2 shall be left outstanding as a debt payable on demand in writing made by the Vendor on the Purchaser at any time after the date of this Agreement.



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The Directors
Priory Specialist Health Limited
Priory House
Randalls Way
Leatherhead
Surrey
KT22 7TZ

23 December 2002

Our ref: NJH/3a.4b

Dear Sirs

Auditors' report to the directors of Priory Specialist Health Limited pursuant to Section 156(4) of the Companies Act 1985

We have examined the attached statutory declaration of the directors of Priory Specialist Health Limited ("the Company") dated 23 December 2002 in connection with the proposal that the Company's subsidiary undertaking, Farm Place Limited should give financial assistance for the purchase of the following shares of the Company's holding company, Priory Healthcare Holdings Limited:

- 86,031,339 A ordinary shares;
- 30,412,224 special shares;
- 13,593,413 ten per cent cumulative preference shares; and
- 10 B non-voting deferred shares.

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.

Yours faithfully

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