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COMPANIES FORM No. 173 Declaration in relation to the redemption or purchase of shares out of capital

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To the Registrar of Companies (Address overleaf - Note 4)

Name of company

Ernest Steiner

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	2671129 (3/04)

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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

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* LOUIS DREYFUS ENERGY HOLDINGS LIMITED

We # Bernard Baldensperger	
of	
Roderick L. Caperton	
of	

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† Delete as appropriate

(the sole directors) to of the above company do solemnly and sincerely declare that:

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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 £ <u>US\$110,430,738</u> (note 1)

Continued overleaf

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

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I/We have made full enquiry into the affairs and prospects of the company, and I/we 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 my/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 my/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 I/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 Bis Fork MT Sagli U.S.A.

Declarant(s) to sign below

Day Month Year

on 3 0 10 2007

before me Sheila DELANECH

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
 - 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

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.
- 4 The address for companies registered in England and Wales or Wales is -

The Registrar of Companies Companies House Crown Way Cardiff CF14 3UZ

DX 33050 Cardiff

or, for companies registered in Scotland -

The Registrar of Companies 37 Castle Terrace Edinburgh EH1 2EB

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS OF LOUIS DREYFUS ENERGY HOLDINGS LIMITED (THE "COMPANY") PURSUANT TO SECTION 173(5) OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

We report on the attached statutory declarations of the directors of the Company in connection with the proposed repurchase by the Company of 115,000,000 ordinary shares of US\$1 00 each by a payment out of capital

This report is made solely to the directors of the Company in accordance with section 173(5) of the Companies Act 1985. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the directors of the Company those matters that we are required to state to them in an auditor's report under section 173(5) and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's directors for our work, for this report, or for the opinions that we have formed

Basis of opinions

We have enquired into the state of the Company's affairs in order to review the bases for the statutory declaration

Opinions

In our opinion, the amount of US\$110,430,738 specified in the statutory declaration by the directors of the Company as the permissible capital payment for the shares to be repurchased 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 the section 173(3) of the Companies Act 1985 is unreasonable in all the circumstances

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Registered Auditor London

1 November 2007

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