



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

155(6)b

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See annexure 2

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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

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New York, New York County

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

CORDINA A. CHAVIS
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To the Registrar of Companies
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Note
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Name of company

* Darius Capital Limited (the "**Company**")

* insert full name
of company

XWe ø See annexure 1

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

† delete as appropriate

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ [all the directors] † of the above company (hereinafter called 'this company') do solemnly and sincerely declare that

§ delete whichever
is inappropriate

The business of this company is

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(b) ~~that no person or persons under section 300A of the Insurance Companies Act 1902 is liable to~~
~~reimburse monies to the United Kingdom~~

(c) something other than the above §

This company is ~~XXX~~ [a] holding company of* Austin Reed Credit Services Limited
(company number 01529898) ("**ARCSL**") _____ which is
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in [this company] [_____]

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