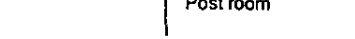


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Declaration by the directors of a holding company in relation to assistance for the acquisition of shares

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Declarants to sign below

NEW YORK, New York County

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on 27 03 2007

before me Cordina Chavez *[Signature]*

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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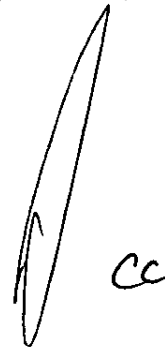
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Basis of opinion

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Opinion

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Yours faithfully

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Declared at 7 Redington Road
London NW3 7QX

Declarants to sign below

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before me Michael J. Smith

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Yours faithfully



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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

X/We 0 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

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The business of this company is

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(b) ~~Maximum capital authorized under section 303A of the Insurance Companies Act of 1962 to carry out insurance business in the United Kingdom~~

(c) something other than the above §

This company is [the] ☒ holding company of* Austin Reed Group Limited (company number 00164291) ("ARGL") which is proposing to give financial assistance in connection with the acquisition of shares in [this company] [_____]

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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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