

COMPANIES FORM No 155(6)b

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



Company number

SC026184

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Note

Please read the notes on page 3 before completing this form

- * insert full name of company
- rt name(s) and dress(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

* United Biscuits (Holdings) Limited

XWe p Please see Schedule 1 attached

† delete as appropriate

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\$ delete whichever is inappropriate The business of this company is

- (c) something other than the above §

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Presentor's name address and reference (if any)

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the holding company of this company] †

The assistance is for the purpose of [that acquisition]	Please do not write in this
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The number and class of the shares acquired or to be acquired is 63,808 "M" Ordinary Shares	ın black type, or bold block
of £1.00 each and 198,043 "E" Ordinary Shares of £1.00 each The assistance is to be given to (note 2) Please see Schedule 2 attached	lettering
Please see Schedule 3 attached	
The person who [has acquired] [XXIXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	† delete as
United Biscuits (Equity) Limited, (company number CR97578), whose registered office is PO Box 265GT, Walker House, George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands	appropriate
The principal terms on which the assistance will be given are	
lease see Schedule 4 attached	
The amount (if any) by which the net assets of the company which is giving the assistance will be reduced by giving it is N11	
The amount of cash to be transferred to the person assisted is £ N11	
The value of any asset to be transferred to the person assisted is £ Nil	Page 2

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The date on which the assistance is to be given is

within 8 weeks from today's date

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

 delete either (a) or (b) as appropriate When 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)

- (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

Hoge Park, Hays, Mills

Day Month

Year

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before me

on

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

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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 Administer Oaths.

Schedule 1 to the Statutory Declaration

List of Directors

Susan Furst 46 Broadhurst, Ashtead, Surrey, KT21 1QF

Mark Oldham (Director and Company Secretary) 62 Beaumont Road, London, W4 5AP

Simon Alan Rose Honeysuckle Cottage, Sutton Lane, Sutton, Witney, Oxfordshire, OX29 5RU

Schedule 2 to the Statutory Declaration

United Biscuits Bidco Limited (Company Number 05957644) Level 1, Exchange House, Primrose Street, London, EC2A 2HS

United Biscuits Holdco Limited (Company Number 05957557) Level 1, Exchange House, Primrose Street, London, EC2A 2HS

United Biscuits Holdco 2 Limited (Company Number 05957575) Level 1, Exchange House, Primrose Street, London, EC2A 2HS

Schedule 3 to the Statutory Declaration Form of Assistance

The assistance will take the form of

- the execution, delivery and performance by UB Overseas Limited (the "Subsidiary") of its obligations as a guarantor under an accession agreement to a senior and second lien facilities agreement dated 10 December 2006 as amended and restated from time to time and entered into between, among others, Barclays Capital, the investment banking division of Barclays Bank, Goldman Sachs International and J P Morgan plc (together the "Arrangers"), Barclays Bank, Goldman Sachs Capital Partners L P and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N A (together the "Original Lenders"), J.P Morgan Europe Limited as agent (the "Senior Agent"), United Biscuits Holdco Limited ("Holdco") as the initial borrower, United Biscuits Holdco 2 Limited ("Holdco 2") and United Biscuits Bidco Limited ("Bidco") as guarantors (the "Senior Facilities Agreement");
- the execution, delivery and performance by the Subsidiary of its obligations as a guarantor under an accession agreement to a mezzanine facility agreement dated 10 December 2006 as amended and restated from time to time and entered into between, among others, the Arrangers, the Original Lenders, J P Morgan Europe Limited as agent (the "Mezzanine Agent"), Holdco as the initial borrower and Holdco 2 and Bidco as guarantors (the "Mezzanine Facility Agreement") (together with the Senior Facilities Agreement the "Facilities Agreements"),
- the execution, delivery and performance by the Subsidiary of its obligations as an obligor under an accession agreement to an intercreditor agreement dated 14 December 2006 between, among others, the parties to the Facilities Agreements (the "Intercreditor Agreement"),
- the execution, delivery and performance by the Subsidiary of its obligations under an English law debenture to be entered into between, among others, the Company as chargor and J P Morgan Europe Limited as security agent (the "Security Agent") (the "Debenture"),
- the execution, delivery and performance by the Subsidiary of its obligations under a Dutch law share pledge pursuant to which the Subsidiary will grant security over its shares held in UB Investments (Netherlands) B V in favour of the Security Agent (the "Dutch Share Pledge"), and
- such further documents as are required on the terms of the Facilities
 Agreements, the Intercreditor Agreement, the Debenture and the Dutch Share
 Pledge, including, but not limited to, documents that are required to be
 executed pursuant to an obligation on the Subsidiary to provide further
 assurances

Schedule 4 to the Statutory Declaration Principal Terms on which the Assistance will be Given

- The principal terms on which the assistance will be given under the terms of the Senior Facilities Agreement are.
 - (a) the Subsidiary agrees to become a guarantor under the Senior Facilities Agreement and agrees to be bound by the terms of the Senior Facilities Agreement;
 - (b) as a guarantor the Subsidiary guarantees to each Senior Finance Party (as defined in Annex I to this Schedule) as principal obligor the due and punctual payment and the due and punctual performance by each other Senior Obligor (as defined in Annex I to this Schedule) of all such Senior Obligor's payment obligations owed or owing by each such Senior Obligor to such Senior Finance Party under the terms of the Senior Facilities Agreement and each other Senior Finance Document (as defined in Annex I to this Schedule) as and when it becomes due,
 - (c) as a guarantor the Subsidiary undertakes with each Senior Finance
 Party that if any other Senior Obligor fails to pay any amount when
 due under or in connection with any Senior Finance Document it will
 pay such sum on demand as if it was the principal obligor, and
 - (d) as a guarantor the Subsidiary undertakes to indemnify each Senior Finance Party immediately on demand against all losses, damages, costs and expenses incurred by such Finance Party if any obligation guaranteed by it in the Senior Facilities Agreement is or becomes unenforceable, invalid or illegal, the amount of the cost, loss or liability shall be equal to the amount which that Finance Party would otherwise have been entitled to recover
- The principal terms on which the assistance will be given under the terms of the Mezzanine Facility Agreement are
 - (a) the Subsidiary agrees to become a guarantor under the Mezzanine Facility Agreement and agrees to be bound by the terms of the Mezzanine Facility Agreement,
 - (b) as a guarantor the Subsidiary guarantees to each Mezzanine Finance
 Party (as defined in Annex I to this Schedule) as principal obligor the
 due and punctual payment and the due and punctual performance by
 each other Mezzanine Obligor (as defined in Annex I to this Schedule)
 of all such Mezzanine Obligor's payment obligations to such
 Mezzanine Finance Party under the terms of the Mezzanine Facility
 Agreement and each other Mezzanine Finance Document (as defined
 in Annex I to this Schedule) as and when they become due;
 - (c) as a guarantor the Subsidiary undertakes with each Mezzanine Finance
 Party that if any other Mezzanine Obligor fails to pay any amount
 when due under or in connection with any Mezzanine Finance

Document it will pay such sum on demand to the Mezzanine Agent as if it was the principal obligor; and

- (d) as a guarantor the Subsidiary undertakes to indemnify each Mezzanine Finance Party on demand against all losses, damages, costs and expenses incurred by such Mezzanine Finance Party if any obligation guaranteed by it in the Mezzanine Facility Agreement is or becomes unenforceable, invalid or illegal, the amount of the cost, loss or liability shall be equal to the amount which that Mezzanine Finance Party would otherwise have been entitled to recover
- The principal terms on which the assistance will be given under the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement are
 - (a) the Subsidiary acknowledges (amongst other things) the arrangements made between, among others, the Obligors (as defined in Annex I to this Schedule) and the Finance Parties (as defined in Annex I to this Schedule) which regulate the ability of the Subsidiary to make certain payments to those parties and the priorities between the parties thereto, and
 - (b) the Subsidiary agrees that intercompany debts owed to it are postponed and subordinated to the liabilities owed by the Obligors to the Finance Parties
- The principal terms on which the assistance will be given under the terms of the Debenture are
 - (a) the Subsidiary
 - (1) assigns absolutely all its present and future rights, title and interest in and to any hedging contracts it has entered into with a finance party and in and to any inter company loans it has made to other members of the group of companies consisting of Holdco and its subsidiaries (the "Group") including all moneys payable to the Subsidiary, and any claims, awards and judgments in favour of the Subsidiary, thereunder or in connection therewith, all insurances and all proceeds and all benefits of them,
 - (11) charges
 - (A) by way of first legal mortgage, all real property in England and Wales now belonging to it,
 - (B) (to the extent they are not subject to a mortgage under (A) above) by way of fixed equitable charge, all real property now belonging to it and real property acquired by it in the future,
 - (C) by way of first fixed charge all its present and future

- (1) book debts,
- (11) bank accounts;
- (iii) intellectual property;
- (iv) investments;
- (v) plant and machinery, and
- (vi) insurances and all related proceeds, claims of any kind, returns of premium and other benefits,

in each case as more fully set out in the Debenture, and

- (D) by way of first floating charge all its undertaking and assets both present and future,
- (b) the Subsidiary undertakes to promptly do whatever the Security Agent reasonably requires.
 - (1) to perfect or protect the security created and its priority under the Debenture; or
 - (11) while the security created under the Debenture is enforceable, to facilitate the realisation of the assets subject to such security or the exercise of any rights vested in the Security Agent or any receiver,

including executing any transfer, conveyance, charge, assignment or assurance of the assets subject to such security (whether to the Security Agent or its nominees or otherwise), making any registration and giving any notice, order or direction

- 5. The principal terms on which the assistance will be given under the terms of the Dutch Share Pledge are
 - (a) the Subsidiary agrees to grant security over its shares held in UB Investments (Netherlands) B V as security for all obligations under the Senior Finance Documents (as defined in Annex I to this Schedule) and the Mezzanine Finance Documents (as defined in Annex I to this Schedule)

Annex I Definitions

"Finance Parties"

means the Senior Finance Parties and the Mezzanine Finance Parties,

"Mezzanine Finance Documents"

means the Mezzanine Facility Agreement, the interim documents, the security documents, the hedging documents, the hedging strategy letter, the syndication side letter, the intercreditor agreement, each accession documents, each resignation letter, each compliance certificate, each utilisation request, each transfer certificate, the fees letters and any other documents or agreement designated as such by the Mezzanine Facility Agent and Holdco, in each case as set out in full in the Mezzanine Facility Agreement,

"Mezzanine Finance Parties"

means each arranger, the Mezzanine Agent, the Security Agent, each lender and each hedging lender (as defined in the Mezzanine Facility Agreement) and "Mezzanine Finance Party" means any of them,

"Mezzanine Obligors"

means each borrower or guarantor under the Mezzanine Facility Agreement and "Mezzanine Obligor" means any of them;

"Obligors"

means the Senior Obligors and the Mezzanine Obligors,

"Senior Finance Documents"

means the Senior Facilities Agreement, the interim documents, the ancillary documents, the security documents, the hedging documents, the hedging strategy letter, the syndication side letter, the intercreditor agreement, each accession document, each resignation letter, each compliance certificate, each utilisation request, each transfer certificate, each letter of credit and/or lender guarantee, the fees letters and any other document or agreement designated as such by the Senior Agent and Holdco, in each case as set out in full in the Senior Facilities Agreement;

"Senior Finance Parties"

means each arranger, the Senior Agent, the second lien agent, the Security Agent, each lender, the issuing bank, each ancillary lender, a fronting bank, an indemnifying revolving facility lender and each hedging lender (as

defined in the Senior Facilities Agreement) and "Senior Finance Party" means any of them,

"Senior Obligors"

means each borrower and each guarantor under the Senior Facility Agreement and "Senior Obligor" means any of them

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REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR TO THE DIRECTORS OF UNITED BISCUITS (HOLDINGS) LIMITED (THE "COMPANY") PURSUANT TO SECTION 156(4) OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

We report on the attached statutory declaration of the directors dated 12 March 2007, prepared pursuant to the Companies Act 2005, in connection with the proposed financial assistance to be given by UB Overseas Limited, a subsidiary of the Company for the purchase of 63,808 "M" ordinary shares and 198,043 "E" ordinary shares in United Biscuits Group (Investments) Limited

This report is made solely to the directors in accordance with Section 156(4) of the Companies Act 1985. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the directors those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report under section 156(4) and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the directors, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed

Basis of opinion

We have enquired into the state of the Company's affairs so far as necessary 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

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12 March 2007