

COMPANIES FORM No. 155(6)b

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



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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

SC125204

Note Please read the notes on page 3 before completing this form

* insert full name

of company

ø insert name(s) and address(es) of all the directors * Macdonald Hotels and Resorts Limited

XWeø See attached Rider A

† delete as appropriate

[INSEXEMBLE AND [all the directors] to f the above company (hereinafter called 'this company') do solemnly and sincerely declare that:

§ delete whichever is inappropriate The business of this company is:

- (c) something other than the above§

This company is [the] [3] holding company of*

Waterside Inns Limited

(Registered Number SC063327)

___ which is

proposing to give financial assistance in connection with the acquisition of shares

in [this company] [

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

Dickson Minto WS 16 Charlotte Square Edinburgh EH2 4DF DX ED199 Tel: 0131 225 4455 M245/5/REF/AJP/CJM (G155/6)b\macd-31.lpd) For officia,



| The assistance is for the purpose of ເປັນຜ່າວເວັດພິດເວັດທີ່ [reducing or discharging a liability incurred for the purpose of that acquisition].† (note 1) | | | | Please do not write in this margin |
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| The number and class of the shares acquir | red or to be acquired is: | See attached Ride | er B | Please complete legibly, preferabl in black type, or bold block |
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| The assistance is to be given to: (note 2) | Macdonald Hotels | Limited (formerly | known | |
| as Skye Leisure Ventures plc) House, Whiteside Industrial E. "Purchaser") | (registered numbe | r SC247423) of Whi | teside | |
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| The person who [has acquired] [wXPACQX the Purchaser | an the shares is. | · | | t delete as appropriate |
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| The principal terms on which the assistance | ce will be given are: | | | • |
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| The amount (if any) by which the net a by giving it is $\frac{\text{Nil}}{\text{Nil}}$ | ssets of the company w | hich is giving the assista | nce will be reduced | |
| The amount of cash to be transferred to the | ne person assisted is £ | Nil | • | |
| amount a dant to be transcribe to tr | TO provide to the | | | |
| The value of any asset to be transferred to | o the person assisted is £ | Nil | | Page 2 |

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

XWe 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) 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)

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

And Xiwe 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

Inchysa Grange West, Brush-

Declarants to sign below

Day Month Year
on 1910 2005

before me

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

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

(Registered Number SC125204)

FORM 155(6)b - RIDER A

Directors Address

Donald John Macdonald Cardrona, Glen Road, Dunblane,

Perthshire FK15 0DT

Gerard Henry Smith Dallarich, Caledonian Crescent,

Gleneagles, Perthshire PH3 1NG

(Registered Number SC125204)

FORM 155(6)b - RIDER B

63,370,864 ordinary shares of 5p each

(Registered Number SC125204)

FORM 155(6)b - RIDER C

The assistance will take the form of:-

- 1. the execution by the Subsidiary of a Facilities Agreement;
- 2. the execution by the Subsidiary of an Intercreditor Agreement;
- 3. the execution by the Subsidiary of a floating charge (the "Floating Charge") in favour of the Bank in its capacity as Security Trustee;
- 4. the execution by the Subsidiary of a standard security over Ardoe House Hotel, North Lodge and the Stables, Banchory (the "Standard Security");
- 5. the execution by the Subsidiary of an inter company funding agreement between the Purchaser and the Subsidiary (the "Funding Agreement"); and
- 6. the execution by the Subsidiary of a letter of support between the Subsidiary and the Purchaser (the "Support Agreement").

Definitions

In this statutory declaration the following expressions have the following meanings:-

"Bank"

means The Governor and Company of the Bank of Scotland:

"Facilities Agreement"

means the facilities agreement dated 19 0000 2005 between the Purchaser, the Subsidiary, the Bank in various capacities and others in relation to certain term loan, guarantee, bridging, capex and working capital facilities;

"Intercreditor Agreement"

means the intercreditor agreement dated 19 0dober 2005 between the Purchaser, the Subsidiary, the Bank in various capacities and others;

"Purchaser"

means Macdonald Hotels Limited (formerly known as Skye Leisure Ventures plc) (registered number SC247423) of Whiteside House, Whiteside Industrial Estate, Bathgate, West Lothian EH48 2RX; and

"Subsidiary"

means Waterside Inns Limited (registered number SC063327) of Whiteside House, Whiteside Industrial Estate, Bathgate, West

(Registered Number SC125204)

FORM 155(6)b - RIDER D

The principal terms on which the assistance will be given are:-

- (i) under the Facilities Agreement, the Subsidiary unconditionally guarantees the payment or discharge of the Guaranteed Liabilities (as defined in the Facilities Agreement) owing by the Subsidiary and each other member of the Group pursuant to the Finance Documents (as defined in the Facilities Agreement);
- (ii) under the Intercreditor Agreement, the interrelationship between the Guaranteed Liabilities referred to at paragraph (i) above are regulated;
- (iii) under the Floating Charge, the Subsidiary charges the whole of its property, undertaking and assets in favour of the Bank in its capacity as Security Trustee to secure the Secured Liabilities;
- (iv) under the Standard Security, the Subsidiary charges to the Bank in its capacity as Security Trustee its heritable interest in the property known as Ardoe House Hotel, North Lodge and the Stables, Banchory to secure the Secured Liabilities;
- (v) the Subsidiary agrees in terms of the Funding Agreement, subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions, to lend funds to the Purchaser on the terms set out therein in order to enable the Purchaser *inter alia* to discharge its obligations under the Finance Documents (as defined in the Facilities Agreement) and to make certain other payments; and
- (vi) the Purchaser agrees in terms of the Support Agreement, to lend funds to the Subsidiary on the terms set out therein in order to enable the Subsidiary *inter alia* to discharge its obligations to the Funding Parties (as defined therein).

Where:-

"Bank"

means the Governor and Company of the Bank of Scotland;

"Group"

means the Purchaser and each of its subsidiaries from time to time; and

"Secured Liabilities"

means all present and future liabilities and obligations (whether actual or contingent and whether owed jointly or severally or in any other capacity whatsoever) which now or hereafter may be or become due and owing by the Subsidiary to any Secured Party (as defined in any relevant Finance Document) under the Relevant Documents (as defined in

any relevant Finance Document) and references to Secured Liabilities includes references to any of them.

Any term defined in Rider C shall have the same meaning in this Rider D.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS OF MACDONALD HOTELS AND RESORTS LIMITED ("THE COMPANY") PURSUANT TO SECTION 156(4) OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

We have examined the attached statutory declaration of the directors of the Company dated 19 October 2005 in connection with the proposal that the Company's subsidiary Waterside Inns Limited should give financial assistance for the purpose of reducing or discharging a liability incurred in connection with the acquisition by Macdonald Hotels Limited of 63,370,864 ordinary shares of £0.05 each in the share capital of the Company.

This report is made solely to the directors of the Company for the purpose of section 156(4) 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 auditors' report under that section 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, for our work, for this report, or for the opinions that we have formed.

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 is unreasonable in all the circumstances.

Deloitte & Touche LLP

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

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19 October 2005

Saltire Court 20 Castle Terrace Edinburgh

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