

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

To the Registrar of Companies (Address overleaf - Note 5)

Macdonald Hotels Limited

Company number SC125204

bold block lettering

Name of company

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

Rider A **X**/Weø

† delete as appropriate

solemnly and sincerely declare that:

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§ delete whichever is inappropriate

The business of this company is:

- (c) something other than the above§

This company is [a] holding company of\* Kilhey Court Hotels Limited (Registered Number 02064348) 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 11 Walker Street Edinburgh EH3 7NE

Tel: 0131 225 4455

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The assistance is for the purpose of [that acquisition] <b>[k&amp;&amp;XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX</b>	Please do not write in this margin
The number and class of the shares acquired or to be acquired is: 63,370,864 ordinary shares	Please complete legibly, preferat in black type, or bold block lettering
of 5p each	iettei iiig
The assistance is to be given to: (note 2) Skye Leisure Ventures Plc (registered number	
SC247423) of Whiteside House, Whiteside Industrial Estate, Bathgate, West Lothian EH48 2RX (the "Purchaser")	
The assistance will take the form of:	
See attached Rider B	
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The person who [has acquired] [www.xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	† delete as appropriate
The principal terms on which the assistance will be given are:	
See attached Rider C	
The amount (if any) by which the net assets of the company which is giving the assistance will be reduced by giving it isNil	
The amount of cash to be transferred to the person assisted is £Nil	
The value of any asset to be transferred to the person assisted is £	Page 2

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

We 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) NWe 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 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

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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.

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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 The Strake

## MACDONALD HOTELS LIMITED

## (Registered Number SC125204)

### FORM 155(6)b - RIDER A

Directors	Address
James George William Busby	4 Murchison Road, Houston, Bridge of Weir, Renfrewshire, PA6 7JU
Scott Sommervaille Christie	11 Brae Park, Edinburgh, EH4 6DJ
Patrick Joseph Anthony Dempsey	4 Little Shardeloes, High Street, Old Amersham, Buckinghamshire, HP7 0EF
James Andrew Lerche	Upper Westown Farmhouse, Barras, Stonehaven, Aberdeenshire, AB39 2XU
Angus Donald Mackintosh MacDonald	18 Hermitage Drive, Edinburgh, EH10 6BZ
Donald John Macdonald	Cardrona, Glen Road, Dunblane, Stirlingshire, FK15 0DT
James Alexander MacConnell Orr	10 Learmonth Avenue, Edinburgh, EH4 1BP
Ramon Pajares	38 Pont Street Mews, London, SW1X 0AF

#### MACDONALD HOTELS LIMITED

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#### **FORM 155(6)b - RIDER B**

The assistance will take the form of:

- 1. the execution by the Subsidiary of an accession letter (the "Super Senior Accession Letter") in favour of the Super Senior Agent;
- 2. the execution by the Subsidiary of an accession letter (the "Senior Accession Letter") in favour of the Senior Agent;
- 3. the execution by the Subsidiary of an accession letter (the "Subordinated Accession Letter") in favour of the Subordinated Agent;
- 4. the execution by the Subsidiary of an accession letter (the "Primary Loan Stock Accession Letter") to the Primary Loan Stock Instrument;
- 5. the execution by the Subsidiary of an accession letter (the "Loan Stock Accession Letter") to the Loan Stock Instrument;
- 6. the execution by the Subsidiary of an accession agreement (the "Accession Agreement") to the Intercreditor Agreement;
- 7. the execution by the Subsidiary of an inter Subsidiary funding agreement between the Purchaser and the Company (the "Funding Agreement").
- 8. the execution by the Subsidiary of a letter of support between the Company and the Purchaser (the "Support Agreement").

#### **Definitions**

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

"Intercreditor Agreement" means the intercreditor agreement dated 30 July 2003 between the Purchaser, The

Governor and Company of the Bank of Scotland in various capacities and others;

"Loan Stock Instrument" means the loan stock instrument executed by

the Parent on 30 July 2003 constituting certain

B loan stock 2010;

"Primary Loan Stock Instrument" means the loan stock instrument executed by

the Parent on 30 July 2003 constituting certain

A loan stock 2010;

"Purchaser"

means Skye Leisure Ventures plc (registered number SC247423) of Whiteside House, Whiteside Industrial Estate, Bathgate, West Lothian EH48 2RX;

"Senior Agent"

means The Governor and Company of the Bank of Scotland in its capacity as Agent (as defined in the Senior Facility Agreement");

"Senior Facility Agreement"

means the senior facility agreement dated 30 July 2003 between the Purchaser and The Governor and Company of the Bank of Scotland in various capacities in relation to certain senior facilities;

"Subordinated Agent"

means The Governor and Company and Subsidiary of the Bank of Scotland in its capacity as Agent (as defined in the Subordinated Facility Agreement);

"Subordinated Facility Agreement"

means the subordinated facility agreement dated 30 July 2003 between the Purchaser and The Governor and Company of the Bank of Scotland in various capacities in relation to certain subordinated facilities;

"Subsidiary"

means Kilhey Court Hotels Limited (registered number 02064348) of One St Pauls Churchyard, London, EC4M 8SH;

"Super Senior Agent"

means The Governor and Company of the Bank of Scotland in its capacity as Agent (as defined in the Super Senior Facility Agreement);

"Super Senior Facility Agreement"

means the super senior facility agreement dated 30 July 2003 between the Purchaser and The Governor and Company of the Bank of Scotland in relation to certain super senior facilities.

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#### MACDONALD HOTELS LIMITED

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#### FORM 155(6)b - RIDER C

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

- (i) under the Super Senior Accession Letter, the Subsidiary unconditionally guarantees the payment or discharge of the Guaranteed Liabilities (as defined in the Super Senior Facility Agreement) owing by the Subsidiary and each other member of the Group pursuant to the Finance Documents (as defined in the Super Senior Facility Agreement);
- (ii) under the Senior Accession Letter, the Subsidiary unconditionally guarantees the payment or discharge of the Guaranteed Liabilities (as defined in the Senior Facility Agreement) owing by the Subsidiary and each other member of the Group pursuant to the Finance Documents (as defined in the Senior Facility Agreement);
- (iii) under the Subordinated Accession Letter the Subsidiary unconditionally guarantees the payment or discharge of the Guaranteed Liabilities (as defined in the Subordinated Facility Agreement) owing by the Company and each other member of the Group pursuant to the Finance Documents (as defined in the Subordinated Facility Agreement);
- (iv) under the Primary Loan Stock Accession Letter, the Subsidiary unconditionally guarantees the payment or discharge of the Guaranteed Liabilities (as defined in the Primary Loan Stock Instrument) owing by the Subsidiary and each other member of the Group pursuant to the Primary Loan Stock Instrument;
- (v) under the Loan Stock Accession Letter, the Subsidiary unconditionally guarantees the payment or discharge of the Guaranteed Liabilities (as defined in the Loan Stock Instrument) owing by the Subsidiary and each other member of the Group pursuant to the Loan Stock Instrument;
- (vi) under the Accession Agreement, the Subsidiary accedes to the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement to regulate the interrelationship between the Guaranteed Liabilities referred to at paragraphs (i) to (v) above;
- (vii) 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 each of the Super Senior Facility Agreement, the Senior Facility Agreement and the Subordinated Facility Agreement), the Primary Loan Stock Instrument and the Loan Stock Instrument and to make certain other payments; and

(viii) 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:-

"Group"

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

and any term defined in Rider B shall have the same meaning in this Rider C.

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

We have examined the attached statutory declaration of the directors of Macdonald Hotels Limited dated 5 December 2003 in connection with the proposal that Kilhey Court Hotels Limited should give financial assistance for the purchase of the entire ordinary share capital of Macdonald Hotels Limited.

#### Basis of opinion

We have enquired into the state of Macdonald Hotels Limited'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.

Saltire Court 20 Castle Terrace Edinburgh EH1 2DB

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors 5 December 2003

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