THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

AND

THE COMPANIES ACT 1989

WRITTEN RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 381A COMPANIES ACT 1985

HIGHLAND DISTILLERS BRANDS U.K. LIMITED

REGISTERED NUMBER SC020954

HIGHLAND DISTILLERS PLC, being the sole member of the Company HEREBY RESOLVES that:

"THAT upon the recommendation of the directors of the Company a dividend totalling £ 1,397,136 in aggregate on the Ordinary Shares of the Company be and is hereby declared payable to the sole Ordinary Shareholders on the register of members of the Company as at 9 July 1999."

For and on behalf of

HIGHLAND DISTILLERS PLC

Dated: 9 July 1999

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