

**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

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

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in black type, or bold block lettering	Name of company					
Note Please read the notes on page 3 before completing this form.	efore					
* insert full name of company	x/We ø See Rider 1 attached					
insert name(s) and address(es) of all the directors						
† delete as appropriate	[threx.signlex.sdirectors] [all the directors] to of the above company (hereinafter called 'this company') do solemnly and sincerely declare that:					
§ delete whichever is inappropriate	The business of this company is:  (e) xthat xof xax free or niced banks like assed xinst itution to xwithin xthe xmeaning xof xthe xBanking Act x1079 \$  (b) xthat xof xax person xauthorised under xsection x3x or xtx of the kinsurance x3cmpanias xAct x1982 xto xoarry xor insurance xbusiness xin xthe xthited x5ingdom \$  (c) something other than the above \$					
	This company is the [a] holding company of* REBUS HR MANAGEMENT LIMITED (registered in England and Wales; registered number 03819950) (the "Company") which is					
	proposing to give financial assistance in connection with the acquisition of shares in [this company] [					
	thexbotklingxcompanyxofxthisxoompany.]†					

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

Clifford Chance LLP 200 Aldersgate Street London EC1A 4JJ

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The number and class of the shares acquired or to be acquired is: See Rider 2 attached				
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The assistance is to be given to: (note 2) REBUS HR GROUP LIMITED (registered in Bermuda				
with registered office at Cedar House, 41 Cedar Avenue, Hamilton HM12,				
Bermuda)				
The assistance will take the form of:				
See Rider 3 attached				
The person who [has acquired] [with acquire] the shares is:  REBUS HR GROUP LIMITED (the shares were subsequently transferred to REBUS	t delete as appropriate			
HR LIMITED, whose registered office is 115 Houndsditch, London EC3A 7BR)				
The principal terms on which the assistance will be given are:				
See Rider 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 $\frac{\text{NIL}}{}$				
The amount of cash to be transferred to the person assisted is $\mathfrak{L}_{\underline{}}$				
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 of the date hereof

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

xt/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) [k/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)
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And 1/2/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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A Commissioner 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

Directors of the Holding Company:

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Timothy Score	Chestnut Farm House
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	Monks Risborough
	Princes Risborough
	Buckinghamshire
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Gareth Phillip Denley	31 Ashley Road
	Walton on Thames
	Surrey

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The entire issued and to be issued share capital in Rebus Group Limited comprising 93,769,158 ordinary shares of 2p each (the "Shares").

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Under the terms of the facilities agreement dated 12 February 1999 (the "Facilities Agreement") and made between, *inter alia*, Suber Acquisition Limited as parent (the "Parent"), Rebus HR Group Limited (formerly Suber Interholdco 1 Limited) ("Interholdco") as one of the borrowers, Chase Manhattan PLC as arranger, Barclays Bank PLC as the ancillary facilities bank, The Chase Manhattan Bank as hedge counterparty, Chase Manhattan International Limited as the agent and the security agent and the other banks (as defined in the Facilities Agreement) (as acceded to by Rebus Group Limited (the "Target") (under its previous registered name, Rebus Group PLC), Rebus Human Resource Services Limited, Rebus Holdings Limited, Rebus Software Limited (under its previous registered name, Peterborough Software (UK) Limited) and Rebus Insurance Systems Limited by, in each case, the execution of an Accession Certificate dated 18 March 1999), various facilities were provided (in a maximum amount of £70,000,000) to Interholdco, the Target and certain subsidiaries of the Target, including an acquisition facility to fund the acquisition of the Target by Interholdco and a revolving credit facility, a portion of which may have been or will be used to assist in the acquisition of the Shares.

The Company will provide financial assistance by:

- (a) entering into a guarantee and debenture (the "Guarantee and Debenture") under which the Company will guarantee and provide security for obligations owing to the Finance Parties (as defined in the Facilities Agreement) under the Finance Documents (as defined in the Facilities Agreement); and
- (b) entering into a supplemental agreement pursuant to which it will agree to become a New Participant (as defined in the Netting Agreement as defined in rider 4 below) (the "Supplemental Agreement").

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In this Rider 4, defined terms shall have the same meaning as in Rider 3 unless otherwise stated.

#### The Guarantee and Debenture

The Guarantee and Debenture creates:

- (a) a guarantee and indemnity in respect of the Secured Obligations (as defined in the Guarantee and Debenture) of the Company; and
- (b) fixed and floating charges over the assets of the Company as continuing security for the payment and discharge of the Secured Obligations.

Under the Guarantee and Debenture, the Company also:

- (i) provides certain indemnities as to costs and expenses and other liabilities;
- (ii) makes a further assurance covenant; and
- (iii) makes a negative pledge.

As a result, under the terms of the Guarantee and Debenture, the Company shall provide a guarantee (secured by a fixed and floating charge over its assets) of the Secured Obligations which includes amounts used to acquire the shares.

# The Supplemental Agreement

A netting agreement was entered into by Barclays and RB Emerson Limited, Rebus Insurance Systems Limited, Rebus Holdings Limited, Rebus Software Limited and Rebus Human Resource Services Limited (the "Participants") on 21 July 1999, pursuant to which the Participants agreed to enter into netting arrangements with Barclays (the "Netting Agreement").

Consequently, by entering into the Supplemental Agreement, the Company agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions of the Netting Agreement whereby it will be, *inter alia*, liable as principal debtor, jointly and severally, with the other Participants, for all of the liabilities represented by debit balances on current accounts of the Participants with Barclays from day to day. Additionally, the Company will authorise Barclays to pay or apply any monies standing to the Company's credit directly in or towards repayment of any indebtedness owed to Barclays by it or any of the Participants. Such amounts may be used to discharge amounts borrowed and/or liability incurred for the purpose of the acquisition of the Target and/or the Shares.

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Auditor's report to the directors of Rebus Group 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 2000 in connection with the fact that Rebus HR Management Limited is a subsidiary of the Company and the proposal that Rebus HR Management Limited should give financial assistance for the past purchase of the whole of the issued ordinary shares of the Company by Rebus HR Group Limited.

# Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The Company's directors are responsible for the statutory declaration in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law. It is our responsibility as established in the United Kingdom by statute, the Auditing Practices Board and our profession's ethical guidance to review the bases for the declaration, based on our enquiries into the state of the Company's affairs, and to provide a report to the directors.

### Basis of opinion

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

**Arthur Andersen** 

**Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors** 

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Betjeman House 104 Hills Road Cambridge CB2 1LH

19 October 2000