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**COMPANIES FORM No. 155(6)a** 

# Declaration in relation to assistance for the acquisition of shares

155(6)a

Pursuant to section 155(6) of the Companies Act 1985

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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

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Company number

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Name of company

- BANNER LIMITED
- XWe ø GEOFFREY HOCKING of 43 Western Way, Ryton, Tyne & Wear, NE40 3LR, IAN THOMAS PARROTT of Hillhaven, 28 Langham Road, Bowdon, Altrincham, Cheshire, WA14 3NU, GORDON RAMSAY PARTON of 21 Ramsden Close, Glossop, Derbyshire, SK13 9BB, NIGEL PLENDERLEITH of Saddlers Cottage, Crabtree Lane, High Legh, Cheshire, WA16 6PE, HOWARD GEOFFREY WILDER of 93 Little Bushey Lane, Bushey, Watford, Hertfordshire, WD23 4SD and IAN DONALD POWELL of Fernbank, Woodend Lane, Hyde, Cheshire, SK14 1DU
- t delete as appropriate

§ delete whichever is inappropriate The business of the company is

(c) something other than the above §

Limited] †

The number and class of the shares acquired or to be acquired is

500,000 ordinary shares of £1 each

Presentor's name address and reference (if any) Wollastons LLP Brierly Place, New London Road, Chelmsford, Essex, CM2 0AP

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The assistance is to be given to (note 2) IDP (HOLDINGS) LIMITED (Company No. 6478309) , whose registered office is c/o Wollastons LLP, Brierly Place, New London Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM2				
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IDP (HOLDINGS) LIMITED				
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The principal terms on which the assistance will be given are	_			
Please see Rider 2 attached				
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The amount of cash to be transferred to the person assisted is £ up to £ 5,000,000	_			
The value of any asset to be transferred to the person assisted is £ NIL				
The date on which the assistance is to be given is within 8 weeks of the date hereof	Page 2			

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X/We have formed the opinion, as regards the 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 the 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

Day Month

Year

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before me /

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 37 Castle Terrace Edinburgh EH1 2EB

# **BANNER LIMITED ("Company")**

# RIDERS TO DIRECTORS STATUTORY DECLARATION FORM 155(6)a

Dated 13 MAY 2008

#### RIDER 1

- The Company using monies available under a commercial finance agreement incorporating an invoice discounting facility ("**Invoice Facility**") with the Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland trading as Enterprise Finance Europe ("**Bank**")
- The Company entering into a loan facility agreement with the Bank ("Bank Loan Agreement")
- The Company entering into a mortgage debenture ("Debenture") in favour of the Bank
- The Company entering into a first legal charge ("Charge") in favour of the Bank over the land and buildings known as Castlereagh, Tempest Road, Seaham, registered at HM Land Registry with title number DU125343 ("Property")
- The Company entering into an intercreditor agreement ("Intercreditor Agreement") with IDP (Holdings) Limited, the Bank, Cosalt pic and Ian Powell
- The Company entering into a loan agreement ("Company Loan Agreement") with IDP (Holdings) Limited ("IDP")

## RIDER 2

Under the Invoice Facility the Company has agreed to sell and the Bank has agreed to acquire certain of the Company's debts ("Debts") in return for early cash payments ("Early Payments") calculated by reference to the value of the Debts sold to the Bank. The Bank will, subject to the terms of the Invoice Facility and Bank Loan Agreement, make available to the Company up to £4,750,000

The Early Payments will help enable the Company to make a loan to IDP under the Company Loan Agreement IDP will use the funds to pay part of the consideration and associated costs payable in connection with the acquisition ("Acquisition") of the entire issued share capital of the Company from Cosalt pic ("Cosalt") pursuant to the terms of a share purchase agreement of even date made between IDP and Cosalt

The Invoice Facility will run for a minimum period of 12 months ("**Minimum Period**") and will be terminable upon 3 months notice from either party to expire at the end of any month following the Minimum Period The Bank may immediately terminate on the occurrence of certain events of default by the Company The Company is responsible for an annual service charge of 0.05% of the value of assigned debts (with a minimum charge of £10,000 for the

Minimum Period and any subsequent 12 month period) A discounting charge is payable monthly at 1.8% per annum above the base rate of the Bank from time to time

- Under the terms of the Bank Loan Agreement the Bank will make available to the Company by way of loan an amount equal to the lesser of (i) £750,000 and (ii) 50% of the value of certain eligible finished goods of the Company capable of resale. The loan will help enable the Company to make a loan to IDP under the Company Loan Agreement, providing IDP with funds for payment of part of the consideration to Cosalt under the Acquisition and associated costs of the Acquisition. The Bank Loan Agreement provides for interest at the rate of 2.25% per annum above base rate of the Bank from time to time. The Bank Loan Agreement will continue until termination of the Invoice Facility or earlier in the case of certain events of default arising.
- Under the terms of the Debenture, the Company will charge to the Bank all of its assets by way of legal mortgage, fixed charge and floating charges (as appropriate) as security for all monies due and owing or to become due and owing by the Company to the Bank
- 4 Under the Charge, the Company will grant a first legal charge in favour of the Bank over the Property as security for all sums due or to become due and owing by the Company to the Bank
- Under the Intercreditor Agreement, payment of sums due and owing by IDP and/or the Company to the Bank, Cosalt and Ian Powell will be regulated such that payments to Cosalt and Ian Powell may only be made provided that the Company is not at the time of payment, or likely to be as a result of the payment, in default of any obligation to any creditor of the Company
- Under the Company Loan Agreement, the Company will advance to IDP up to £5,000,000 to enable IDP to make payment of part of the consideration payable to Cosalt under the Acquisition and other payments and liabilities incurred or connected with the Acquisition No interest will be payable on the outstanding sums under the Company Loan Agreement and all such monies outstanding will be repayable on demand by the Company

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13 May 2008

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Dear Sirs

Independent auditors' report to the directors of Banner 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 13 May 2008 in connection with the proposal that the Company should give financial assistance for the purchase of the entire share capital of the Company

Our report has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of section 156(4) of the Companies Act 1985 and for no other purpose. No person is entitled to rely on this report unless such a person is a person entitled to rely upon this report by virtue of and for the purpose of section 156(4) of the Companies Act 1985 or has been expressly authorised to do so by our prior written consent. Save as above, we do not accept responsibility for this report to any other person or for any other purpose and we hereby expressly disclaim any and all such liability.

## 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 1985 is unreasonable in all the circumstances

Yours faithfully

**BDO Stoy Hayward LLP** 

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

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