

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

REGISTERED AUDITORS

PARTNERS: WITOLD SAWIN FCA KEELEY EDWARDS FCCA

AUDITORS STATEMENT TO MERCHANT CAPITAL CORPORATE FINANCE LIMITED FOR THE PURPOSE OF SECTION 43(3)(B) OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

We have examined the balance sheet of Merchant Capital Corporate Finance Limited as at 22 October 2002 which we have audited in accordance with auditing standards.

Basis of opinion:

The scope of our work for the purpose of this statement was limited to an examination of the relationship between the company's net assets and its called-up share capital and undistributable reserves as stated in the audited balance sheet in connection with the company's proposed reregistration as a public company.

Opinion:

In our opinion the balance sheet at 22 October 2002 shows that the amount of the company's net assets was not less than the aggregate of its called up share capital and undistributable reserves.

Sawin & Edwards Registered Auditors 30 October 2002

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