

COMPANIES FORM No. 155(6)(a)

# **Declaration in relation to** assistance for the acquisition of shares

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

155(6)a

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

For official use	Company number
	04512089

#### Note

Please read the notes on page 3 before completing this form

\*Insert full name of company

Name of company

Wassen Holdings Limited

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Michael Barber of Church Farmhouse, Framingham Lane, Bramerton, Norfolk, NR14 7HF Anne Varney of Beirnfels, Old Odiham Road, Alton, Hants, GU34 4BW

ølnsert name(s) and address(es) of all the directors

Richard Cawse of Long Roof, All Saints Lane, Clevedon, North Somerset, BS21 6AU Peter Tunnell of 11 Lymden Gardens, Reigate, Surrey, RH2 7HX Tim Snook of Lowood, Sanctuary Lane, Storrington, West Sussex, RH20 3JE

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The business of the company is:

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The company is proposing to give financial assistance in connection with the acquisition of shares 

Wassen Holdings

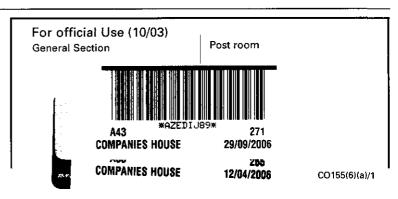
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The number and class of the shares acquired or to be acquired is: See attached schedule - Part 1

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

Brian Gordon Osborne Clarke, Apex Plaza Forbury Road Reading RG1 1AX DX 117882 READING



The assistance is to be given to: (note 2)	Please do not write in
Oval (2077) Limited (company number 5656953) of 2 Temple Back East, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6EG	this margin Please complete legibly, preferably in black type, or bold block lettering
The assistance will take the form of:	
See attached schedule - Part 2	
The person who <b>(hascampired)</b> [will acquire]† the shares is: Oval (2077) Limited (as above)  The principal terms on which the assistance will be given are:	† Delete as appropriate
See attached schedule - Part 3	7
The amount of cash to be transferred to the person assisted is £ See attached	
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 hereof

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

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)

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Day Month Year

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A Commissioner for Oaths or Notary Public of Justice of the Peace or a Solicitor having the powers colocator ANDA a Commissioner for Oaths. **COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS** 

#### NOTES

- For the meaning of "a person incurring a liability" and "reducing or discharging a liability" see section 152(3) of the Companies Act 1985.
- Insert full name(s) and address(es) of the 2 person(s) to whom assistance is to be given; if a recipient is a company the registered office address should be shown.
- Contingent and prospective liabilities of the company are to be taken into account - see section 156(3) of the Companies Act 1985.
- The auditor's report required by section 156(4) of the Companies Act 1985 must be annexed to this form.

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#### Schedule to Form 155(6)a in relation to

### Wassen Holdings Limited, Company number 04512089 (the "Company")

#### Part I - the number and class of shares to be acquired

The number and class of shares to be acquired is 4,238,586 preference shares of £1 each and 1,494,431 ordinary shares of £0.10 each.

#### Part 2 - form of the assistance:

The assistance will take the form of the execution and delivery by the Company of the following documents, and the Company fulfilling its obligations under them:

- 1. a draft guarantee (the "Guarantee") to be entered into by each of the Company, Oval (2077) Limited (the "Purchaser") and Wassen International Limited (the "Subsidiary") (together the "Group Companies" and each a "Group Company") in favour of HSBC Bank plc (the "Bank") pursuant to which each Group Company which will guarantee to the Bank all monies, liabilities and obligations of one another from time to time;
- 2. a draft debenture (the "**Debenture**") to be entered into by the Company in favour of the Bank pursuant to which the Company will grant fixed and floating charges over all of its assets and undertaking as security for the payment of the all monies and liabilities owing to the Bank from time to time;
- 3. an inter company loan agreement (the "Funding Agreement") to be entered into between the Group Companies pursuant to which the Company and the Subsidiary each agree to (so far as they are able) lend monies to the Purchaser;
- 4. a draft intercreditor deed (the "Intercreditor Deed") to be made between (1) the Bank, (2) the Group Companies and (3) Nova Capital Nominees Limited containing terms and conditions regulating certain rights between the parties thereto, including in respect of the payment of monies by the Group Companies;
- 5. a deed of guarantee and indemnity (the "HIF Guarantee") to be entered into between (1) the Group Companies and (2) HSBC Invoice Finance (UK) Limited ("HIF") pursuant to which each Group Company will guarantee to HIF all monies, liabilities and obligations of one another from time to time (including the obligations of the Company under an agreement for the purchaser of debts between (1) the Subsidiary and (2) HIF (the "Invoice Financing Agreement")).

#### Part 3 - principal terms of the assistance:

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

6. under the Guarantee the Company (amongst other things) covenants to pay, and guarantees the payment of, all moneys from time to time owed to the Bank by the Group Companies, including without limitation all moneys owed by the Purchaser under the term loan facility letter to be entered into between the Purchaser and the

Bank (the "Term Loan Facility Letter") (which facility is for a principal amount of £2,650,000 and the proceeds of which will be used, amongst other things, for the finance of the acquisition of the shares in the Company and to refinance the existing indebtedness of the Company to Barclays Bank plc under a facility agreement dated 20 December 2002 (the "Barclays Indebtedness") which was used to finance the acquisition of shares in the Subsidiary on 23 December 2002) and all monies owing by the Group Companies under an overdraft facility letter to be entered into by the Group Companies and the Bank, (all together the "Obligations") and provides an indemnity in favour of the Bank against all losses in connection with the Obligations;

- 7. under the Debenture, the Company covenants to pay on demand all obligations of the Company to the Bank from time to time, including those under the Guarantee. Further, it grants first fixed charges over the assets identified in the Debenture and a first floating charge over the remainder of the Company's undertaking, by way of security for all obligations of the Company to the Bank from time to time, including the Obligations. The Company covenants further (amongst other things) that it will at any time, if so required by the Bank, at its own expense, execute and deliver to the Bank such further mortgages, charges or other securities or documents as the Bank may require by way of security for all obligations of the Company to the Bank from time to time;
- 8. under the Intercreditor Deed the Company agrees to and acknowledges the agreement between the parties to the deed in relation to the respective priority and subordination of certain loan facilities, debts and charges and their respective rights in respect of shares issued by the Purchaser and undertakes and covenants on terms that it will not act contrary to the agreements reached under the Intercreditor Deed;
- 9. under the Funding Agreement:

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- (a) the Subsidiaries agree to provide to the Purchaser and the Company a loan facility of up to £1,000,000 out of the facilities made available to it under the Invoice Financing Agreement, to enable the Purchaser to (i) repay the Barclays Indebtedness and (ii) to finance the acquisition of the shares in the Company;
- the Company and the Subsidiary each agree to provide a loan facility to enable the Purchaser to (i) service its obligations to the Bank under the Term Loan Facility Letter and (ii) service its obligations to the shareholders under a subscription and shareholders agreement (the "SSA"), in each case unless the Company and/or Subsidiary is unable to do so by reason of its insolvency. The Company and the Subsidiary are entitled to charge interest on the loans to be made. It is a condition to the availability of the loans under the Funding Agreement that the Purchaser enters into a letter of support with the Company and the Subsidiary, agreeing that it will make available to the Company and the Subsidiary such additional working capital as may be required from time to time by the Company and the Subsidiary;
- 10. under the HIF Guarantee, the Group Companies (amongst other things) covenant to pay, and guarantee the payment of, all moneys from time to time owed to HIF by each other, including without limitation all moneys owed by the Subsidiary under the Invoice Financing Agreement (all together the "HIF Obligations") and provide an

indemnity in favour of HIF against all losses in connection with the HIF Obligations;

# Part 4 – the amount of the assistance to be transferred to the person assisted

The amount of cash to be transferred to the person assisted are set out in the Funding Agreement being the sum of up to a maximum of £950,000 plus any further sums, without any stated limit other than the availability thereof to the Company. In practice, the purposes for which the Purchaser may require such further cash sums impose a limit equal to the aggregate of the sums due and payable by the Purchaser under the Term Loan Facility Letter and the SSA.

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS OF WASSEN HOLDINGS 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 3 April 2006 in connection with the proposal that the Company should give financial assistance for the purchase of 1,494,431 of the Company's ordinary shares and 4,238,586 of the Company's preference shares.

This report is made solely to the directors of the Company for the purpose of section 156(4) of the Companies Act 1985. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the directors of the Company those matters that we are required to state to them in an auditors' report under that section and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company, for our work, for this report, or for the opinions that we have formed.

## **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 is unreasonable in all the circumstances.

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Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

Reading

3 April 2006



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