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COMPANIES FORM No. 155(6)a

Declaration in relation to assistance for the acquisition of shares

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

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

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Company number

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02647567

Note
Please read the notes on page 3 before completing this form.

Name of company

* La Pierre Care Homes Limited

* insert full name of company

~~W~~e Please see Annexure A

† insert name(s) and address(es) of all the directors

† delete as appropriate

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[] [all the directors]† of the above company do solemnly and sincerely declare that:

The business of the company is:

§ delete whichever is inappropriate

~~(a) the carrying on of a business~~

~~(b) the carrying on of a business authorised under section 8 of the Companies Act 1985~~

~~(c) the carrying on of a business in the United Kingdom~~

(c) something other than the above§

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

~~company~~ [company's holding company CRAEGMOOR GROUP LIMITED (Company No. 02825572) limited]

The assistance is for the purpose of ~~that acquisition~~ [reducing or discharging a liability incurred for the purpose of that acquisition].†

The number and class of the shares acquired or to be acquired is: 2,057,839 A Ordinary Shares; 244,778 B Convertible Shares; 20,033,909 C Ordinary Shares.

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

Taylor Joynson Garrett
Carmelite, 50 Victoria Embankment, Blackfriars, London, EC4Y 0DX

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General Section



The assistance is to be given to: (note 2) CRAEGMOOR NO.2 LIMITED
(Company No.04229516) whose registered office is at Carmelite 50 Victoria,
Embankment, Blackfriars, London.EC4Y 0DX.

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The assistance will take the form of:

Please see Annexure B

The person who [has acquired] ~~with account~~ ^{MS (S) ed} the shares is:

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appropriate

CRAEGMOOR NO.2 LIMITED (Company No. 04229516)

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

Please see Annexure C

The amount of cash to be transferred to the person assisted is £ Nil

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 from the date hereof

LA PIERRE CARE HOMES LIMITED
Company Number 2647567
(the "Company")

Annexure A - Form 155(6)a

DIRECTOR:

ADDRESS:

Michael Stratford

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Gloucester
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LA PIERRE CARE HOMES LIMITED
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(the "Company")

Annexure B - Form 155(6)a

1. Financial assistance will be provided by the Company pursuant to:
 - (a) a £200,000,000 dated 27 July 2001 instrument constituting floating rate secured subordinated loan notes 2013 between Craegmoor Limited as the Parent (1), Craegmoor No. 2 Limited as the Issuer (2), RBS Mezzanine Limited as the Mezzanine Arranger (3), RBS Mezzanine Limited as the Noteholders' Agent (4) and RBS Mezzanine Limited as the Security Agent (5) (the "**Instrument**") pursuant to which Craegmoor No. 2 Limited constituted Floating Rate Secured Subordinated Loan Notes 2013 in a nominal amount of £200,000,000 (of which £21,559,496 nominal amount was issued on the date of the Instrument pursuant to the Subscription Agreement (as defined below), and the remainder are authorised to be issued in lieu of interest in accordance with Condition 3 (Payment in kind) of the Instrument) subject to, and with the benefit of, the schedules to the Instrument as such Instrument is amended, varied, restated or acceded to from time to time (all such terms as defined in the Instrument);
 - (b) a subscription agreement dated 27 July 2001 between RBS Mezzanine Limited as the Mezzanine Arranger (1), the financial institutions listed therein as the Subscribers (2), RBS Mezzanine Limited as the Noteholders' Agent (3), RBS Mezzanine Limited as the Security Agent (4), Craegmoor No. 2 Limited as the Mezzanine Note Issuer (5), and Craegmoor Limited as the Parent (6) (the "**Subscription Agreement**") as such Subscription Agreement is amended, varied, restated or acceded from time to time (all such terms as defined in the Subscription Agreement).
 - (c) An intercreditor deed (the "**Intercreditor Deed**") entered into, by way of an accession deed (the "**Intercreditor Accession Deed**") between, inter alios, Craegmoor Limited as Parent, the Company as New Obligor and RBS Mezzanine Limited as Security Agent and Noteholders Agent whereby the Company has agreed to become an Obligor under the Intercreditor Deed and to be bound by the terms of the Intercreditor Deed as an Obligor subject to the provision that its obligations under the Intercreditor Deed shall not extend to any obligations which if they did so extend would cause the infringement of section 151 of the Companies Act 1985 (all such terms as defined in the Intercreditor Accession Deed).
2. Such financial assistance will be given by way of the Company entering into the documents listed at (a) to (d) below:
 - (a) An accession deed (the "**Accession Deed**") between inter alios, Craegmoor Limited and certain of its subsidiaries, including the Company as New Obligors and RBS Mezzanine Limited as Noteholders' Agent and Security Agent for the Noteholders under the Note Finance Documents whereby each New Obligor agrees to enter into a guarantee pursuant to the Instrument and to become an Obligor under the Intercreditor Deed and to be bound by the terms of the Intercreditor Deed as an Obligor increasing its obligations as set out in the Accession Deed (all such terms as defined in the Accession Deed);

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- (b) A debenture (the "**Debenture**") to be entered into, by way of an accession deed (the "**Debenture Accession Deed**"), between, inter alios, Craegmoor Limited and certain of its subsidiaries including the Company as New Charging Companies and RBS Mezzanine Limited as Security Agent for itself and the other Secured Parties (all such terms as defined in the Debenture Accession Deed);
- (c) A warehouse subordination deed (the "**Warehouse Subordination Deed**") to be entered into between, inter alios, the Company, Barclays Bank as Senior Agent and RBS Mezzanine Limited as Junior Agent (all such terms as defined in the Warehouse Subordination Deed); and
- (d) An intra-group loan agreement as supplemented, amended and extended from time to time (the "**Intra- Group Loan Agreement**") to be made between, inter alios, the Company as Lender and the Purchaser as borrower under which the Company would make available loan facilities to the Purchaser which may be used by the Purchaser to assist it in meeting its payment obligations under the Note Finance Documents (all such terms as defined in the Intra-Group Loan Agreement).

in each case as each such document is amended, restated, varied or supplemented from time to time.



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Annexure C - Form 155(6)a

1. By executing the Accession Deed and thereby, inter alia, acceding to the guarantee incorporated in the Instrument and to the Intercreditor Deed as referred to in paragraph 2(a) of Annexure B, the Company, inter alia:
 - (e) guarantees to each Note Finance Party punctual performance by each Obligor (other than the Company of that Obligor's obligations under the Note Finance Documents (as defined therein);
 - (f) undertakes with each Note Finance Party that whenever an Obligor (other than the Company) guarantees to and does not pay any amount when due under or in connection with any Note Finance Document, that the Company shall immediately on demand pay that amount as if the Company was the principal obligor;
 - (g) indemnifies each Note Finance Party immediately on demand against any cost, loss or liability suffered by that Note Finance Party if the guarantee or any obligation given by it is or becomes unenforceable, invalid or illegal;
 - (h) agrees to extend the obligations undertaken by it under the Instrument and the Intercreditor Deed and all other Note Finance Documents to include, without limitation, all obligations of each of the Obligors. For the avoidance of doubt, none of the limitations set forth in paragraph 1.2(a) of schedule 6 (Guarantee and Security Provisions) of the Instrument shall apply and, any obligations in the Debenture and the Intercreditor Deed which may previously have been limited by virtue of the fact that they would have otherwise constituted a breach of section 151 of the Companies Act 1985 are no longer so limited;
 - (i) agrees to the ranking for all purposes and at all times that the Note Debt is in priority to the Investor Debt and Vendor Debt; and
 - (j) agrees to indemnify the creditors in respect of certain costs and expenses in respect of the Intercreditor Deed.

(all such terms are defined in the Accession Deed).
2. By executing the Debenture Accession Deed and acceding to the Debenture as referred to in paragraph 2(b) of Annexure B the Company, together with other Charging Companies (subject to compliance with sections 151 -158 of the Companies Act 1985):
 - (a) as primary obligor (on a joint and several basis) covenants with the Security Agent (for the benefit of itself and the other Secured Parties (as defined therein)) that it will on demand pay the Indebtedness when it falls due for payment;
 - (b) as security for the payment of the Indebtedness, charges in favour of the Security Agent with full title guarantee the following assets, both from the date

of the Debenture and any time thereafter, from time to time owned by it or in which it has an interest;

- (i) by way of first legal mortgage all freehold and leasehold property (including the property specified in schedule 1 of the Debenture Accession Deed) together with all buildings and fixtures including trade fixtures) on that property; and
- (ii) by way of first fixed charge;
 - (A) all other interests (not referred to in paragraph 2(b)(i) above) in any freehold and leasehold property, the buildings and fixtures (including trade fixtures) on that property, all proceeds of sale derived therefrom and the benefit of all warranties and covenants given in respect thereof and all licences to enter upon or use land and the benefit of all other agreements relating to land;
 - (B) all the Subsidiary Shares and Investments and all corresponding Distribution Rights;
 - (C) all plant, machinery, vehicles, computers, office and other equipment and the benefit of all contracts, licences and warranties relating thereto;
 - (D) all Book Debts and all rights and claims against third parties in respect of such debts and claims;
 - (E) all debts and monetary claims (other than Book Debts) and all rights against third parties in respect of such debts and claims;
 - (F) all monies standing to the credit of its accounts including the Cash Collateral Accounts, the Nominated Accounts and the Collection Accounts) with any bank, financial institution or other person;
 - (G) all its Intellectual Property Rights;
 - (H) the benefit of all consents and agreements held by it in connection with the use of any of its assets;
 - (I) its goodwill and uncalled capital;
 - (J) if not effectively referred to in paragraph 2(c) below, all its rights and interests in (and claims under) the Assigned Agreements;
- (iii) by way of first floating charge, the Company charges with full title guarantee in favour of the Security Agent (for the benefit of itself and other Secured Parties) all its assets not effectively charged by way of first fixed charge as referred to in paragraph 2(b)(ii) above or assigned as referred to in paragraph 2(c) below, including heritable property and all other assets in Scotland from the date of the Debenture and any time thereafter;



- (c) as further security for the payment of the Indebtedness, the Company assigns absolutely to the Security Agent all its rights, title and interest in the Assigned Agreements, provided that on payment or discharge in full of the Indebtedness the Security Agent will at the request and cost of the Company re-assign the Assigned Agreements to the Company (or as it shall direct);
- (d) covenants not to create or agree to create or permit to subsist any Security Interest over all or any part of the Charged Property.

(all such terms as defined in the Debenture Accession Deed).

3. By entering into the Warehouse Subordination Deed as referred to in paragraph 2(c) of Annexure B the Company, inter alia;

- (a) agrees to the ranking for all purposes and at all times of the Senior Debt in priority to the Junior Debt;
- (b) agrees that all security conferred on the Senior Finance Parties by the Senior Security Documents will for all purposes and at all times rank in priority to the security conferred on the Junior Finance Parties by the Junior Security Documents;
- (c) agrees that upon the occurrence of an Insolvency Event in relation to an Obligor, for all purposes, the claims against that Obligor in respect of Junior Debt will be subordinated in right of payment to the claims against that Obligor in respect of the Senior Debt; and
- (d) agrees to indemnify the creditors in respect of certain costs and expenses in respect of the Warehouse Subordination Deed.

(all such terms as defined in the Warehouse Subordination Deed).

4. By executing the Intra-Group Loan Agreement the Company, inter alia, agrees to make available to, inter alios, the Purchaser certain loan facilities which may be used by the Purchaser in reducing or discharging liabilities incurred in connection with its acquisition of the entire issued share capital of the Target (all such terms as defined in the Inter-Company Loan Agreement).

The Directors
La Pierre Care Homes Limited
"Hillcairn"
St Andrew's Road
Droitwich
Worcestershire WR9 8DJ

30 October 2001

Dear Sirs

Auditors' report to the directors of La Pierre Care Homes Limited pursuant to Section 156(4) of the Companies Act 1985

We have examined the attached statutory declaration of the directors of La Pierre Care Homes Limited ('the Company') dated 30 October 2001 in connection with the proposal that the Company should give financial assistance for the purchase of the shares in Craegmoor Group Limited.

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



PricewaterhouseCoopers
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

