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Chapter 1

Preliminary



1.1 **Preliminary**

Note: ESMA has also issued guidelines under article 16(3) of the ESMA Regulation covering 'Alternative Performance Measures'. See https:// www.esma.europa.eu/sites/default/files/library/2015/10/2015-esma-1415en.pdf

Application

1.1.1 R

- (1) PR 2, PR 3, PR 4.2, PR 5.1, PR 5.3.1 UK to PR 5.3.3 G and PR 5.5 only apply (subject to paragraph (2)) in relation to:
 - (a) an offer, or a request for admission to trading of transferable securities, in respect of which section 85 of the Act applies (other than an exempt offer under section 86 of the Act) and in relation to which the United Kingdom is the Home State;

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- (b) an offer, or a request for admission to trading of transferable securities, where under section 87 of the Act a person has elected to have a prospectus in relation to the transferable securities; and
- (c) an offer, or a request for admission to trading of transferable securities, not referred to in paragraphs (a) or (b), in relation to which the United Kingdom is the Home State.
- (2) PR 2, PR 3, PR 4.2 , PR 5.3.1 UK to PR 5.3.3 G also apply in relation to an offer, or a request for admission to trading of transferable securities, where another competent authority of an EEA State has transferred the function of approving the prospectus to the FCA.
- 1.1.2 Note: When exercising its functions under Part 6 of the Act, the FCA may use the name the UK Listing Authority.

Persons responsible for complying with rules

- 1.1.3 R A person must comply with all rules that are specified as being applicable to them.
- 1.1.4 If a rule does not specify who is responsible for complying with it, then the following *persons* must comply with it:
 - (1) in relation to an offer:
 - (a) the issuer: and
 - (b) the offeror (if this is a person other than the issuer);
 - (2) in relation to a request for the admission to trading of transferable securities:

- (a) the issuer; and
- (b) the *person* requesting *admission* to *trading* (if this is a *person* other than the *issuer*).
- 1.1.5 An *issuer* is not responsible under \blacksquare PR 1.1.4R (1)(a) or \blacksquare (2)(a) if it has not authorised or made the *offer* or the request for the *admission* to trading.

Provisions implementing the Prospectus Directive

- 1.1.6 The FCA considers that the following documents together determine the effect of the Prospectus Directive:
 - (1) Part 6 of the Act;
 - (2) the PD Regulation;
 - (3) these rules;
 - (4) the ESMA Prospectus Recommendations
 - (5) the ESMA Prospectus Questions and Answers;
 - (6) the ESMA Prospectus Opinions; and
 - (7) the Prospectus RTS Regulations.
- 1.1.7 To assist readers, extracts from the Act, the PD Regulation and the Prospectus RTS Regulations are reproduced in the text of these rules. Readers should however consult those documents themselves to see the full text.

ESMA materials

- 1.1.8 G In determining whether Part 6 of the Act, these rules ,the PD Regulation and the Prospectus RTS Regulations have been complied with, the FCA will consider whether a person has acted in accordance with the ESMA Prospectus Recommendations, the ESMA Prospectus Questions and Answers and the ESMA Prospectus Opinions.
 - Application of rules to supplementary prospectuses
- 1.1.9 Unless the context otherwise requires, a reference in these *rules* to a *prospectus* includes a *supplementary prospectus*.

PRIIPs Regulation

1.1.10 G An issuer, offeror or person requesting admission to trading should also consider whether the requirements of the PRIIPs Regulation apply.



1.2 Requirement for a prospectus and exemptions

Requirement for a prospectus

UK 1.2.1

Sections 85 and 86 of the Act provide for when a prospectus approved by the FCA will be required:

- It is unlawful for transferable securities to (1) which this subsection applies to be offered to the public in the United Kingdom unless an approved prospectus has been made available to the public before the offer is made.
 - It is unlawful to request the admission of transferable securities to which this subsection applies to trading on a regulated market situated or operating in the United Kingdom unless an approved prospectus has been made available to the public before the request is made.
 - A person who contravenes subsection (1) or (2) is guilty of an offence and liable
 - on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 months or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or both;
 - on conviction on indictment, to im-(b) prisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or a fine or both.
 - A contravention of subsection (1) or (2) is actionable, at the suit of a person who suffers loss as a result of the contravention, subject to the defences and other incidents applying to actions for breach of statutory duty.
 - Subsection (1) applies to all transferable (5) securities other than -
 - (a) those listed in Schedule 11A;

- (b) such other transferable securities as may be specified in prospectus rules [see PR 1.2.2 R].
- (6) Subsection (2) applies to all transferable securities other than
 - (a) those listed in Part 1 of Schedule 11A;
 - (b) such other transferable securities as may be specified in prospectus rules [see PR 1.2.3 R].
- (7) "Approved prospectus" means, in relation to transferable securities to which this section applies, a prospectus approved by the competent authority of the home State in relation to the issuer of the securities.
- 86 Exempt offers to the public
 - (1) A person does not contravene section 85(1) if
 - (a) the offer is made to or directed at qualified investors only;
 - (b) the offer is made to or directed at fewer than 150 persons, other than qualified investors, per EEA State;
 - (c) the minimum consideration which may be paid by any person for transferable securities acquired by him pursuant to the offer is at least 100,000 euros (or an equivalent amount);
 - (d) the transferable securities being offered are denominated in amounts of at least 100,000 euros (or equivalent amounts);
 - (e) the total consideration for the transferable securities being offered in the EEA states cannot exceed 8,000,000 euros (or an equivalent amount): or
 - (f) the offer falls within subsection (1A).
 - (1A) An offer ("the current offer") falls within this subsection where transferable securities are resold or placed through a financial intermediary where:
 - (a) the transferable securities have previously been the subject of one or more offers to the public;
 - (b) in respect of one or more of those previous offers, any of paragraphs (a) to (e) of subsection (1) applied;
 - (c) a prospectus is available for the securities which has been approved by the FCA and meets either of the conditions in subsection (1B); and

- (d) the issuer or other person who was responsible for drawing up the prospectus has given written consent to the use of the prospectus for the purpose of the current offer.
- (1B) The conditions referred to in subsection (1A)(c) are:
 - (a) that the prospectus was approved by the FCA no earlier than 12 months before the date the current offer is made, and is supplemented by every supplementary prospectus which was required to be submitted under section 87G; or
 - (b) in the case of non-equity transferable securities falling within article 5(4)(b) of the prospectus directive, that the securities concerned have not ceased to be issued in a continuous or repeated manner.
- (2) Where -
 - (a) a person who is not a qualified investor ("the client") has engaged a qualified investor falling within point (1) of Section 1 of Annex II to the markets in financial instruments directive to act as his agent; and
 - (b) the terms on which the qualified investor is engaged enable him to make decisions concerning the acceptance of offers of transferable securities on the client's behalf without reference to the client,

- an offer made to or directed at the qualified investor is not to be regarded for the purposes of subsection (1) as also having been made to or directed at the client.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (1)(b), the making of an offer of transferable securities to
 - (a) trustees of a trust,
 - (b) members of a partnership in their capacity as such, or
 - (c) two or more persons jointly,

is to be treated as the making of an offer to a single person.

- (4) In determining whether subsection (1)(e) is satisfied in relation to an offer ("offer A"), offer A is to be taken together with any other offer of transferable securities of the same class made by the same person which
 - (a) was open at any time within the period of 12 months ending with the date on which offer A is first made; and
 - (b) had previously satisfied subsection (1)(e).
- (5) For the purposes of this section, an amount (in relation to an amount denominated in euros) is an "equivalent amount" if it is an amount of equal value denominated wholly or partly in another currency or unit of account.
- (6) The equivalent is to be calculated at the latest practicable date before (but in any event not more than 3 working days before) the date on which the offer is first made.
- (7) "Qualified investor", in relation to an offer of transferable securities, means –
 - (a) a person described in points (1) to

 (4) of Section I of Annex II to the markets in financial instruments directive, other than a person who, before the making of the offer, has agreed in writing with the relevant firm (or each of the relevant firms) to be treated as a non-professional client in accordance with the final paragraph of Section I of Annex II to that directive;
 - (b) a person who has made a request to one or more relevant firms to be treated as a professional client in accordance with Section II of Annex II to that directive and has not subsequently, but before the making of the offer, agreed in writing with that relevant firm (or each of those

- relevant firms) to be treated as a non-professional client in accordance with the final paragraph of Section I of Annex II to that directive:
- a person who is recognised as an eli-(c) gible counterparty in accordance with article 24 of that directive and has not, before the making of the offer, agreed in writing with the relevant firm (or each of the relevant firms) to be treated as a non-professional client in accordance with the final paragraph of Section I of Annex II of that directive;
- a person whom -(d)
 - (i) any relevant firm was authorised to continue to treat as a professional client immediately before 3 January 2018 by virtue of article 71.6 (transitional provisions) of Directive 2004/39/EC on markets in financial instruments; and
 - (ii) the firm may continue to treat as a professional client from 3 January 2018 by virtue of Section II.2 of Annex II to the markets in financial instruments directive.
- In subsection (7) "relevant firm" means (8) an investment firm or credit institution acting in connection with the offer.
- Investment firms and credit institutions which are authorised persons must communicate their classification of their clients as being or not being qualified investors on request to an issuer, subject to complying with data protection legislation.
- (10) In subsections (8) and (9) -

"credit institution" means -

- (a) a credit institution authorised under the banking consolidation directive; or
- (b)an institution which would satisfy the requirements for authoris

ation as a credit institution under that directive if it had its registered office (or if it does not have one, its head office) in an EEA State.

Exempt securities – offers of securities to the public

1.2.2 R

In accordance with section 85(5)(b) of the Act, section 85(1) of the Act does not apply to offers of the following types of transferable securities:

- (1) shares issued in substitution for shares of the same class already issued, if the issue of the new shares does not involve any increase in the issued capital;
- (2) transferable securities offered in connection with a takeover by means of an exchange offer, if a document is available containing information which is regarded by the FCA as being equivalent to that of the prospectus, taking into account the requirements of EU legislation;
- (3) transferable securities offered, allotted or to be allotted in connection with a merger or division, if a document is available containing information which is regarded by the FCA as being equivalent to that of the prospectus, taking into account the requirements of EU legislation;
- (4) dividends paid out to existing shareholders in the form of shares of the same class as the shares in respect of which the dividends are paid, if a document is made available containing information on the number and nature of the shares and the reasons for and details of the offer;
- (5) transferable securities offered, allotted or to be allotted to existing or former directors or employees by their employer or by an affiliated undertaking if:
 - (a) the company has its head office or registered office in the EU, provided a document is made available containing information on the number and nature of the transferable securities and the reasons for and details of the offer; or
 - (b) the company is established outside the EU and has transferable securities that are admitted to trading, provided a document is made available containing information on the number and nature of the transferable securities and the reasons for and details of the offer; or
 - (c) the *company* is established outside the *EU* and has *transferable* securities admitted to trading on a third country market provided that:
 - (i) a document is made available containing adequate information, including the number and nature of the *transferable securities*; and
 - (ii) the reasons for and details of the *offer* in a language customary in the sphere of international finance; and

(iii) the European Commission has adopted an equivalence decision for the purpose of article 4(1) of the PD regarding the third country market concerned.

[Note: article 4(1) PD]

Exempt securities – admission to trading on a regulated market

1.2.3

In accordance with section 85(6)(b) of the Act, section 85(2) of the Act does not apply to the admission to trading of the following types of transferable securities:

- (1) transferable securities referred to in article 1(5)(a) of the Prospectus Regulation;
- (2) shares issued in substitution for shares of the same class already admitted to trading on the same regulated market, if the issue of the shares does not involve any increase in the issued capital;
- (3) transferable securities offered in connection with a takeover by means of an exchange offer, if a document is available containing information which is regarded by the FCA as being equivalent to that of the prospectus, taking into account the requirements of EU legislation;
- (4) transferable securities offered, allotted or to be allotted in connection with a merger or a division, if a document is available containing information which is regarded by the FCA as being equivalent to that of the prospectus, taking into account the requirements of EU legislation;
- (5) shares offered, allotted or to be allotted free of charge to existing shareholders, and dividends paid out in the form of shares of the same class as the shares in respect of which the dividends are paid, if the shares are of the same class as the shares already admitted to trading on the same regulated market and if a document is made available containing information on the number and nature of the shares and the reasons for and details of the offer;
- (6) transferable securities offered, allotted or to be allotted to existing or former directors or employees by their employer or an affiliated undertaking, if the transferable securities are of the same class as the transferable securities already admitted to trading on the same regulated market and if a document is made available containing information on the number and nature of the transferable securities and the reasons for and detail of the offer;
- (7) shares referred to in article 1(5)(b) of the Prospectus Regulation;
- (8) transferable securities already admitted to trading on another regulated market, on the following conditions:

- (a) that these transferable securities, or transferable securities of the same class, have been admitted to trading on that other regulated market for more than 18 months;
- (b) that, for transferable securities first admitted to trading after the 31 December 2003, the admission to trading on that other regulated market was associated with an approved prospectus made available to the public in accordance with Article 14 of the prospectus directive;
- (c) that, except where (b) applies, for transferable securities first admitted to listing after 30 June 1983, listing particulars were approved in accordance with the requirements of Directive 80/ 390/EEC or Directive 2001/34/EC;
- (d) that the ongoing obligations for trading on that other *regulated* market have been fulfilled;
- (e) that the person requesting the admission to trading under this exemption makes a summary document available to the public in a language accepted by the competent authority of the EEA State of the regulated market where admission is sought;
- (f) that the summary document referred to in paragraph (e) is made available to the public in the *EEA State* of the *regulated market* where *admission to trading* is sought in the manner set out in Article 14 of the *prospectus directive*; and
- (g) that the contents of the summary document comply with article 5(2) of the *prospectus directive*. Also the document must state where the most recent *prospectus* can be obtained and where the financial information published by the *issuer* pursuant to its ongoing disclosure obligations is available;
- (9) transferable securities referred to in article 1(5)(c) of the Prospectus Regulation.

[Note: article 4(2) of the *PD*, points (a), (b) and (c) of the first subparagraph of article 1(5) of the *Prospectus Regulation* and the second subparagraph of article 1(5) of the *Prospectus Regulation*]

1.2.3A EU

Points (a), (b) and (c) of the first subparagraph of Article 1(5) of the *Prospectus Regulation* and the second subparagraph of Article 1(5) of the *Prospectus Regulation* provide that:

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- 5. The obligation to publish a prospectus set out in Article 3(3) shall not apply to the admission to trading on a regulated market of any of the following:
 - (a) securities fungible with securities already admitted to trading on the same regulated market, provided that they represent, over a period of 12 months, less than 20 % of the number of securities already admitted to trading on the same regulated market;

(b) shares resulting from the conversion or exchange of other securities or from the exercise of the rights conferred by other securities, where the resulting shares are of the same class as the shares already admitted to trading on the same regulated market, provided that the resulting shares represent, over a period of 12 months, less than 20 % of the number of shares of the same class already admitted to trading on the same regulated market, subject to the second subparagraph of this paragraph;

(c) securities resulting from the conversion or exchange of other securities, own funds or eligible liabilities by a resolution authority due to the exercise of a power referred to in Article 53(2), 59(2) or Article 63(1) or (2) of Directive 2014/59/EU;

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The requirement that the resulting shares represent, over a period of 12 months, less than 20 % of the number of shares of the same class already admitted to trading on the same regulated market as referred to in point (b) of the first subparagraph shall not apply in any of the following cases:

- (a) where a prospectus was drawn up in accordance with either this Regulation or Directive 2003/71/EC upon the offer to the public or admission to trading on a regulated market of the securities giving access to the shares;
- (b) where the securities giving access to the shares were issued before 20 July 2017;
- (c) where the shares qualify as Common Equity Tier 1 items as laid down in Article 26 of Regulation (EU) No 575/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of an institution as defined in point (3) of Article 4(1) of that Regulation and result from the conversion of Additional Tier 1 instruments issued by that institution due to the occurrence of a trigger event as laid down in point (a) of Article 54(1) of that Regulation;
- (d) where the shares qualify as eligible own funds or eligible basic own funds as defined in Section 3 of Chapter VI of Title I of Directive 2009/138/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, and result from the conversion of other securities which was triggered for the purposes of fulfilling the obligations to comply with the Solvency Capital Requirement or Minimum Capital Requirement as laid down in Sections 4 and 5 of Chapter VI of Title I of Directive 2009/138/EC or the group solvency requirement as laid down in Title III of Directive 2009/138/EC.

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- (1) The summary document referred to in PR 1.2.3R (8) should at least contain the information that would be required in a summary if the summary were being produced at the date of the summary document.
- (2) The content of the summary document may be obtained from publicly available information on the issuer.
- (3) If the information is obtained from publicly available information on the issuer, the information should be accurately reproduced from publicly available information and no facts should be omitted which would make the reproduced information misleading.

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Chapter 2

Drawing up the prospectus



2.1 **General contents of prospectus**

General contents of prospectus

2.1.1 UK

Sections 87A(2), (2A), (3) and (4) of the Act provide for the general contents of a prospectus:

(2)	The necessary information is the information nearly to enable investors to make an informed a ment of –	
	(a)	the assets and liabilities, financial position, profits and losses, and prospects of the issuer of the transferable securities and of any guarantor; and
	(b)	the rights attaching to the transferable securities.
(2A)	If, in the case of transferable securities to which section 87 applies, the prospectus states that the guarantor is a specified EEA State, the prospectus is not required to include other information about the guarantor.	
(3)		ary information must be presented in a n is comprehensible and easy to analyse.
(4)		ary information must be prepared having he particular nature of the transferable

2.1.2 UK

Sections 87A(5) and (6) of the Act set out the requirement for a summary to be included in a prospectus:

securities and their issuer.

(5)	The prospectus must include a summary (unless the transferable securities in question are ones in relation to which prospectus rules provide that a summary is not required).
(6)	The summary must convey concisely, in non-technical language and in an appropriate structure, the key information relevant to the securities which are the subject of the prospectus and, when read with the rest of the prospectus, must be an aid to investors considering whether to invest in the securities.

When a summary is not required

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In accordance with section 87A(5) of the Act, a summary is not required for a prospectus relating to non-equity transferable securities that have a denomination of at least 100,000 euros (or an equivalent amount) if the prospectus relates to an admission to trading. [Note: article 5.2 PD]

Contents of summary

2.1.4 EU

Article 24 of the *PD Regulation* provides for how the contents of the *summary* are to be determined:

Content of the summary of the prospectus, of the base prospectus and of the individual issue

The issuer, the offeror or the person asking for the admission to trading on a regulated market shall determine the detailed content of the summary referred to in Article 5(2) of Directive 2003/71/EC in accordance with this Article.

A summary shall contain the key information items set out in Annex XXII. Where an item is not applicable to a prospectus, such item shall appear in the summary with the mention "not applicable". The length of the summary shall take into account the complexity of the issuer and of the securities offered, but shall not exceed 7% of the length of a prospectus or 15 pages, whichever is the longer. It shall not contain cross-references to other parts of the prospectus.

The order of the sections and of the elements of Annex XXII shall be mandatory. The summary shall be drafted in clear language, presenting the key information in an easily accessible and understandable way. Where an issuer is not under an obligation to include a summary in a prospectus pursuant to Article 5(2) of Directive 2003/71/EC, but produces an overview section in the prospectus, this section shall not be entitled "Summary" unless the issuer complies with all disclosure requirements for summaries laid down in this Article and Annex XXII.

- 2 The summary of the base prospectus may contain the following information:
 - (a) information included in the base prospectus;
 - (b) options for information required by the securities note schedule and its building block(s);
 - (c) information required by the securities note schedule and its building block(s) left in blank for later insertion in the final terms.
- 3 The summary of the individual issue shall provide the key information of the summary of the base prospectus combined with the relevant parts of the final terms. The summary of the individual issue shall contain the following:
 - (a) the information of the summary of the base prospectus which is only relevant to the individual issue;
 - (b) the options contained in the base prospectus which are only relevant to the individual issue as determined in the final terms;
 - (c) the relevant information given in the final terms which has been previously left in blank in the base prospectus.

Where the final terms relate to several securities which differ only in some very limited details, such as the issue price or maturity date, one single summary of the individual issue may be attached for all those securities, provided the information referring to the different securities is clearly segregated.

The summary of the individual issue shall be subject to the same requirements as the final terms and shall be annexed to them.

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2.1.6 R The summary must be in the language in which the prospectus was originally drawn up. [Note: article 19.2 PD]

> Note: ■ PR 4.1 sets out *rules* about the language in which the *prospectus* must be drawn up.

> **Note**: Article 19.2 of the *prospectus directive* also allows the competent authority of a Host State to require that the summary be translated into its official language(s). The FCA as competent authority of a Host State requires a summary to be translated into English under ■ PR 4.1.6 R.

2.1.7 The summary must also contain a warning to the effect that:

- (1) it should be read as an introduction to the prospectus;
- (2) any decision to invest in the transferable securities should be based on consideration of the prospectus as a whole by the investor;
- (3) where a claim relating to the information contained in a prospectus is brought before a court, the plaintiff investor might, under the national legislation of the EEA States, have to bear the costs of translating the *prospectus* before the legal proceedings are initiated; and
- (4) civil liability attaches to those *persons* who are responsible for the summary including any translation of the summary, but only if the summary is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent when read together with the other parts of the *prospectus* or it does not provide, when read together with the other parts of the prospectus, key information in order to aid investors when considering whether to consider an offer further as set out in section 90(12) of the Act. [Note: articles 5.2] and 6.2 PD1

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2.2 Format of prospectus

Format of prospectus

- 2.2.1 R A prospectus may be drawn up as a single document or separate documents. [Note: PD article 5.3]
- 2.2.2 (1) A prospectus composed of separate documents must divide the required information into a registration document, a securities note and a summary.
 - (2) The registration document must contain the information relating to the issuer. The securities note must contain the information concerning the transferable securities to be offered or to be admitted to trading. [Note: article 5.3 PD]

Prospectuses consisting of separate documents

- An issuer, offeror or person requesting admission who already has a registration document approved by the FCA is required to draw up only the securities note and the summary when transferable securities are offered or a request is made for admission to trading. [Note: article 12.1 PD]
- 2.2.5 If ■PR 2.2.4 R applies, the securities note must provide information that would normally be provided in the registration document where there has been a material change or recent development which could affect an investor's assessment since the latest updated registration document was approved, unless such information is provided in a supplementary prospectus. The securities note and summary shall be subject to a separate approval. [Note: article 12.2 PD]
- 2.2.6 R An issuer, offeror or person requesting admission may choose to file a registration document without approval. If it does so, the entire documentation, including updated information, is subject to approval. [Note: article 12.3 PD]

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Base prospectus

2.2.7

The prospectus can, at the choice of the issuer, offeror or person requesting admission, consist of a base prospectus containing all relevant information concerning the issuer and the transferable securities to be offered or to be admitted to trading if it relates to one of the following types of transferable securities:

- (1) non-equity transferable securities, including warrants in any form, issued under an offering programme; or
- (2) non-equity transferable securities issued in a continuous or repeated manner by *credit institutions*:
 - (a) where the sums deriving from the issue of the transferable securities, under national legislation, are placed in assets which provide sufficient coverage for the liability deriving from transferable securities until their maturity date;
 - (b) where, in the event of the insolvency of the related credit institution, the said sums are intended, as a priority, to repay the capital and interest falling due, without prejudice to the provisions of Directive 2001/24/EC on the reorganisation and winding up of credit institutions. [Note: article 5.4 PD]
- 2.2.8 R The information given in the base prospectus must be supplemented, if necessary, in accordance with section 87G of the Act (supplementary prospectus), with updated information on the issuer and on the transferable securities to be offered or to be admitted to trading. [Note: article 5.4 PD]
- 2.2.9 If the final terms of the offer are not included in the base prospectus or a supplementary prospectus:
 - (1) the final terms must be:
 - (a) filed with the FCA; and
 - (b) made available to the public;

[Note: See PR 3.2 for the requirements regarding making final terms available to the public]

(2) the base prospectus must disclose the criteria and/or the conditions in accordance with which the above elements will be determined or, in the case of price, the maximum price. [Note: article 5.4 PD]

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- PR 2.2.9R (1) must be complied with:
 - (1) as soon as practicable after the offer is made or the admission to trading occurs; or
 - (2) where possible, before the offer begins or the admission to trading occurs.

EU 2.2.10

Articles 25 and 26 of the PD Regulation provide for the format of prospectuses and base prospectuses:

Format of the prospectus

- 25.1 Where an issuer, an offeror or a person asking for the admission to trading on a regulated market chooses, according to [PR 2.2.1 R] to draw up a prospectus as a single document, the prospectus shall be composed of the following parts in the following order:
 - (1) a clear and detailed table of contents;
 - (2) the summary provided for in [section 87A(5) of the Act];
 - (3) the risk factors linked to the issuer and the type of security covered by the issue;
 - (4) the other information items included in the schedules and building blocks according to which the prospectus is drawn up.
- 2. Where an issuer, an offeror or a person asking for the admission to trading on a regulated market chooses, according to [LR 3.1.1 R], to draw up a prospectus composed of separate documents, the securities note and the registration document shall be each composed of the following parts in the following order:
 - (1) a clear and detailed table of contents;
 - as the case may be, the risk factors linked to the issuer and the type of security covered by the issue;
 - (3) the other information items included in the schedules and building blocks according to which the prospectus is drawn up.
- 3. In the cases mentioned in paragraphs 1 and 2, the issuer, the offeror or the person asking for admission to trading on a regulated market shall be free in defining the order in the presentation of the required information items included in the schedules and building blocks according to which the prospectus is drawn up.
- 4. Where the order of the items does not coincide with the order of the information provided for in the schedules and building blocks according to which the prospectus is drawn up, the [FCA] may ask the issuer, the offeror or the person asking for the admission to trading on a regulated market to provide a cross reference list for the purpose of checking the prospectus before its approval. Such list shall identify the pages where each item can be found in the prospectus. [see PR 3.1.1 R (3)]
- 5. Where the summary of a prospectus must be supplemented according to [section 87G of the Act], the issuer, the offeror or the person asking for admission to trading on a regulated market shall decide on a case-by-case basis whether to integrate the new information in the original summary by producing a new summary, or to produce a supplement to the summary.

If the new information is integrated in the original summary, the issuer, the offeror or the person asking for admission to trading on a regulated market shall ensure that investors can easily identify the changes, in particular by way of footnotes.

In any case, a new filing of final terms and summary of the individual issue annexed thereto corresponding to offers made prior to the production of a new summary or a supplement to the summary shall not be required.

Format of the base prospectus and its related final terms

- 26.1 Where an issuer, an offeror or a person asking for the admission to trading on a regulated market chooses, according to [PR 2.2.7 R] to draw up a base prospectus, the base prospectus shall be composed of the following parts in the following order:
 - a clear and detailed table of contents; (1)
 - the summary provided for in [section 87A of the Act]; (2)
 - the risk factors linked to the issuer and the type of security or securities covered by the issue(s);
 - the other information items included in the schedules and building blocks according to which the prospectus is drawn up.
- 2. Notwithstanding paragraph 1, the issuer, the offeror or the person asking for admission to trading on a regulated market shall be free in defining the order in the presentation of the required information items included in the schedules and building blocks according to which the prospectus is drawn up. The information on the different securities contained in the base prospectus shall be clearly segregated.
- Where the order of the items does not coincide with the order 3. of the information provided for by the schedules and building blocks according to which the prospectus is drawn up, the [FCA] may ask the issuer, the offeror or the person asking for admission to trading on a regulated market to provide a cross reference list for the purpose of checking the prospectus before its approval. Such list should identify the pages where each item can be found in the prospectus. [see PR 3.1.1 R (3)]
- 4. In case the issuer, the offeror or the person asking for admission to trading on a regulated market has previously filed a registration document for a particular type of security and, at a later stage, chooses to draw up base prospectus in conformity with the conditions provided for in [PR 2.2.7 R], the base prospectus shall contain:
 - the information contained in the previously or simultaneously filed and approved registration document which shall be incorporated by reference, following the conditions provided for in Article 28 of this Regulation;
 - (2)the information which would otherwise be contained in the relevant securities note less the final terms where the final terms are not included in the base prospectus.
- 5. The final terms shall be presented in the form of a separate document or be included in the base prospectus. The final terms shall be prepared in an easily analysable and comprehensible form.

The items of the relevant securities note schedule and its building blocks, which are included in the base prospectus shall not be reproduced in the final terms.

The issuer, the offeror or the person asking for admission to trading on a regulated market may include any of the additional information set out in Annex XXI in the final terms.

A clear and prominent statement shall be inserted in the final terms indicating:

- (a) that the final terms have been prepared for the purpose of Article 5(4) of Directive 2003/71/EC and must be read in conjunction with the base prospectus and its supplement(s);
- (b) where the base prospectus and its supplement(s) are published in accordance with Article 14 of Directive 2003/71/EC;
- (c) that in order to get the full information both the base prospectus and the final terms must be read in conjunction;
- (d) that a summary of the individual issue is annexed to the final terms.

The final terms may include the signature of the legal representative of the issuer or the person responsible for the prospectus according to the relevant national law or the signature of both.

The final terms and the summary of the individual issue shall be drawn up in the same language respectively as the approved version of the form of the final terms of the base prospectus and as the summary of the base prospectus.

When the final terms are communicated to the competent authority of the host Member State or, if there is more than one host Member State, to the competent authorities of the host Member States, in accordance with Article 5(4) of Directive 2003/71/EC, the following language rules shall apply to the final terms and the annexed summary:

- (a) where the summary of the base prospectus is to be translated pursuant to Article 19 of Directive 2003/71/EC, the summary of the individual issue annexed to the final terms shall be subject to the same translation requirements as the summary of the base prospectus;
- (b) where the base prospectus is to be translated pursuant to Article 19 of Directive 2003/71/EC, the final terms and the summary of the individual issue annexed thereto, shall be subject to the same translation requirements as the base prospectus.

The issuer shall communicate those translations, together with the final terms, to the competent authority of the host Member State or, if there is more than one host Member State, to the competent authorities of the host Member States.

- 6. Where a base prospectus relates to different securities, the issuer, the offeror or the person asking for admission to trading on a regulated market shall include a single summary in the base prospectus for all securities. The information on the different securities contained in the summary, however, shall be clearly segregated.
- 7. Where the summary of a base prospectus must be supplemented according to [section 87G of the Act], the issuer, the offeror or the person asking for admission to trading on a regulated market shall decide on a case-by-case basis whether to integrate the new information in the original summary by producing a new summary, or by producing a supplement to the summary.

If the new information is integrated in the original summary of the base prospectus by producing a new summary, the issuer, the offeror or the person asking for admission to trad-

- ing on a regulated market shall ensure that investors can easily identify the changes, in particular by way of footnotes.
- Issuers, offerors or persons asking for admission to trading on 8. a regulated market may compile in one single document two or more different base prospectuses.

EU 2.2.11

The PD Regulation provides for categories of information to be included in the base prospectus and final terms.

Categories of information in the base prospectus and the final terms

- 2a The categories set out in Annex XX shall determine the degree of flexibility by which the information can be given in the base prospectus or the final terms. The categories shall be defined as follows:
 - (a) 'Category A' means the relevant information which shall be included in the base prospectus. This information cannot be left in blank for later insertion in the final terms;
 - 'Category B' means that the base prospectus shall include (b) all the general principles related to the information required, and only the details which are unknown at the time of the approval of the base prospectus can be left in blank for later insertion in the final terms:
 - (c) 'Category C' means that the base prospectus may contain a reserved space for later insertion for the information which was not known at the time of the approval of the base prospectus. Such information shall be inserted in the final terms.
 - Where the conditions of Article 16(1) of Directive 2003/71/EC ap-2 ply, a supplement shall be required.
 - Where those conditions do not apply, the issuer, the offeror or the person asking for admission to trading on a regulated market shall publish a notice of the change.



2.3 Minimum information to be included in a prospectus

Minimum information

2.3.1 EU

Articles 3 to 23 of the *PD Regulation* provide for the minimum information to be included in a *prospectus*:

Note: the Annexes (including *schedules* and *building blocks*) referred to in these articles are set out for information in ■ PR App 3.

Article 3

Minimum information to be included in a prospectus

A prospectus shall be drawn up by using one or a combination of the schedules and building blocks set out in this Regulation.

A prospectus shall contain the information items required in Annexes I to XVII and Annexes XX to XXX depending on the type of issuer or issues and securities involved. Subject to Article 4a(1), a competent authority shall not require that a prospectus contains information items which are not included in Annexes I to XVII or Annexes XX to XXX.

In order to ensure conformity with the obligation referred to in Article 5(1) of Directive 2003/71/EC, the competent authority of the home Member State, when approving a prospectus in accordance with Article 13 of that Directive, may, on a case by case basis, require the information provided by the issuer, the offeror or the person asking for admission to trading on a regulated market to be completed, for each of the information items.

Where the issuer, the offeror or the person asking for the admission to trading on a regulated market is required to include a summary in a prospectus, in accordance with Article 5(2) of Directive 2003/71/EC, the competent authority of the home Member State, when approving the prospectus in accordance with Article 13 of that Directive, may, on a case by case basis, require certain information provided in the prospectus, to be included in the summary.

[Note: See transitional provisions in Regulation (EU) No 862/2012]

Article 4

Share registration document schedule

- 1. For the share registration document information shall be given in accordance with the schedule set out in Annex I.
- 2. The schedule set out in paragraph 1 shall apply to the following:
 - shares and other transferable securities equivalent to shares;
 - (2) other securities which comply with the following conditions:

- (a) they can be converted or exchanged into shares or other transferable securities equivalent to shares, at the issuer's or at the investor's discretion, or on the basis of the conditions established at the moment of the issue, or give, in any other way, the possibility to acquire shares or other transferable securities equivalent to shares, and
- (b) provided that these shares or other transferable securities equivalent to shares are or will be issued by the issuer of the security and are not yet traded on a regulated market or an equivalent market outside the Community at the time of the approval of the prospectus covering the securities, and that the underlying shares or other transferable securities equivalent to shares can be delivered with physical settlement.

Article 4a

Share registration document schedule in cases of complex financial history or significant financial commitment

1. Where the issuer of a security covered by Article 4(2) has a complex financial history, or has made a significant financial commitment, and in consequence the inclusion in the registration document of certain items of financial information relating to an entity other than the issuer is necessary in order to satisfy the obligation laid down in Article 5(1) of Directive 2003/71/EC, those items of financial information shall be deemed to relate to the issuer. The competent authority of the home Member State shall in such cases request that the issuer, the offeror or the person asking for admission to trading include those items of information in the registration document.

> Those items of financial information may include pro forma information prepared in accordance with Annex II. In this context, where the issuer has made a significant financial commitment any such pro forma information shall illustrate the anticipated effects of the transaction that the issuer has agreed to undertake, and references in Annex II to "the transaction" shall be read accordingly.

- 2. The competent authority shall base any request pursuant to the first subparagraph of paragraph 1 on the requirements set out in item 20.1 of Annex I, item 15.1 of Annex XXIII, item 20.1 of Annex XXV, item 11.1 of Annex XXVII and item 20.1 of Annex XXVIII as regards the content of financial information and the applicable accounting and auditing principles, subject to any modification which is appropriate in view of any of the following factors:
 - the nature of the securities: (a)
 - the nature and range of information already included (b) in the prospectus, and the existence of financial information relating to an entity other than the issuer in a form that might be included in a prospectus without modification;
 - the facts of the case, including the economic sub-(c) stance of the transactions by which the issuer has acquired or disposed of its business undertaking or any part of it, and the specific nature of that undertaking;
 - (d) the ability of the issuer to obtain financial information relating to another entity with reasonable effort.

- Where, in the individual case, the obligation laid down in Article 5(1) of Directive 2003/71/EC may be satisfied in more than one way, preference shall be given to the way that is the least costly or onerous.
- (3) Paragraph 1 is without prejudice to the responsibility under national law of any other person, including the persons referred to in Article 6(1) of Directive 2003/71/EC, for the information contained in the prospectus. In particular, those persons shall be responsible for the inclusion in the registration document of any items of information requested by the competent authority pursuant to paragraph 1.
- (4) For the purposes of paragraph 1, an issuer shall be treated as having a complex financial history if all of the following conditions apply:
 - (a) its entire business undertaking at the time that the prospectus is drawn up is not accurately represented in the historical financial information which it is required to provide under item 20.1 of Annex I, item 15.1 of Annex XXIII, item 20.1 of Annex XXV, item 11.1 of Annex XXVIII and item 20.1 of Annex XXVIII:
 - (b) that inaccuracy will affect the ability of an investor to make an informed assessment as mentioned in Article 5(1) of Directive 2003/71/EC; and
 - (c) information relating to its business undertaking that is necessary for an investor to make such an assessment is included in financial information relating to another entity.
- (5) For the purposes of paragraph 1, an issuer shall be treated as having made a significant financial commitment if it has entered into a binding agreement to undertake a transaction which, on completion, is likely to give rise to a significant gross change.

In this context, the fact that an agreement makes completion of the transaction subject to conditions, including approval by a regulatory authority, shall not prevent that agreement from being treated as binding if it is reasonably certain that those conditions will be fulfilled.

In particular, an agreement shall be treated as binding where it makes the completion of the transaction conditional on the outcome of the offer of the securities that are the subject matter of the prospectus or, in the case of a proposed takeover, if the offer of securities that are the subject matter of the prospectus has the objective of funding that takeover.

(6) For the purposes of paragraph 5 of this Article, and of item 20.2 of Annex I, item 15.2 of Annex XXIII and item 20.2 of Annex XXV, a significant gross change means a variation of more than 25%, relative to one or more indicators of the size of the issuer's business, in the situation of an issuer.

Recital 9

Pro forma financial information is needed in case of significant gross change, i. e. a variation of more than 25% relative to one or more indicators of the size of the issuer's business, in the situation of an issuer due to a particular transaction, with the exception of those situations where merger accounting is required.

Article 5

Pro-forma financial information building block

For pro-forma financial information, information shall be given in accordance with the building block set out in Annex II.

Pro forma financial information should be preceded by an introductory explanatory paragraph that states in clear terms the purpose of including this information in the prospectus.

Article 6

Share securities note schedule

- 1. For the share securities note information is necessary to be given in accordance with the schedule set out in Annex III.
- 2. The schedule shall apply to shares and other transferable securities equivalent to shares
- 3. Where shares with warrants give the right to acquire the issuer's shares and these shares are not admitted to trading on a regulated market, the information required by the schedule set out in Annex XII except item 4.2.2 shall also be given.

[Note: See transitional provisions in Regulation (EU) No 759/2013]

Article 7

Debt and derivative securities registration document schedule for securities with a denomination per unit of less than EUR 100 000

For the debt and derivative securities registration document concerning securities which are not covered in Article 4 with a denomination per unit of less than EUR 100 000 or, where there is no individual denomination, securities that can only be acquired on issue for less than EUR 100 000 per security, information shall be given in accordance with the schedule set out in Annex IV.

Article 8

Securities note schedule for debt securities with a denomination per unit of less than EUR 100 000

- For the securities note for debt securities with a denomination 1. per unit of less than EUR 100 000 information shall be given in accordance with the schedule set out in Annex V.
- 2. The schedule shall apply to debt where the issuer has an obligation arising on issue to pay the investor 100% of the nominal value in addition to which there may be also an interest payment.
- 3. Where debt securities are exchangeable or convertible into shares already admitted to trading on a regulated market, the information required by item 4.2.2 of the schedule set out in Annex XII shall also be given.
- 4. Where debt securities are convertible or exchangeable into shares which are or will be issued by the issuer of the debt security or by an entity belonging to its group and these underlying shares are not already admitted to trading on a regulated market, information on the issuer of the underlying shares shall also be given in accordance with items 3.1 and 3.2 of the schedule set out in Annex III or, as the case may be, of the proportionate schedule set out in Annex XXIV.
- 5. Where debt securities with warrants give the right to acquire the issuer's shares and these shares are not admitted to trading on a regulated market, the information required by the schedule set out in Annex XII except item 4.2.2 shall also be given.

[Note: See transitional provisions in Regulation (EU) No 759/2013]

Article 9

Guarantees building block

For guarantees information shall be given in accordance with the building block set out in Annex VI.

Item 3 of Annex VI shall not apply where a Member State acts as guarantor.

Article 10

Asset backed securities registration document schedule

For the asset backed securities registration document information shall be given in accordance with the schedule set out in Annex VII.

Article 11

Asset backed securities building block

For the additional information building block to the securities note for asset backed securities information shall be given in accordance with the building block set out in Annex VIII.

Article 12

Debt and derivative securities registration document schedule for securities with a denomination per unit of at least EUR 100 000

For the debt and derivative securities registration document concerning securities which are not covered in Article 4 with a denomination per unit of at least EUR 100 000 or, where there is no individual denomination, securities that can only be acquired on issue for at least EUR 100 000 per security, information shall be given in accordance with the schedule set out in Annex IX.

Article 13

Depository receipts schedule

For depository receipts issued over shares information shall be given in accordance with the schedule set out in Annex X.

Article 14

Banks registration document schedule

- 1. For the banks registration document for debt and derivative securities and those securities which are not covered by article 4 information shall be given in accordance with the schedule set out in Annex XI.
- 2. The schedule set out in paragraph 1 shall apply to credit institutions as defined in point (a) of Article 1(1) of Directive 2000/12/EC as well as to third country credit institutions which do not fall under that definition but have their registered office in a state which is a member of the OECD.

These entities may also use alternatively the registration document schedules provided for under in Articles 7 and 12.

Article 15

Securities note schedule for derivative securities

- 1. For the securities note for derivative securities information shall be given in accordance with the schedule set out in Annex XII.
- 2. The schedule shall apply to securities which are not in the scope of application of the other securities note schedules referred to in articles 6, 8 and 16, except for the cases mentioned in article 6(3),

Article 8(3) and (5) and article 16 (3) and (5). The schedule shall apply to certain securities where the payment and/or delivery obligations are linked to an underlying.

[Note: See transitional provisions in Regulation (EU) No 759/2013]

Article 16

Securities note schedule for debt securities with a denomination per unit

of at least EUR 100 000

- For the securities note for debt securities with a denomination per 1. unit of at least EUR 100 000 information shall be given in accordance with the schedule set out in Annex XIII.
- 2. The schedule shall apply to debt where the issuer has an obligation arising on issue to pay the investor 100% of the nominal value in addition to which there may be also an interest payment.
- 3. Where debt securities are exchangeable or convertible into shares already admitted to trading on a regulated market, the information required by item 4.2.2 of the schedule set out in Annex XII shall also be given.
- 4. Where debt securities are convertible or exchangeable into shares which are or will be issued by the issuer of the debt security or by an entity belonging to its group and these underlying shares are not already admitted to trading on a regulated market, information on the issuer of the underlying shares shall also be given in accordance with items 3.1 and 3.2 of the schedule set out in Annex III or, as the case may be, of the proportionate schedule set out in Annex XXIV.
- 5. Where debt securities with warrants give the right to acquire the issuer's shares and these shares are not admitted to trading on a regulated market, the information required by the schedule set out in Annex XII except item 4.2.2 shall also be given.

[Note: See transitional provisions in Regulation (EU) No 759/2013]

Article 17

Additional information building block on the underlying share

- 1. For the additional information on the underlying share, the description of the underlying share shall be given in accordance with the building block set out in Annex XIV.
 - In addition, if the issuer of the underlying share is an entity belonging to the same group, the information required by the schedule referred to in Article 4 shall be given in respect of that issuer.
- 2. The additional information referred to in the first subparagraph of paragraph 1 shall only apply to those securities which comply with both of the following conditions:
 - (1) they can be converted or exchanged into shares or other transferable securities equivalent to shares, at the issuer's or at the investor's discretion, or on the basis of the conditions established at the moment of the issue or give, in any other way, the possibility to acquire shares or other transferable securities equivalent to shares; and
 - (2)provided that these shares or other transferable securities equivalent to shares are or will be issued by the issuer of the security, by an entity belonging to the group of that issuer or by a third party and are not yet traded on a regulated market or an equivalent market outside the Union at the time of the approval of the prospectus

covering the securities, and that the underlying shares or other transferable securities equivalent to shares can be delivered with physical settlement.

[Note: See transitional provisions in Regulation (EU) No 759/2013]

Article 18

Registration document schedule for collective investment undertakings of the closed-end type

- 1. In addition to the information required pursuant to items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.1, 7, 9.1, 9.2.1, 9.2.3, 10.4, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17.2, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 of Annex I, for the registration document for securities issued by collective investment undertakings of the closed-end type information shall be given in accordance with the schedule set out in Annex XV.
- 2. The schedule shall apply to collective investment undertakings of the closed-end type holding a portfolio of assets on behalf of investors that:
 - (1) are recognised by national law in the Member State in which it is incorporated as a collective investment undertaking of the closed end type; or
 - (2) do not take or seek to take legal or management control of any of the issuers of its underlying investments. In such a case, legal control and/or participation in the administrative, management or supervisory bodies of the underlying issuer(s) may be taken where such action is incidental to the primary investment objective, necessary for the protection of shareholders and only in circumstances where the collective investment undertaking will not exercise significant management control over the operations of that underlying issuer(s).

Article 19

Registration document schedule for Member States, third countries and their regional and local authorities

- 1. For the registration document for securities issued by Member States, third countries and their regional and local authorities information shall be given in accordance with the schedule set out in Annex XVI.
- 2. The schedule shall apply to all types of securities issued by Member States, third countries and their regional and local authorities.

Article 20

Registration document schedule for public international bodies and for issuers of debt securities guaranteed by a member state of the OECD

- 1. For the registration document for securities issued by public international bodies and for securities unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed, on the basis of national legislation, by a state which is a member of the OECD information shall be given in accordance with the schedule set out in Annex XVII.
- 2. The schedule shall apply to:
 - all types of securities issued by public international bodies;
 - to debt securities unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed, on the basis of national legislation, by a state which is a member of the OECD.

Article 20a

Additional information building block for consent given in accordance with Article 3(2) of Directive 2003/71/EC

- 1. For the purposes of the third subparagraph of Article 3(2) of Directive 2003/71/EC, the prospectus shall contain the following:
 - the additional information set out in Sections 1 and 2A of (a) Annex XXX where the consent is given to one or more specified financial intermediaries;
 - (b) the additional information set out in Sections 1 and 2B of Annex XXX where the issuer or the person responsible for drawing up the prospectus chooses to give its consent to all financial intermediaries.
- 2. Where a financial intermediary does not comply with the conditions attached to consent as disclosed in the prospectus, a new prospectus shall be required in accordance with the second paragraph of Article 3(2) of Directive 2003/71/EC.

[Note: See transitional provisions in Regulation (EU) No 862/2012]

Article 21

Combination of schedules and building blocks

- The use of the combinations provided for in the table set out in 1. Annex XVIII shall be mandatory when drawing up prospectuses for the types of securities to which those combinations correspond according to this table. However, for securities not covered by those combinations further combinations may be used.
- 2. The most comprehensive and stringent registration document schedule, i.e. the most demanding schedule in term of number of information items and the extent of the information included in them, may always be used to issue securities for which a less comprehensive and stringent registration document schedule is provided for, according to the following ranking of schedules:
 - (1) share registration document schedule;
 - (2)debt and derivative securities registration document schedule for securities with a denomination per unit of less than EUR 100 000;
 - (3)debt and derivative securities registration document schedule for securities with a denomination per unit at least EUR 100 000.
- 3. The issuer, the offeror and the person asking for admission to trading on a regulated market may choose to draw up a prospectus in accordance with the proportionate schedules set out in Annexes XXIII to XXIX instead of the schedules set out in Annexes I, III, IV, IX, X and XI as described in the second subparagraph provided that the respective conditions laid down in Articles 26a, 26b and 26c are fulfilled.

Where the issuer, the offeror and the person asking for admission to trading on a regulated market makes that choice:

- (a) the reference to Annex I in Annex XVIII shall be read as a reference to Annexes XXIII or XXV;
- the reference to Annex III in Annex XVIII shall be read as (b) a reference to Annex XXIV;
- the reference to Annex IV in Annex XVIII shall be read as (c) a reference to Annex XXVI;
- the reference to Annex IX in Annex XVIII shall be read as (d) a reference to Annex XXVII;

- (e) the reference to Annex X in Annex XVIII shall be read as a reference to Annex XXVIII:
- (f) the reference to Annex XI in Annex XVIII shall be read as a reference to Annex XXIX.

Article 22

Minimum information to be included in a base prospectus and its related final terms

1. A base prospectus shall be drawn up using one or a combination of schedules and building blocks provided for in this Regulation according to the combinations for various types of securities set out in Annex XVIII.

A base prospectus shall contain the information items required in Annexes I to XVII, Annex XX and Annexes XXIII to XXX depending on the type of issuer and securities involved. Competent authorities shall not require that a base prospectus contains information items which are not included in Annexes I to XVII, Annex XX or Annexes XXIII to XXX.

In order to ensure conformity with the obligation referred to in Article 5(1) of Directive 2003/71/EC, the competent authority of the home Member State, when approving a base prospectus in accordance with Article 13 of that Directive, may, on a case by case basis, require the information provided by the issuer, the offeror or the person asking for admission to trading on a regulated market to be completed for each of the information items.

Where the issuer, the offeror or the person asking for the admission to trading on a regulated market is required to include a summary in a base prospectus, in accordance with Article 5(2) of Directive 2003/71/EC, the competent authority of the home Member State, when approving the base prospectus in accordance with Article 13 of that Directive, may, on a case-by-case basis, require certain information provided in the base prospectus to be included in the summary.

- 1a. The base prospectus may contain options with regard to information categorised as Category A, Category B and Category C, required by the relevant securities note schedules and building blocks, and set out in Annex XX. The final terms shall determine which of these options is applicable to the individual issue, by referring to the relevant sections of the base prospectus or by replicating such information.
- 2. The issuer, the offeror or the person asking for admission to trading on a regulated market may omit information items which are not known when the base prospectus is approved and which can only be determined at the time of the individual issue.
- 3. The use of the combinations provided for in the table in Annex XVIII shall be mandatory when drawing up base prospectuses for the types of securities to which those combinations correspond according to this table. However, for securities not covered by those combinations further combinations may be used.
- 4. The final terms attached to a base prospectus shall only contain the following:
 - (a) within the various securities notes schedules according to which the base prospectus is drawn up, the information items in Categories B and C listed in Annex XX. When an item is not applicable to a prospectus, the item shall appear in the final terms with the mention "not applicable;

- (b) on a voluntary basis, any "additional information" set out in Annex XXI;
- (c) any replication of, or reference to options already provided for in the base prospectus which are applicable to the individual issue.

The final terms shall not amend or replace any information in the base prospectus.

- 5. In addition to the information items set out in the schedules and building blocks referred to in Articles 4 to 20 the following information shall be included in a base prospectus:
 - indication on the information that will be included in the (1) final terms;
 - a section containing a template, the "form of the final (1a) terms", which has to be filled out for each individual issue:
 - (2)the method of publication of the final terms; if the issuer is not in a position to determine, at the time of the approval of the prospectus, the method of publication of the final terms, an indication of how the public will be informed about which method will be used for the publication of the final terms;
 - (3)in the case of issues of non equity securities according to [PR 2.2.7R (1)], a general description of the programme.
- 6. Only the following categories of securities may be contained in a base prospectus and its related final terms covering issues of various types of securities:
 - (1) asset backed securities:
 - (2)warrants falling under Article 17;
 - non-equity securities provided for under [PR 2.2.7R (2)]; (3)
 - all other non-equity securities including warrants with the (4)exception of those mentioned in point (2).

In drawing up a base prospectus the issuer, the offeror or the person asking for admission to trading on a regulated market shall clearly segregate the specific information on each of the different securities included in these categories.

7. Where an event envisaged under [section 87G(1) of the Act (Supplementary prospectus)] occurs between the time that the base prospectus has been approved and the final closing of the offer of each issue of securities under the base prospectus or, as the case may be, the time that trading on a regulated market of those securities begins, the issuer, the offeror or the person asking for admission to trading on a regulated market shall publish a supplement prior to the final closing of the offer or the admission of those securities to trading.

> Where the issuer needs to prepare a supplement concerning information in the base prospectus that relates to only one or several specific issues, the right of investors to withdraw their acceptances pursuant to Article 16(2) of Directive 2003/71/EC shall only apply to the relevant issues and not to any other issues of securities under the base prospectus.

[Note: See transitional provisions in Regulation (EU) No 862/2012]

Article 23

Adaptations to the minimum information given in prospectuses and base prospectuses

- 1. Notwithstanding Articles 3 second paragraph and 22(1) second subparagraph, where the issuer's activities fall under one of the categories included in Annex XIX, the [FCA], taking into consideration the specific nature of the activities involved, may ask for adapted information, in addition to the information items included in the schedules and building blocks set out in 4 to 20, including, where appropriate, a valuation or other expert's report on the assets of the issuer, in order to comply with the obligation referred to in [sections 87A(2),(3) and (4) of the Act]. The [FCA] shall forthwith inform the Commission thereof.
 - In order to obtain the inclusion of a new category in Annex XIX a Member State shall notify its request to the Commission. The Commission shall update this list following the Committee procedure provided for in Article 24 of [the *prospectus directive*].
- 2. By way of derogation of Articles 3 to 22, where an issuer, an offeror or a person asking for admission to trading on a regulated market applies for approval of a prospectus or a base prospectus for a security which is not the same but comparable to the various types of securities mentioned in the table of combinations set out in Annex XVIII, the issuer, the offeror or the person asking for admission to trading on a regulated market shall add the relevant information items from another securities note schedule provided for in Articles 4 to 20 to the main securities note schedule chosen. This addition shall be done in accordance with the main characteristics of the securities being offered to the public or admitted to trading on a regulated market.
- 3. By way of derogation of Articles 3 to 22, where an issuer, an offeror or a person asking for admission to trading on a regulated market applies for approval of a prospectus or a base prospectus for a new type of security, the issuer, the offeror or the person asking for admission to trading on a regulated market shall notify a draft prospectus or base prospectus to the [FCA].

The [FCA] shall decide, in consultation with the issuer, the offeror or the person asking for admission to trading on a regulated market, what information shall be included in the prospectus or base prospectus in order to comply with the obligation referred to in [sections 87A(2),(3) and (4) of the Act]. The [FCA] shall forthwith inform the Commission thereof.

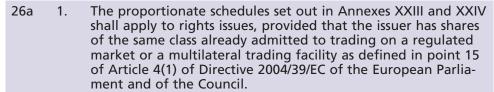
The derogation referred to in the first subparagraph shall only apply in case of a new type of security which has features completely different from the various types of securities mentioned in Annex XVIII, if the characteristics of this new security are such that a combination of the different information items referred to in the schedules and building blocks provided for in Articles 4 to 20 is not pertinent.

4. By way of derogation of Articles 3 to 22, in the cases where one of the information items required in one of the schedules or building blocks referred to in 4 to 20 or equivalent information is not pertinent to the issuer, to the offer or to the securities to which the prospectus relates, that information may be omitted.

2.3.1A EU

Articles 26a, 26b and 26c respectively provide for a proportionate disclosure regime for rights issues (as defined by the *PD Regulation*); for small and medium-sized enterprises and *companies* with reduced market capitalisation; and for issues by *credit institutions* referred to in Article 1 (2) (j) of the PD.

Proportionate schedule for rights issues



- Issuers whose shares of the same class are already admitted to trading on a multilateral trading facility can only make use of the schedules set out in Annexes XXIII and XXIV when the rules of that multilateral trading facility contain the following:
 - provisions requiring issuers to publish annual financial statements and audit reports within six months after the end of each financial year, half yearly financial statements within four months after the end of the first six months of each financial year and make public inside information as defined in point 1 of the first paragraph of Article 1 of Directive 2003/6/EC pursuant to Article 6 of that Directive;
 - provisions requiring issuers to make the reports and information referred to in point (a) available to the public by publishing them on their websites;
 - (c) provisions preventing insider dealing and market manipulation in accordance with Directive 2003/6/EC.
- 3. A statement at the beginning of the prospectus shall indicate clearly that the rights issue is addressed to shareholders of the issuer and that the level of disclosure of the prospectus is proportionate to that type of issue.

Proportionate schedules for small and medium-sized enterprises and companies with reduced market capitalisation

26b The proportionate schedules set out in Annexes XXV to XXVIII shall apply when securities issued by small and medium-sized enterprises and companies with reduced market capitalisation are offered to the public or admitted to trading on a regulated market situated or operating within a Member State.

> However, small and medium-sized enterprises and companies with reduced market capitalisation may instead choose to draw up a prospectus in accordance with the schedules set out Annexes I to XVII and XX to XXIV.

Proportionate requirements for issues by credit institutions referred to in Article 1(2)(j) of Directive 2003/71/EC

Credit institutions issuing securities referred to in Article 1(2)(j) 26c of Directive 2003/71/EC that draw up a prospectus in accordance with Article 1(3) of that Directive may choose to include in their prospectus historical financial information covering only the last financial year, or such shorter period that the issuer has been in operation, in accordance with Annex XXIX to this Regulation.

Final offer price and amount of securities not included in prospectus

2.3.2

If a prospectus for which approval is sought does not include the final offer price or the amount of transferable securities to be offered:

(1) the prospectus must disclose the criteria and/or the conditions in accordance with which the above elements will be determined or, in the case of price, the maximum price; and

(2) the final offer price and amount of *transferable securities* must as soon as practicable be filed with the *FCA*, and made available to the public, in accordance with ■ PR 3.2.4 R to ■ PR 3.2.6 R and the *PD Regulation*. [Note: article 8.1 *PD*]

Note: Sections 87A(7) and 87Q(1),(2) and (3) of the *Act* set out further provisions that apply if the final offer price or the amount of *transferable* securities to be offered are not included in a *prospectus*.



2.4 **Incorporation by reference**

Incorporation by reference

- 2.4.1 R
- (1) Information may be incorporated in the *prospectus* by reference to one or more previously or simultaneously published documents that have been approved by the competent authority of the *Home State* or filed with or notified to it in accordance with the prospectus directive or the TD. [Note: article 11.1 PD].
- (2) [deleted]
- G 2.4.2
- Information under the TD that may be incorporated by reference includes, for example, annual accounts and annual reports, interim management statements, equivalent information made available to markets in the United Kingdom, half yearly reports and reports on payments to governments.
- 2.4.3 R Information incorporated by reference must be the most recent available to the *issuer*, offeror or person requesting admission. [Note: article 11.1 PD]
- 2.4.4 R The summary must not incorporate information by reference. [Note: article 11.1 PDl
- 2.4.5 R When information is incorporated by reference, a cross reference list must be provided in the *prospectus* to enable investors to identify easily specific items of information. The cross reference list must specify where the information can be accessed by investors. [Note: article 11.2 PD]
- 2.4.6 EU Article 28 of the PD Regulation provides examples of information that may be incorporated by reference:

Arrangements for incorporation by reference

- Information may be incorporated by reference in a pro-1. spectus or base prospectus, notably if it is contained in one the following documents:
 - annual and interim financial information; (1)
 - documents prepared on the occasion of a specific (2)transaction such as a merger or demerger;
 - (3)audit reports and financial statements;
 - memorandum and articles of association; (4)

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- (5) earlier approved and published prospectuses and/or base prospectuses;
- (6) regulated information;
- (7) circulars to security holders.
- 2. The documents containing information that may be incorporated by reference in a prospectus or base prospectus or in the documents composing it shall be drawn up following the provisions of [PR 4.1 (Use of languages)].
- 3. If a document which may be incorporated by reference contains information which has undergone material changes, the prospectus or base prospectus shall clearly state such a circumstance and shall give the updated information.
- 4. The issuer, the offeror or the person asking for admission to trading on a regulated market may incorporate information in a prospectus or base prospectus by making reference only to certain parts of a document, provided that it states that the non-incorporated parts are either not relevant for the investor or covered elsewhere in the prospectus.
- 5. When incorporating information by reference, issuers, offerors or persons asking for admission to trading on a regulated market shall endeavour not to endanger investor protection in terms of comprehensibility and accessibility of the information.



Omission of information 2.5

Equivalent information

2.5.1 R Without prejudice to the adequate information of investors, if, in exceptional cases, certain information referred to in the PD Regulation that is required to be included in a prospectus is inappropriate to the issuer's activity or to the legal form of the issuer or to the transferable securities to which the prospectus relates, the prospectus must contain information equivalent to the required information (unless there is no such information). [Note: article 8.3 PD]

Omission of information from prospectus

2.5.1A UK Section 87A(2A) of the Act provides that information about certain guarantors may be omitted from a prospectus:

87A (2A) If, in the case of transferable securities to which section 87 applies, the prospectus states that the guarantor is a specified EEA State, the prospectus is not required to include other information about the guarantor.

2.5.2 UK Section 87B(1) of the Act sets out when the FCA may authorise the omission of information from a prospectus:

- The [FCA] may authorise the omission from a prospectus of any in-(1)formation, the inclusion of which would otherwise be required, on the ground
 - that its disclosure would be contrary to the public interest; (a)
 - that its disclosure would be seriously detrimental to the (b) issuer, provided that the omission would be unlikely to mislead the public with regard to any facts or circumstances which are essential for an informed assessment of the kind mentioned in section 87A(2); or
 - that the information is only of minor importance for a spe-(c) cific offer to the public or admission to trading on a regulated market and unlikely to influence an informed assessment of the kind mentioned in section 87A(2).

Request to omit information

G 2.5.3

Article 2(2) of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/301 sets out requirements regarding the submission of requests to omit information from a prospectus. The FCA considers that a reasoned request for this purpose would:

- (1) be in writing from the applicant;
- (2) identify the specific information concerned and the specific reasons for its omission; and
- (3) state why in the *applicant*'s opinion one or more of the grounds in section 87B(1) of the *Act* applies.

[Note: Extracts of article 2 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/301 are reproduced for the convenience of readers in PR 3.1.-1EU.]

Chapter 3

Approval and publication of prospectus



3.1 Approval of prospectus

Prospectus review process

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Articles 2, 3 and 4 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/301 provide that:

Article 2

Submission of an application for approval

- The issuer, offeror or person asking for admission to trading on 1. a regulated market shall submit all drafts of the prospectus in searchable electronic format via electronic means to the competent authority. A contact point to which the competent authority can submit all notifications in writing, via electronic means, shall be specified at the time the first draft of the prospectus is submitted.
- 2. Along with the first draft of the prospectus submitted to the competent authority, or during the prospectus review process, the issuer, offeror or person asking for admission to trading on a regulated market shall also submit in searchable electronic format
 - (a) where required by the competent authority of the home Member State according to Article 25(4) of Regulation (EC) No 809/2004 or on their own initiative, a cross reference list which shall also identify any items from Annexes I to XXX to Regulation (EC) No 809/2004 that have not been included in the prospectus because, due to the nature of the issuer, offeror or person asking for admission to trading or the securities being offered to the public or admitted to trading, they were not applicable.

- (b) where the issuer, offeror or person asking for admission to trading on a regulated market is requesting that the competent authority of the home Member State authorise the omission of information from the prospectus pursuant to Article 8(2) of Directive 2003/71/EC, a reasoned request to that effect;
- (c) where the issuer, offeror or person asking for admission to trading on a regulated market requests that the competent authority of the home Member State notify the competent authority of a host Member State, upon approval of the prospectus, with a certificate of approval pursuant to Article 18(1) of Directive 2003/71/EC, a request to this effect;
- (d) any information which is incorporated by reference into the prospectus, unless such information has already been approved by or filed with the same competent authority in accordance with Article 11 of Directive 2003/71/EC:

(e) any other information considered necessary, on reasonable grounds, for the review by the competent authority of the home Member State and expressly required by the competent authority for that purpose.

Article 3

Changes to the draft prospectus

1. Following submission of the first draft of the prospectus to the competent authority of the home Member State, where the issuer, offeror or person asking for admission to trading on a regulated market submits subsequent drafts of the prospectus, the subsequent drafts shall be marked to highlight all changes made to the preceding unmarked draft of the prospectus as submitted to the competent authority. Where only limited changes are made, marked extracts of the draft prospectus, showing all changes from the preceding draft, shall be considered acceptable. An unmarked draft of the prospectus shall always be submitted along with the draft highlighting all changes.

Where the issuer, offeror or person asking for admission to trading on a regulated market is unable to comply with the requirement set out in the first subparagraph due to technical difficulties related to the marking of the prospectus, each change made to the preceding draft of the prospectus shall be identified to the competent authority of the home Member State in writing.

2. Where the competent authority of the home Member State has, in accordance with Article 5(2) of this Regulation, notified the issuer, offeror or person asking for admission to trading on a regulated market that it considers that the draft prospectus does not meet the requirement of completeness, including consistency of the information given and its comprehensibility, the subsequently submitted draft of the prospectus shall be accompanied by an explanation as to how the incompleteness notified by the competent authority has been addressed.

Where changes made to a previously submitted draft prospectus are self-explanatory or clearly address the incompleteness notified by the competent authority, an indication of where the incompleteness has been addressed shall be considered sufficient.

Article 4

Final submission

- With the exception of the cross reference list mentioned in Article 2(2)(a), submission for approval of the final draft of the prospectus shall be accompanied by any information mentioned in Article 2(2) which has changed since a previous submission. The final draft of the prospectus shall not be annotated in the margin.
- 2. Where no changes have been made to the previously submitted information mentioned in Article 2(2), the issuer, offeror or person asking for admission to trading on a regulated market shall confirm in writing that no changes have been made to the previously submitted information.

Applying for approval

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3.1.1A If the order of disclosure items in the prospectus does not coincide with the order set out in the schedules and building blocks in the PD Regulation, an applicant must provide the FCA with a cross reference list identifying the pages where each disclosure item can be found in the prospectus.

> [Note: Articles 25(4) and 26(3) of the PD Regulation and article 2(2) of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/301]

G [deleted] 3.1.2

3.1.2A R An applicant must take all reasonable care to ensure that any prospectus submitted for approval, for which it is responsible, contains:

- (1) the necessary information as required under section 87A of the Act; and
- (2) the information items required in Annexes I to XVII and Annexes XX to XXX of the PD Regulation, as appropriate to its application.
- 3.1.2B An applicant must take all reasonable care to ensure that any prospectus submitted for approval for which it is responsible is, to the best of its knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import.

Timeframe for submission

3.1.3 R

- (1) The applicant must submit to the FCA by the date specified in paragraph (2):
 - (a) (i) a completed Form A;
 - (ii) a completed Publication Form; and
 - (iii) a completed Issuer Contact Details Form.

[Note: Article 2(2)(e) of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/301. These forms are available on the UKLA section of the FCA's website.1

(b) the relevant fee; and

[Note: ■ FEES 3 sets out the relevant fee payable to the FCA.]

(c) the first draft of the *prospectus* (accompanied, where relevant, by the additional information set out in article 2(2) of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/301).

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- (2) The date referred to in paragraph (1) is:
 - (a) at least 10 working days before the intended approval date of the prospectus; or
 - (b) at least 20 working days before the intended approval date of the prospectus if the applicant does not have transferable

securities admitted to trading and has not previously made an offer: or

- (c) as soon as practicable in the case of a *supplementary prospectus*.
- (3) The applicant must submit the final version of the draft prospectus and the additional information set out in Article 4 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/301 to the FCA before midday on the day on which approval is required to be granted.

[Note: Article 4 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/301 is reproduced for the convenience of readers in ■ PR 3.1.-1EU.]

- 3.1.4 R [deleted]
- R 3.1.5 [deleted]

Copy of resolution to be kept

3.1.5A R An applicant must keep a copy of the board resolution allotting or issuing the transferable securities for six years after the application for approval of the prospectus for those securities.

Request for certificate of approval

G 3.1.6 If an applicant wishes the FCA to provide a certificate of approval to another competent authority at the time the prospectus is approved, it should note the requirements set out in ■ PR 3.1.-1EU and (■ PR 5.3.2R. As provided by article 18(1) of the PD, a request may still be submitted to the FCA after the prospectus has been approved (PR 5.3.2R sets out the requirements for such a request).

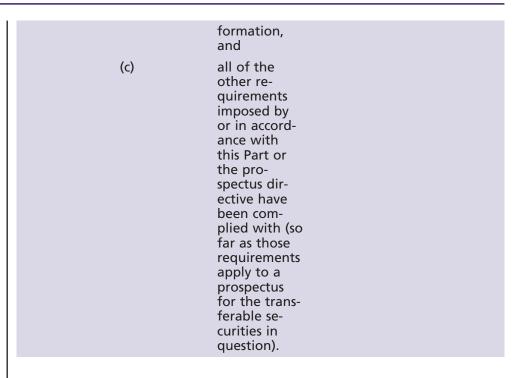
Approval of prospectus

UK 3.1.7 Section 87A(1) of the Act provides for the approval of a prospectus by the FCA:

> [Note: Section 87C of the Act sets out time limits for the FCA to notify an applicant of its decision on an application for approval.]

- The [FCA] may not approve a prospectus unless it is satisfied that: the United (a) Kingdom is the home State in relation to the issuer of the transferable securities to which it relates,
 - (b) the prospectus contains the necessary in-

(1)



EU 3.1.7A Article 5(2) and (4) of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/301 provide that:

> 2. Where the competent authority of the home Member State considers, on reasonable grounds, that the documents submitted to it are incomplete or that supplementary information is needed, for instance due to inconsistencies or incomprehensibility of certain information provided, it shall notify the issuer, offeror or person asking for admission to trading of the need for supplementary information and the reasons therefor, in writing, via electronic means. 4. Where the issuer, offeror or person asking for admission to trading on a regulated market is unable or unwilling to provide the supplementary information requested in accordance with paragraph 2, the competent authority of the home Member State shall be entitled to refuse the approval of the prospectus and terminate the review process.

3.1.8 G [deleted]

Decision-making procedures

- The FCA will follow the executive procedures for statutory notice decisions and statutory notice associated decisions if it:
 - (1) proposes to refuse to approve a prospectus; or
 - (2) decides to refuse to approve a *prospectus* after having given the *applicant* a written notice.

Note: ■ DEPP 4 sets out the *executive procedures* for *statutory notice decisions* and *statutory notice associated decisions*.

Prospectus not to be published until approved

3.1.10 R | A prospectus must not be published until it has been approved by the FCA. [Note: article 13.1 PD]

Prospectus comprising separate documents

- 3.1.11 R If the *prospectus* is not a single document but is comprised of separate documents:
 - (1) an application for approval may relate to one or more of those separate documents; and
 - (2) a reference in this section to a *prospectus* is, unless the context otherwise requires, to be taken to be a reference to the document or documents to which the application relates.

Transfer to another competent authority

- 3.1.12 (1) A person seeking to have the function of approving a prospectus transferred to the competent authority of another EEA State must make a written request to the FCA at least 10 working days before the date the transfer is sought.
 - (2) The request must:
 - (a) set out the reasons for the proposed transfer;
 - (b) state the name of the competent authority to whom the transfer is sought; and
 - (c) include a copy of the draft prospectus.
- 3.1.13 G The FCA will consider transferring the function of approving a prospectus to the competent authority of another EEA State:
 - (1) if requested to do so by the *issuer*, *offeror* or *person* requesting admission or by another competent authority; or
 - (2) in other cases if the FCA considers it would be more appropriate for another competent authority to perform that function.

Vetting of equivalent documents

- 3.1.14 A person who wishes the FCA to vet an equivalent document referred to in ■ PR 1.2.2 R (2) or (3) or ■ PR 1.2.3R (3) or (4) must submit to the FCA:
 - (1) a copy of the document;
 - (2) a cross reference list identifying the pages in the document where each item that is equivalent to the disclosure requirements for a prospectus may be found;
 - (3) contact details of individuals who are:
 - (a) sufficiently knowledgeable about the documentation to be able to answer queries from the FCA; and
 - (b) available to answer queries between the hours of 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.; and
 - (4) any other information that the FCA may require.
- 3.1.15 The person must submit the documents referred to in ■ PR 3.1.14 R at least ten working days before the date on which it wishes the vetting to be completed or at least 20 working days before that date if the person does not have transferable securities admitted to trading and has not previously made an *offer*.
- 3.1.16 G ■ FEES 3 sets out the relevant fee payable in relation to the vetting of an equivalent document or a summary document.

Service of Notice Regulations

G 3.1.17 Regulation 7 of The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Service of Notice Regulations) 2001 (SI 2001/1420) contains provisions relating to the possible methods of serving documents on the FCA. Regulation 7 does not apply to the submission of a draft prospectus or listing particulars to the FCA for approval because of the provisions set out in ■ PR 3.1.-1EU.

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3.2 Filing and publication of prospectus

Filing of prospectus

- After a *prospectus* is approved by the *FCA*, it must be filed with the *FCA* at the same time it is made available to the public in line with PR 3.2.2 R or PR 3.2.3 R (as applicable) or, if earlier, within 24 hours of receipt of the notification of the approval by the *issuer*, *offeror* or *person* requesting admission. [Note: articles 14.1 and 16.1 of PD]
- A *prospectus* must be filed with the *FCA* by uploading it to the system identified by the *FCA* on its website as the national storage mechanism for regulatory announcements and certain documents published by *issuers*.

Publication

- Except as provided in PR 3.2.3 R, the *prospectus* must be made available to the public as soon as practicable, and in any case, at a reasonable time in advance of, and at the latest at the beginning of, the *offer* or the *admission* to trading of the transferable securities involved. [Note: article 14.1 PD]
- In the case of an initial public offer of a class of shares not already admitted to trading that is to be admitted to trading for the first time, the prospectus must be made available to the public at least six working days before the end of the offer. [Note: article 14.1 PD]

Method of publishing

- A prospectus is deemed to be made available to the public for the purposes of PR 3.2.2 R to PR 3.2.3 R when published either:
 - (1) by insertion in one or more newspapers circulated throughout, or widely circulated in, the *EEA States* in which the *offer* is made or the *admission to trading* is sought; or
 - (2) in a printed form to be made available, free of charge, to the public at the offices of the *regulated market* on which the *transferable* securities are being admitted to trading, or at the registered office of the *issuer* and at the offices of the financial intermediaries placing or selling the *transferable securities*, including paying agents; or
 - (3) in electronic form on the *issuer's* website or, if applicable, on the website of the financial intermediaries placing or selling the *transferable securities*, including paying agents; or

(4) in an electronic form on the website of the regulated market where the admission to trading is sought. [Note: article 14.2 PD]

3.2.4A R A person publishing a prospectus in accordance with ■ PR 3.2.4R (1) or ■ (2) must also publish their prospectus electronically in accordance with ■ PR 3.2.4R (3).

[Note: article 14.2 PD]

3.2.5 R The text and the format of the prospectus made available to the public, must at all times be identical to the original version approved by the FCA. [Note: article 14.6 PD]

3.2.6 R If the prospectus is made available by publication in electronic form, a paper copy must nevertheless be delivered to the investor, upon his request and free of charge, by the *issuer*, the *offeror*, the *person* requesting admission or the financial intermediaries placing or selling the transferable securities. Note: article 14.7 PD]

EU 3.2.6A Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/301 provides that:

Recital 7

...Requiring investors to agree to a disclaimer limiting legal liability, pay a fee or go through a registration process to gain access to the prospectus impedes easy accessibility and should not be permitted. Filters warning in which jurisdictions an offer is being made and requiring investors to disclose their country of residence or indicate that they are not resident in a particular country or jurisdiction should not be considered as disclaimers limiting legal liability.

Article 6

Publication of the prospectus in electronic form

- When published in electronic form pursuant to points (c), (d) or (e) of Article 14(2) of Directive 2003/71/EC, the prospectus, whether a single document or comprising several documents, shall:
 - be easily accessible when entering the website; (a)
 - (b) be in searchable electronic format that cannot be modified;
 - not contain hyperlinks with the exception of links to (c) the electronic addresses where information incorporated by reference is available;
 - (d) be downloadable and printable.
- Where a prospectus containing information incorporated by ref-2. erence is published in electronic form, it shall include hyperlinks to each document containing information incorporated by reference or to each webpage on which that document is published.
- 3. If a prospectus for offer of securities to the public is made available on the websites of issuers or financial intermediaries or of regulated markets, these shall take measures to avoid targeting residents in Member States or third countries where the offer of

securities to the public does not take place, such as the insertion of a disclaimer as to who are the addressees of the offer.

- 4. Access to the prospectus published in electronic form shall not be subject to:
 - (a) completion of a registration process;
 - (b) acceptance of a disclaimer limiting legal liability;
 - (c) payment of a fee.

Article 7

Publication of final terms

The publication method for final terms related to a base prospectus does not have to be the same as the one used for the base prospectus as long as the publication method used is one of the methods indicated in Article 14 of Directive 2003/71/EC.

Article 8

Publication in newspapers

- 1. In order to comply with point (a) of Article 14(2) of Directive 2003/71/EC the publication of a prospectus shall be made in a general or financial information newspaper having national or supra-regional scope.
- 2. If the competent authority is of the opinion that the newspaper chosen for publication does not comply with the requirements set out in paragraph 1, it shall determine a newspaper whose circulation is deemed appropriate for this purpose taking into account, in particular, the geographic area, number of inhabitants and reading habits in each Member State.

FCA will publish list of approved prospectuses

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The FCA will publish on its website, a list of prospectuses approved over the previous 12 months. The list will include, if applicable, a hyperlink to the prospectus published on the issuer's or regulated market's website. [Note: article 14.4 PD]

Prospectus comprising separate documents etc

3.2.8 R

If a *prospectus* consists of several documents or incorporates information by reference, the documents and information making up the *prospectus* may be published and circulated separately if the documents are made available, free of charge, to the public, in accordance with PR 3.2.4 R. Each document must indicate where the other constituent documents of the full *prospectus* may be obtained. [Note: article 14.5 PD]

3.2.9 EU [deleted]



3.3 **Advertisements**

Application

- 3.3.1 ■ PR 3.3.2 R to ■ PR 3.3.4 R only apply to an offer, or to an admission to trading of transferable securities, for which:
 - (1) a prospectus is required to be made available to the public under section 85 of the Act; or
 - (2) a person elects to have a prospectus under section 87 of the Act. [Note: article 15.1 PD

- Advertisements 3.3.2 R An advertisement relating to an offer or to an admission to trading must not be issued unless:
 - (1) it states that a prospectus has been or will be published and indicates where investors are, or will be, able to obtain it;
 - (2) it is clearly recognisable as an advertisement;
 - (3) information in the advertisement is not inaccurate, or misleading; and
 - (4) information in the *advertisement* is consistent with the information contained in the prospectus, if already published, or with the information required to be in the prospectus, if the prospectus is published afterwards. [Note: articles 15.1, 15.2 and 15.3 of PD]
- 3.3.3 To comply with ■ PR 3.3.2 R, a written advertisement should also contain a bold and prominent statement to the effect that it is not a *prospectus* but an advertisement and investors should not subscribe for any transferable securities referred to in the advertisement except on the basis of information in the prospectus.
- 3.3.3A EU Article 11 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/301 provides that:

Article 11

Dissemination of advertisements

Where an advertisement relating to an offer to the public or an admission to trading on a regulated market has been disseminated, and a supplement to the prospectus is subsequently published, due to the arising or noting of a significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to the

- information included in the prospectus, an amended advertisement shall be disseminated if the significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to the information included in the prospectus renders the contents of the previously disseminated advertisement inaccurate or misleading.
- 2. An amended advertisement shall make reference to the previous advertisement, specifying that the previous advertisement has been amended due to it containing inaccurate or misleading information and specifying the differences between the two versions of the advertisement.
- 3. An amended advertisement shall be disseminated without undue delay following the publication of the supplement. With the exception of orally disseminated advertisements, an amended advertisement shall be disseminated, at a minimum, through the same means as the original advertisement.

The obligation to amend an advertisement shall not apply after the final closing of the offer to the public or after the time when trading on a regulated market begins, whichever occurs later.

4. Where no prospectus is required in accordance with Directive 2003/71/EC, any advertisement shall include a warning to that effect unless the issuer, offeror or person asking for admission to trading on a regulated market chooses to publish a prospectus which complies with Directive 2003/71/EC, Regulation (EC) No 809/2004 and this Regulation.

Other information disclosed must be consistent with prospectus

- All information concerning an *offer* or an *admission to trading* disclosed in an oral or written form (even if not for advertising purposes), must be consistent with that contained in the *prospectus*. [**Note**: article 15.4 PD]
- 3.3.5 EU [deleted]
- **3.3.6 EU** [deleted]
- 3.3.7 EU Article 12 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/301 provides that:

Article 12

Consistency for the purposes of Article 15(4) of Directive 2003/71/EC

Information disclosed in an oral or written form about the offer to the public or admission to trading on a regulated market, whether for advertisement or other purposes, shall not:

- (a) contradict the information contained in the prospectus;
- (b) refer to information which contradicts that contained in the prospectus;
- (c) present a materially unbalanced view of the information contained in the prospectus, including by way of omission or presentation of negative aspects of such information with less prominence than the positive aspects;
- (d) contain alternative performance measures concerning the issuer, unless they are contained in the prospectus.

For the purposes of points (a) to (d), information contained in the prospectus shall consist of information included in the prospectus, where already published, or information to be included in the prospectus, where the prospectus is published at a later date.

For the purposes of point (d), alternative performance measures shall consist of performance measures which are financial measures of historical or future financial performance, financial position, or cash flows, other than financial measures defined in the applicable financial reporting framework.



3.4 **Supplementary prospectus**

Supplementary prospectus

3.4.1 UK

Section 87G of the Act provides that:

(1)Subsection (2) applies if, during the relevant period, there arises or is noted a significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to the information included in a prospectus approved by the [FCA].

(2)The person on whose application the prospectus was approved must, in accordance with prospectus rules, submit a supplementary prospectus containing details of the new factor, mistake or inaccuracy to the [FCA] for its approval.

(3)The relevant period begins when the prospectus is approved by the [FCA] and

ends -

(a) with the closure of the offer of the

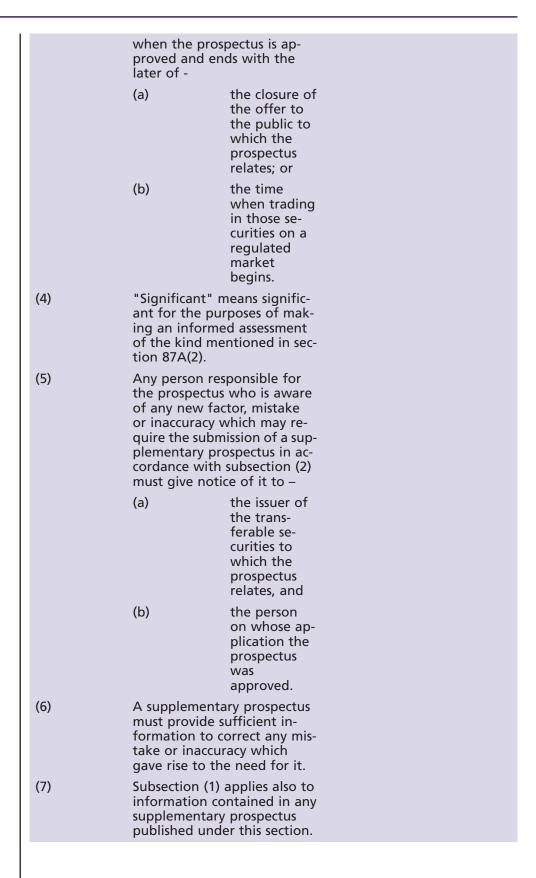
transferable securities to which the prospectus relates; or

(b) when trading

in those securities on a regulated market begins.

(3A) But where the prospectus re-

lates both to an offer of transferable securities to the public and the admission of those securities to trading on a regulated market, subsection (3) does not apply and the relevant period beings



Amendments to summary

3.4.2 R A supplementary prospectus must also if necessary include an amendment or supplement to the summary, and any translations of the summary, to take into account the new information. [Note: article 16.1 PD]

Note: Sections 87Q(4) and (5) of the *Act* set out the rights of investors to withdraw their acceptances after a *supplementary prospectus* is published.

Supplementary prospectus to be submitted as soon as practicable

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In the event that a requirement for a supplement is triggered, then as soon as practicable after the new factor, mistake or inaccuracy arises or is noted, a *person* referred to in section 87G(2) of the *Act* must submit a *supplementary prospectus* referred to in that section to the *FCA* for approval.

Minimum situations in which a supplementary prospectus must be submitted for approval

3.4.4 EU

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 382/2014 supplementing Directive 2003/71/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to regulatory technical standards for publication of supplements to the prospectus provides that:

Recital 5

It is not possible to identify all the situations in which a supplement to the prospectus is required as this may depend on the issuer and securities involved. Therefore, it is appropriate to specify the minimum situations where a supplement is required.

Article 2

Obligation to publish a supplement

A supplement to the prospectus shall be published in the following situations:

(a)	where new annual audited financial statements
	are published by any of the following:

(1) an issuer where a prospectus relates to shares and other transferable securities equivalent to shares referred to in Article 4(2)(1) of Regulation (EC) No 809/2004:

(2) an issuer of the underlying shares or other transferable securities equivalent to shares in

equivalent to shares in case of equity securities complying with the conditions set out in Article 17(2) of Regulation (EC)

No 809/2004;

an issuer of the underlying shares where the

prospectus is drawn up in accordance with the depository receipt schedule, set out in Annex X or XXVIII of Regulation (EC) No 809/2004;

(b)	where an amendment to a profit forecast or a profit estimate already included in the prospectu is published by any of the following:	
	(1)	an issuer where a prospectus relates to shares and other transferable securities equivalent to shares referred to in Article 4(2)(1) of Regulation (EC) No 809/2004;
	(2)	an issuer of the underlying shares or other transferable securities equivalent to shares where a prospectus relates to equity securities complying with the conditions set out in Article 17(2) of Regulation (EC) No 809/2004;
	(3)	an issuer of the underlying shares where the prospectus is drawn up in accordance with the depository receipt schedule, set out in Annex X or XXVIII to Regulation (EC) No 809/2004;
(c)	where there is a change in control in respect any of the following:	
	(1)	an issuer where a prospectus relates to shares and other transferable securities equivalent to shares referred to in Article 4(2)(1) of Regulation (EC) No 809/2004:
	(2)	an issuer of the underlying shares or other transferable securities equivalent to shares where a prospectus relates to equity securities complying with the conditions set out in Article 17(2) of Regulation (EC) No 809/2004;
	(3)	an issuer of the underlying shares where a prospectus is drawn up in accordance with a depository receipt schedule, set out in Annex X or XXVIII to Regulation (EC) No 809/2004;
(d)	where there is any new p third parties, as defined i ive 2004/25/EC of the Eur	n Article 2(1)(a) of Direct-

	the Council and the outcover bid in respect of an	
	(1)	the equity of the issuer where a prospectus relates to shares and other transferable securities equivalent to shares referred to in Article 4(2)(1) of Regulation (EC) No 809/2004;
	(2)	the equity of the issuer of the underlying shares or other transferable securities equivalent to shares where a prospectus relates to equity securities complying with the conditions set out in Article 17(2) of Regulation (EC) No 809/2004;
	(3)	the equity of the issuer of the underlying shares where a prospectus is drawn up in accordance with the depository receipt schedule, set out in Annex X or XXVIII to Regulation (EC) No 809/2004;
(e)		t to shares referred to in ion (EC) No 809/2004 and able debt securities which plying with the condition of that Regulation working capital statesectus when the working t or insufficient for the
(f)	where an issuer is seekin on (an) additional regula ditional Member State(s) an offer to the public in State(s) other than the o prospectus;	ited market(s) in (an) ad- or is intending to make (an) additional Member
(g)	4a(6) of Regulation (EC) spectus relates to shares a curities equivalent to sha 4(2)(1) of that Regulation	ly to give rise to a signi- in the meaning of Article No 809/2004 and the pro- and other transferable se- ares referred to in Article on and other equity secur- conditions set out in Art-
(h)	where the aggregate nor fering programme is incr	

Chapter 4

Use of languages and third country issuers

4.1 **Use of languages**

Language

- 4.1.1 If an offer is made, or admission to trading is sought, only in the United Kingdom and the United Kingdom is the Home State, the prospectus must be drawn up in English. [Note: article 19.1 PD]
- 4.1.2 If an offer is made, or admission to trading is sought, in more than one EEA State including the United Kingdom and the United Kingdom is the Home State, the prospectus must be drawn up in English and must also be made available either in a language accepted by the competent authorities of each Host State or in a language customary in the sphere of international finance, at the choice of the issuer, offeror or person requesting admission (as the case may be). [Note: article 19.3 PD]
- 4.1.3 R (1) If an offer is made, or admission to trading is sought, in one or more EEA States excluding the United Kingdom and the United Kingdom is the Home State, the prospectus must be drawn up in a language accepted by the competent authorities of those EEA States or in a language customary in the sphere of international finance, at the choice of the issuer, offeror or person requesting admission (as the case may be). [Note: article 19.2 PD]
 - (2) For the purpose of the scrutiny by the FCA where the United Kingdom is the Home State, the prospectus must be drawn up either in English or in another language customary in the sphere of international finance, at the choice of the issuer, offeror or person requesting admission (as the case may be). [Note: article 19.2 PD]
- 4.1.4 If admission to trading of non-equity transferable securities whose denomination per unit amounts to at least 100,000 euros (or an equivalent amount) is sought in the United Kingdom or in one or more other EEA States, the prospectus must be drawn up in either a language accepted by the competent authorities of the Home State and Host States or in a language customary in the sphere of international finance, at the choice of the issuer, offeror or person requesting admission (as the case may be). [Note: article 19.4 PD]

English language

G English is a language accepted by the FCA where the United Kingdom is a 4.1.5 Home State or Host State.

Language customary in the sphere of international finance

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The FCA will consider a language to be customary in the sphere of international finance if documents in that language are accepted for scrutiny and filing in at least three international capital markets in each of the following:

- (1) Europe;
- (2) Asia; and
- (3) the Americas.

Summary to be translated into English

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lf:

- (1) an offer is made in the United Kingdom;
- (2) a *prospectus* relating to the *transferable securities* has been approved by the competent authority of another *EEA State* and the *prospectus* contains a *summary*; and
- (3) the *prospectus* is drawn up in a language other than English that is customary in the sphere of international finance;

the offeror must ensure that the summary is translated into English. [${\bf Note}$: article 19.2 PD]

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4.2 Third country issuers

Approval of prospectus drawn up in accordance with third country laws

relation to the issuer, approve the prospectus if it is satisfied that:

- 4.2.1 If a prospectus relating to an issuer that has its registered office in a country that is not an *EEA State* is drawn up in accordance with the legislation of that country, the FCA may, if the United Kingdom is the Home State in
 - (1) the prospectus has been drawn up in accordance with international standards set by international securities commission organisations, including the IOSCO disclosure standards; and
 - (2) the information requirements, including information of a financial nature, are equivalent to the requirements under Part 6 of the Act, the PD Regulation and these rules. [Note: article 20.1 PD]
- 4.2.2 An applicant for the approval of a prospectus referred to in ■ PR 4.2.1 R will need to comply with relevant requirements of the Act, the PD regulation and these rules including (to the extent applicable) ■ PR 3.1 relating to applying for approval of a prospectus.

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Prospectus Rules

Chapter 5 Other provisions



5.1 Validity of prospectus

Validity of prospectus

- A prospectus is valid for 12 months after its approval for an offer or an 5.1.1 admission to trading, provided that the prospectus is updated by a supplementary prospectus (if required) under section 87G of the Act. [Note: article 9.1 PD]
- 5.1.2 For an offering programme, the base prospectus is valid for a period of up to 12 months after it is filed. [Note: article 9.2 PD]
- 5.1.3 R For non-equity transferable securities referred to in ■ PR 2.2.7 R (2), the prospectus is valid until no more of the transferable securities concerned are issued in a continuous or repeated manner. [Note: article 9.3 PD]
- 5.1.4 A registration document is valid for a period of up to 12 months after it is filed and approved, provided that it has been updated in accordance with ■ PR 2.2.5 R and ■ PR 3.4.2 R. [**Note**: article 9.4 *PD*]



5.3 Certificate of approval

5.3.1 UK

Sections 87H and 87I of the Act provide:

Prospectus approved in another EEA State

- 87H (1) A prospectus approved by the competent authority of an EEA State other than the United Kingdom is not an approved prospectus for the purposes of section 85 unless that authority has notified *ESMA* and provided the competent authority with -
 - (a) a certificate of approval;
 - (b) a copy of the prospectus as approved; and
 - (c) if requested by the [FCA], a translation of the summary of the prospectus.
 - (2) A document is not a certificate of approval unless it states that the prospectus -
 - (a) has been drawn up in accordance with the prospectus directive; and
 - (b) has been approved, in accordance with that directive, by the competent authority providing the certificate.
 - (3) A document is not a certificate of approval unless it states whether (and, if so, why) the competent authority providing it authorised, in accordance with the prospectus directive, the omission from the prospectus of information which would otherwise have been required to be included.
 - (3A) The competent authority must publish on its website a list of certificates of approval provided to it in accordance with this section.
 - (3B) The list referred to in subsection (3A) must -
 - (a) be kept up-to-date;
 - (b) retain items on it for a period of at least 12 months; and
 - (c) include hyperlinks to any certificate of approval and prospectus published on the website of -
 - (i) the competent authority of the EEA State which provided the certificate;
 - (ii) the issuer; or
 - (iii) the regulated market where admission to trading is sought.
 - (4) "Prospectus" includes a supplementary prospectus.

Provision of information to host Member State

	871	(1)		must, if requested to do so, supply the authority of a specified EEA State
			(a)	a certificate of approval;
			(b)	a copy of the specified prospectus (as approved by the [FCA]); and
			(c)	a translation of the summary of the specified prospectus (if the request states that one has been requested by the other competent authority).
		(1A)	approval to	petent authority supplies a certificate of the competent authority of the speciate, it must also supply a copy of that to -
			(a)	the person who made the request under this section; and
			(b)	ESMA.
		(2)	Only the fo section –	ollowing may make a request under this
			(a)	the issuer of the transferable securities to which the specified prospectus relates;
		(b)	a person who wishes to offer the transferable securities to which the specified prospectus relates to the pub- lic in an EEA State other than (or as well as) the United Kingdom;	
		(c)	a person requesting the admission of the transferable securities to which the specified prospectus relates to a regulated market situated or operat- ing in an EEA State other than (or as well as) the United Kingdom.	
		(3)	A certificat prospectus	e of approval must state that the –
		(a)	has been drawn up in accordance with this Part and the prospectus directive; and	
		(b)	has been approved, in accordance with those provisions, by the [FCA].	
		(4)	A certificate of approval must state whether if so, why) the [FCA] authorised, in accordance with section 87B, the omission from the prospectus of information which would otherwise have been required to be included.	
		(5)	The [FCA] r section –	must comply with a request under this
			(a)	if the prospectus has been approved before the request is made, within 3 working days beginning with the date the request is received; or
			(b)	if the request is submitted with an application for the approval of the prospectus, on the first working day after

the date on which it approves the prospectus.

- (6) "Prospectus" includes a supplementary prospectus.
- (7) "Specified" means specified in a request made for the purposes of this section.

Requests to the FCA to supply a certificate of approval

5.3.2 R

- (1) This *rule* applies to a request by a *person* to the *FCA* to supply information referred to in section 87I of the *Act* to the competent authority of a relevant *Host State*.
- (2) The request must be in writing and must include:
 - (a) the relevant *prospectus* as approved (if it has already been approved); and
 - (b) a translation of the *summary* if required by the competent authority of a relevant *host State*.

[Note: See PR 3.1.-1EU for the additional requirements where a request is made prior to the approval of a *prospectus*]

5.3.3 G

The FCA will inform the person who made the request as soon as practicable after it has supplied the information to the other competent authority.

Certificate received from another competent authority

5.3.4 G

If the FCA receives information referred to in section 87H from another competent authority it will as soon as practicable give notice on the FCA website that it has received the information.

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5.5 Persons responsible for a prospectus

Persons responsible for a prospectus

5.5.1 The rules in this section specify in accordance with section 84(1)(d) of the Act and for the purposes of Part 6 of the Act, the persons responsible for a prospectus.

> **Note:** In accordance with ■ PR 1.1.9 a reference in this section to a *prospectus* includes a supplementary prospectus.

Rules only apply if UK is Home State

5.5.2 R The rules in this section only apply in respect of a prospectus if the United Kingdom is the Home State for the issuer in relation to the transferable securities to which the prospectus relates.

Equity shares

- 5.5.3 R
 - (1) This rule applies to a prospectus relating to:
 - (a) equity shares;
 - (b) warrants or options to subscribe for equity shares, that are issued by the issuer of the equity shares; and
 - (c) other transferable securities that have similar characteristics to transferable securities referred to in paragraphs (a) or (b).
 - (2) Each of the following *persons* are responsible for the *prospectus*:
 - (a) the issuer of the transferable securities;
 - (b) if the issuer is a body corporate:
 - (i) each person who is a director of that body corporate when the prospectus is published;
 - (ii) each person who has authorised himself to be named, and is named, in the prospectus as a director or as having agreed to become a *director* of that *body corporate* either immediately or at a future time; and
 - (iii) each person who is a senior executive of any external management company of the issuer;
 - (c) each person who accepts, and is stated in the prospectus as accepting, responsibility for the prospectus;
 - (d) in relation to an offer:

- (i) the offeror, if this is not the issuer; and
- (ii) if the offeror is a body corporate and is not the issuer, each person who is a director of the body corporate when the prospectus is published;
- (e) in relation to a request for the admission to trading of transferable securities:
 - (i) the person requesting admission, if this is not the issuer; and
 - (ii) if the *person* requesting admission is a *body corporate* and is not the *issuer*, each *person* who is a *director* of the *body corporate* when the *prospectus* is published; and
- (f) each *person* not falling within any of the previous paragraphs who has authorised the contents of the *prospectus*.

5.5.3A R

In PR 5.5.3R (2)(b)(iii), external management company means in relation to an issuer that is a company which is not a collective investment undertaking, a person who is appointed by the issuer (whether under a contract of service, a contract for services or any other commercial arrangement) to perform functions that would ordinarily be performed by officers of the issuer and to make recommendations in relation to strategic matters.

5.5.3B G

In considering whether the functions the *person* performs would ordinarily be performed by *officers* of the *issuer*, the *FCA* will consider, among other things:

- (1) the nature of the board of the *issuer* to which the *person* provides services, and whether the board has the capability to act itself on strategic matters in the absence of that *person*'s services;
- (2) whether the appointment relates to a one-off transaction or is a longer term relationship; and
- (3) the proportion of the functions ordinarily performed by *officers* of the *issuer* that is covered by the arrangement.

All other securities

5.5.4 R

- (1) This *rule* applies to a *prospectus* relating to *transferable securities* other than those to which PR 5.5.3 R applies.
- (2) Each of the following *persons* are responsible for the *prospectus*:
 - (a) the issuer of the transferable securities;
 - (b) each *person* who accepts, and is stated in the *prospectus* as accepting, responsibility for the *prospectus*;
 - (c) in relation to an offer, the offeror of the transferable securities, if this is not the issuer;
 - (d) in relation to a request for an admission to trading of transferable securities, the person requesting admission, if this is not the issuer;

- (e) if there is a *quarantor* for the issue, the *quarantor* in relation to information in the prospectus that relates to the guarantor and the *quarantee*; and
- (f) each person not falling within any of the previous paragraphs who has authorised the contents of the prospectus.

Issuer not responsible if it has not authorised offer or admission to trading

5.5.5 R A person is not responsible for a prospectus under ■ PR 5.5.3R (2)(a) or (b) or ■ PR 5.5.4 R (2)(a) if the *issuer* has not made or authorised the *offer* or the request for admission to trading in relation to which the prospectus was published.

Publication without director's consent

5.5.6 R A person is not responsible for a prospectus under ■ PR 5.5.3 R (2)(b)(i) if it is published without his knowledge or consent and on becoming aware of its publication he, as soon as practicable, gives reasonable public notice that it was published without his knowledge or consent.

Offeror not responsible in certain circumstances

- 5.5.7 R A person is not responsible for a prospectus under ■ PR 5.5.3 R (2)(d) or ■ PR 5.5.4 R (2)(c) if:
 - (1) the issuer is responsible for the prospectus in accordance with the rules in this section;
 - (2) the prospectus was drawn up primarily by the issuer, or by one or more persons acting on behalf of the issuer; and
 - (3) the offeror is making the offer in association with the issuer.

Person may accept responsibility for, or authorise, part of

- 5.5.8 R A person who accepts responsibility for a prospectus under ■ PR 5.5.3 R (2)(c) or ■ PR 5.5.4 R (2)(b) or authorises the contents of a *prospectus* under ■ PR 5.5.3 R (2)(f) or ■ PR 5.5.4 R (2)(f), may state that they do so only in relation to specified parts of the *prospectus*, or only in specified respects, and in that case the *person* is responsible under those paragraphs:
 - (1) only to the extent specified; and
 - (2) only if the material in question is included in (or substantially in) the form and context to which the person has agreed.

Advice in a professional capacity

5.5.9 Nothing in the rules in this section is to be construed as making a person responsible for any prospectus by reason only of the person giving advice about its contents in a professional capacity.



5.6 Miscellaneous

Information to be disclosed to all investors to whom offer addressed

- Where, in relation to an offer in the United Kingdom, no prospectus is required under the Act, the issuer and offeror must ensure that material information they provide to qualified investors or special categories of investors, including information disclosed in the context of meetings relating to offers, is disclosed to all qualified investors or special categories of investors to whom the offer is exclusively addressed. [Note: article 15.5 PD]
- Where a *prospectus* is required to be made available to the public under the *Act*, information referred to in PR 5.6.1 R should be included in the *prospectus* or in a *supplementary prospectus*.

Exercise of powers under section 87K or 87L of the Act

5.6.3 G Under sections 87K and 87L of the *Act*, the *FCA* has various powers including powers to prohibit or suspend an *offer* and to prohibit or suspend an *advertisement*. The *FCA* will use these powers if it is necessary to protect investors or the smooth operation of the market is, or may be, jeopardised.

Calculation of amounts not denominated in euros

- For the purposes of these *rules*, an amount (in relation to an amount denominated in euros) is an "equivalent amount" if it is an amount of equal value denominated wholly or partly in another currency or unit of account, calculated at:
 - (1) in relation to a *prospectus* drawn up as a single document, the date on which the *prospectus* is approved;
 - (2) in relation to a *prospectus* consisting of a *registration document* together with a *securities note* and a *summary*, the date on which the *registration document* is approved;
 - (3) in relation to a *prospectus* consisting of a *base prospectus* and final terms of the *offer*, the date on which the final terms are filed.

Property valuation reports

5.6.5 G To comply with paragraph 130 of the *ESMA Prospectus Recommendations*, the *FCA* would expect a valuation report for a property company to be in accordance with either:

- (1) the Appraisal and Valuation Standards (5th edition) issued by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors; or
- (2) the International Valuation Standards (7th edition) issued by the International Valuation Standards Committee.
- 5.6.6 G To comply with paragraph 2.7 of Annex XV of the PD Regulation, the FCA would also expect a valuation report for a property collective investment undertaking to comply with a relevant standard set out in ■ PR 5.6.5 G.

Appendix 1 Relevant definitions

1.1

App 1.1.1 Note: The following definitions relevant to the *prospectus rules* are extracted from the *Glossary*.

Act	the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000.
admission to trading	admission to trading on a regulated market.
ad- vertisement	(as defined in the PD Regulation) announcements:
	(1) relating to a specific offer to the public of securities or to an admission to trading on a regulated market; and
	(2) aiming to specifically promote the potential subscription or acquisition of securities.
applicant	an applicant for approval of a prospectus or supplementary prospectus relating to transferable securities.
asset backed security	(as defined in the PD Regulation) securities which:
	(1) represent an interest in assets, including any rights intended to assure servicing, or the receipt or timeliness of receipts by holders of assets of amounts payable thereunder; or
	(2) are secured by assets and the terms of which provide for payments which relate to payments or reasonable projec- tions of payments calculated by reference to identified or identifiable assets.
base prospectus	a base prospectus referred to in PR 2.2.7 R.
body corporate	(in accordance with section 417(1) of the <i>Act</i> (Definitions) any body corporate, including a body corporate constituted under the law of a country or territory outside the <i>United Kingdom</i> ;
building block	(as defined in the <i>PD Regulation</i>) a list of additional information requirements, not included in one of the schedules, to be added to one or more schedules, as the case may be, depending on the type of instrument and/or transaction for which a prospectus or base prospectus is drawn up.

collective investment undertaking other than the closedend type

(in PR) (as defined in Article 2.1(o) of the prospectus directive) unit trusts and investment companies:

- (1) the object of which is the collective investment of capital provided by the public, and which operate on the principle of risk-spreading;
- (2)the units of which are, at the holder's request, repurchased or redeemed, directly or indirectly, out of the assets of these undertakings.

company

any body corporate.

Consolidated Admissions and Reporting Directive

Directive 2001/34/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the admission of securities to official stock exchange listing and on information to be published on those securities.

credit institution

as defined in article 4(1)(1) of the EU CRR.

director

(in accordance with section 417(1)(a) of the Act) a person occupying in relation to it the position of a director (by whatever name called) and, in relation to an issuer which is not a body corporate, a person with corresponding powers and duties.

EEA State

(in accordance with paragraph 8 of Schedule 3 to the Act (EEA Passport Rights)) a State which is a contracting party to the agreement on the European Economic Area signed at Oporto on 2 May 1992, as it has effect for the time being; as at 1 May 2004, the following are the EEA States: Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

equity security (as defined in Article 2.1(b) of the prospectus directive) shares and other transferable securities equivalent to shares in companies, as well as any other type of transferable securities giving the right to acquire any of the aforementioned securities as a consequence of their being converted or the rights conferred by them being exercised, provided that securities of the latter type are issued by the issuer of the underlying shares or by an entity belonging to the group of the said issuer.

equity share

shares comprised in a company's equity share capital.

equity share capital

(for a company), its issued share capital excluding any part of that capital which, neither as respects dividends nor as respects capital, carries any right to participate beyond a specified amount in a distribution.

ESMA Prospectus **Opinions**

the following opinions published by ESMA:

- (1) Format of the base prospectus and consistent application of article 26(4) of the Prospectus Regulation (ESMA/2013/1944);
- Framework for the assessment of third country prospectuses (2)under article 20 of the Prospectus Directive (ESMA/2013/ 317);

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Questions
and Answers

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executive procedures

the procedures relating to the giving of warning notices, decision notices and supervisory notices that are described in DEPP 4 (Decision by FCA staff under executive procedures).

FCA

the Financial Conduct Authority.

guarantee

(as defined in the *PD Regulation*) any arrangement intended to ensure that any obligation material to the issue will be duly serviced, whether in the form of guarantee, surety, keep well agreement, mono-line insurance policy or other equivalent commitment.

guarantor

a person that provides a guarantee.

Home State or Home Member State (as defined in section 102C of the *Act*) in relation to an issuer of *transferable securities*, the *EEA State* which is the "home Member State" for the purposes of the *prospectus directive* (which is to be determined in accordance with Article 2.1(m) of that directive).

Host State or Host Member State (as defined in Article 2.1(n) of the *prospectus directive*) the *EEA State* where an offer to the public is made or admission to trading is sought, when different from the home State.

issuer

(as defined in section 102A of the *Act*) a legal person who issues or proposes to issue the *transferable securities* in question.

key information (in *PR*) (as defined in section 87A(9) and (10) of the *Act*) the information which is essential to enable investors to understand the *transferable securities* to which the *prospectus* relates and decide whether to consider the *offer* further. The *key information* must include:

- (a) the essential characteristics of, and risks associated with, the *issuer* and any *guarantor*, including their assets, liabilities and financial positions;
- (b) the essential characteristics of, and risks associated with, investment in the *transferable securities*, including any rights attaching to the *securities*;
- (c) the general terms of the *offer*, including an estimate of the expenses charged to an investor by the *issuer* and the offeror, if not the *issuer*;
- (d) details of the admission to trading; and
- (e) the reasons for the *offer* and proposed use of the proceeds.

limited liability partnership

- (a) a *body corporate* incorporated under the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2000;
- (b) a body corporate incorporated under legislation having the equivalent effect to the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2000.

MiFID	Directive 2014/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on markets in financial instruments and amending the <i>insurance mediation directive</i> and <i>AIFMD</i> .
non-equity transferable securities	(as defined in section 102A of the Act) all transferable securities that are not equity securities.
	Note : In the <i>prospectus directive</i> and the <i>PD Regulation</i> , the Commission uses the term "non-equity securities" rather than "non-equity transferable securities".
offer	an offer of transferable securities to the public.
offer of transferable securities to the public	(as defined in section 102B of the <i>Act</i>), in summary:
	(a) a communication to any person which presents sufficient information on:(i) the transferable securities to be offered, and
	(ii) the terms on which they are offered,
	to enable an investor to decide to buy or subscribe for the securities in question;
	(b) which is made in any form or by any means;
	(c) including the placing of securities through a financial intermediary;
	 (d) but not including a communication in connection with trading on: (i) a regulated market; (ii) a multilateral trading facility; or (iii) any market prescribed by an order under section 130A of the Act.
	Note: This is only a summary, to see the full text of the definition, readers should consult section 102B of the <i>Act</i> .
offering programme	(as defined in Article 2.1(k) of the <i>prospectus directive</i>) a plan which would permit the issuance of non-equity securities, including warrants in any form, having a similar type and/or class, in a continuous or repeated manner during a specified issuing period.
offeror	a person who makes an offer of transferable securities to the public.
officer	(in relation to a <i>body corporate</i>) (as defined in section 400(5) of the <i>Act</i> (Offences by bodies corporate etc.)) a director, member of the committee of management, <i>chief executive</i> , <i>manager</i> , secretary, or other similar officer of the body, or a <i>person</i> purporting to act in that capacity or a <i>controller</i> of the body.
overseas company	a company incorporated outside the <i>United Kingdom</i> .
Part 6 rules	(in accordance with section 73A(1) of the <i>Act</i>), <i>rules</i> made for the purposes of Part 6 of the <i>Act</i> .
partnership	(in accordance with section 417(1) of the <i>Act</i> (Definitions)) any partnership, including a partnership constituted under the law of a country or territory outside the <i>United Kingdom</i> , but not including a <i>limited liability partnership</i> .
PD	prospectus directive.

PD Re- gulation	Regulation number 809/2004 of the European Commission.
person	(in accordance with the Interpretation Act 1978) any person, including a body of persons corporate or unincorporated that is, a natural person, a legal person and, for example, a <i>partnership</i>).
PR	the Prospectus Rules sourcebook.
PRIIPs Re- gulation	Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 November 2014 on key information documents for packaged retail and insurance-based investment products (PRIIPs).
	http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2014/1286/oj
profit estimate	(as defined in the <i>PD Regulation</i>) a profit forecast for a financial period which has expired and for which results have not yet been published.
profit forecast	(as defined in the <i>PD Regulation</i>) a form of words which expressly states or by implication indicates a figure or a minimum or maximum figure for the likely level of profits or losses for the current financial period and/or financial periods subsequent to that period, or contains data from which a calculation of such a figure for future profits or losses may be made, even if no particular figure is mentioned and the word "profit" is not used.
property col- lective in- vestment undertaking	(as defined in the <i>PD Regulation</i>) a collective investment undertaking whose investment objective is the participation in the holding of property in the long term.
prospectus	a prospectus required under the <i>prospectus directive</i> .
prospectus directive	the Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 November 2003 on the prospectus to be published when securities are offered to the public or admitted to trading (No 2003/71/EC).
Prospectus Regulation	Regulation (EU) No 2017/1129 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2017 on the prospectus to be published when securities are offered to the public or admitted to trading on a regulated market, and repealing Directive 2003/71/EC.
Prospectus RTS Re- gulations	(1) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 382/2014 supplementing Directive 2003/71/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to regulatory technical standards for publication of supplements to the prospectus; and
	(2) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/301 supplementing Directive 2003/71/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to regulatory technical standards for approval and publication of the prospectus and dissemination of advertisements and amending Commission Regulation (EC) No 809/2004.
Prospectus Rules	(as defined in section 73A(4) of the <i>Act</i>) <i>rules</i> expressed to relate to <i>transferable securities</i> .
Public inter- national body	(as defined in the <i>PD Regulation</i>) a legal entity of public nature established by an international treaty between sovereign States and of which one or more Member States are members.
qualified investor	(as defined in section 86(7) of the Act) in relation to an offer of transferable securities:
	(a) a person or entity described in points (1) to (4) of Section I of Annex II to <i>MiFID</i> , other than a <i>person</i> who, before the making of the <i>offer</i> , has agreed in writing with the relevant

firm (or each of the relevant firms) to	be treated as a non-
professional client in accordance with	MiFID; or

- (b) a person who has made a request to one or more relevant firms to be treated as a professional client in accordance with Section II of Annex II to MiFID and has not subsequently, but before the making of the offer, agreed in writing with the relevant firm (or each of the relevant firms) to be treated as a non-professional client in accordance with the final paragraph of Section I of Annex II of Mi-FID: or
- (c) a person who is an eligible counterparty in accordance with article 30 of MiFID and has not, before the making of the offer, agreed in writing with the relevant firm (or each of the relevant firms) to be treated as a non-professional client in accordance with the final paragraph of Section I of Annex II of MiFID; or
- a person whom: (d)
 - any relevant firm was authorised to continue (i) to treat as a professional client immediately before 3 January 2018 by virtue of article 71.6 of Directive 2004/39/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 April 2004 on markets in financial instruments; and
 - (ii) the firm may continue to treat as a professional client from 3 January 2018 by virtue of Section II.2 of Annex II to MiFID.

registration document

a registration document referred to in PR 2.2.2 R.

regulated information

(as defined in the PD Regulation) all information which the issuer, or any person who has applied for the admission of securities to trading on a regulated market without the issuer's consent, is required to disclose under Directive 2001/34/EC or under Article 6 of Directive 2003/6/EC.

regulated market

a multilateral system operated and/or managed by a market operator, which brings together or facilitates the bringing together of multiple third-party buying and selling interests in financial instruments in the system and in accordance with its non-discretionary rules in a way that results in a contract, in respect of the financial instruments admitted to trading under its rules and/or systems, and which is authorised and functions regularly and in accordance with Title III of MiFID.

[Note: article 4(1)(21) of MiFID]

RIS Regulatory Information Service.

risk factors (as defined in the PD Regulation) a list of risks which are specific

to the situation of the issuer and/or the securities and which are

material for taking investment decisions.

rule (in accordance with section 417(1) of the Act (Definitions)) a rule

made by the FCA under the Act.

schedule (as defined in the PD Regulation) a list of minimum information

requirements adapted to the particular nature of the different types of issuers and/or the different securities involved.

securities issued in a continuous

and re

(as defined in Article 2.1(I) of the prospectus directive) issues on tap or at least two separate issues of securities of a similar type

and/or class over a period of 12 months.

peated manner	
securities note	a securities note referred to in PR 2.2.2 R.
small and medium- sized en- terprise	(as defined in Article 2.1(f) of the <i>prospectus directive</i>) companies, which, according to their last annual or consolidated accounts, meet at least two of the following three criteria: an average number of employees during the financial year of less than 250, a total balance sheet not exceeding €43,000,000 and an annual net turnover not exceeding €50,000,000.
special pur- pose vehicle	(as defined in the <i>PD Regulation</i>) an <i>issuer</i> whose objects and purposes are primarily the issue of <i>securities</i> .
statutory no- tice associ- ated decision	a decision which is made by the FCA and which is associated with a decision to give a <i>statutory notice</i> , including a decision:
statutory no- tice decision	a decision by the FCA on whether or not to give a <i>statutory</i> notice.
	(a) to determine or extend the period for making representations;
	 (b) to determine whether a copy of the statutory notice needs to be given to any third party and the period for him to make representations;
	(c) to refuse access to FCA material;
	(d) as to the information which it is appropriate to publish about the matter to which a <i>final notice</i> or an effective <i>supervisory notice</i> relates.
summary	(in relation to a <i>prospectus</i>) the summary included in the <i>prospectus</i> .
supplement- ary prospectus	a supplementary prospectus containing details of a new factor, mistake or inaccuracy.
transferable security	(as defined in section 102A of the <i>Act</i>) anything which is a transferable security for the purposes of <i>MiFID</i> , other than money-market instruments for the purposes of that directive which have a maturity of less than 12 months.
	Note: In the <i>prospectus directive</i> and <i>PD regulation</i> , the Commission uses the term "security" rather than "transferable security".
umbrella col- lective in- vestment scheme	(as defined in the <i>PD Regulation</i>) a collective investment undertaking invested in one or more collective investment undertakings, the asset of which is composed of separate class(es) or designation(s) of securities.
United Kingdom	England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland (but not the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man).
units of a collective investment scheme	(as defined in Article 2.1(p) of the <i>prospectus directive</i>) securities issued by a collective investment undertaking as representing the rights of the participants in such an undertaking over its assets.
working day	(as defined in section 103 of the <i>Act</i>) any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday or a day which is a bank holiday under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971 in any part of the <i>United Kingdom</i> .

Appendix 2

Appendix 3 Schedules and Building Blocks and Table of Combinations of Schedules and Building Blocks

3.1

App 3.1.1 EU The following schedules and building blocks and tables of combinations are copied from the PD Regulation:

[Note: See transitional provisions in Regulation (EU) No 862/2012 and Regulation (EU) No 759/2013]

ANNEX I

Minimum Disclosure Requirements for the Share Registration Document (schedule)

- PERSONS RESPONSIBLE
- 1.1. All persons responsible for the information given in the Registration Document and, as the case may be, for certain parts of it, with, in the latter case, an indication of such parts. In the case of natural persons including members of the issuer's administrative, management or supervisory bodies indicate the name and function of the person; in case of legal persons indicate the name and registered office.
- 1.2. A declaration by those responsible for the registration document that, having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case, the information contained in the registration document is, to the best of their knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import. As the case may be, a declaration by those responsible for certain parts of the registration document that, having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case, the information contained in the part of the registration document for which they are responsible is, to the best of their knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import.
- STATUTORY AUDITORS
- 2.1. Names and addresses of the issuer's auditors for the period covered by the historical financial information (together with their membership in a professional body).

2.2.	If auditors have resigned, been removed or not been re-appointed during the period covered by the historical financial information, indicate details if material.
3.	SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION
3.1.	Selected historical financial information regarding the issuer, presented for each financial year for the period covered by the historical financial information, and any subsequent interim financial period, in the same currency as the financial information.
	The selected historical financial information must provide the key figures that summarise the financial condition of the issuer.
3.2.	If selected financial information for interim periods is provided, comparative data from the same period in the prior financial year must also be provided, except that the requirement for comparative balance sheet information is satisfied by presenting the year end balance sheet information.
4.	RISK FACTORS
	Prominent disclosure of risk factors that are specific to the issuer or its industry in a section headed "Risk Factors".
5.	INFORMATION ABOUT THE ISSUER
5.1.	History and Development of the Issuer
5.1.1.	the legal and commercial name of the issuer;
5.1.2.	the place of registration of the issuer and its registration number;
5.1.3.	the date of incorporation and the length of life of the issuer, except where indefinite;
5.1.4.	the domicile and legal form of the issuer, the legislation under which the issuer operates, its country of incorporation, and the address and telephone number of its registered office (or prin- cipal place of business if different from its registered office);
5.1.5.	the important events in the development of the issuer's business.
5.2.	Investments
5.2.1.	A description, (including the amount) of the issuer's principal investments for each financial year for the period covered by the historical financial information up to the date of the registration document;
5.2.2.	A description of the issuer's principal investments that are in progress, including the geographic distribution of these investments (home and abroad) and the method of financing (internal or external);
5.2.3.	Information concerning the issuer's principal future investments on which its management bodies have already made firm commitments.
6.	BUSINESS OVERVIEW
6.1.	Principal Activities
6.1.1.	A description of, and key factors relating to, the nature of the issuer's operations and its principal activities, stating the main categories of products sold and/or services performed for each financial year for the period covered by the historical financial information; and

6.1.2.	An indication of any significant new products and/or services that have been introduced and, to the extent the development of new products or services has been publicly disclosed, give the status of development.
6.2.	Principal Markets
	A description of the principal markets in which the issuer competes, including a breakdown of total revenues by category of activity and geographic market for each financial year for the period covered by the historical financial information.
6.3.	Where the information given pursuant to items 6.1 and 6.2 has been influenced by exceptional factors, mention that fact.
6.4.	If material to the issuer's business or profitability, a summary in- formation regarding the extent to which the issuer is depend- ent, on patents or licences, industrial, commercial or financial contracts or new manufacturing processes.
6.5.	The basis for any statements made by the issuer regarding its competitive position.
7.	ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE
7.1.	If the issuer is part of a group, a brief description of the group and the issuer's position within the group.
7.2.	A list of the issuer's significant subsidiaries, including name, country of incorporation or residence, proportion of ownership interest and, if different, proportion of voting power held.
8.	PROPERTY, PLANTS AND EQUIPMENT
8.1.	Information regarding any existing or planned material tangible fixed assets, including leased properties, and any major encumbrances thereon.
8.2.	A description of any environmental issues that may affect the issuer's utilisation of the tangible fixed assets.
9.	OPERATING AND FINANCIAL REVIEW
9.1.	<u>Financial Condition</u>
	To the extent not covered elsewhere in the registration document, provide a description of the issuer's financial condition, changes in financial condition and results of operations for each year and interim period, for which historical financial information is required, including the causes of material changes from year to year in the financial information to the extent necessary for an understanding of the issuer's business as a whole.
9.2.	Operating Results
9.2.1.	Information regarding significant factors, including unusual or infrequent events or new developments, materially affecting the issuer's income from operations, indicating the extent to which income was so affected.
9.2.2.	Where the financial statements disclose material changes in net sales or revenues, provide a narrative discussion of the reasons for such changes.
9.2.3.	Information regarding any governmental, economic, fiscal, monetary or political policies or factors that have materially affected, or could materially affect, directly or indirectly, the issuer's operations.
10.	CAPITAL RESOURCES
10.1.	Information concerning the issuer's capital resources (both short and long term);

- 10.2. An explanation of the sources and amounts of and a narrative description of the issuer's cash flows;
- 10.3. Information on the borrowing requirements and funding structure of the issuer;
- 10.4. Information regarding any restrictions on the use of capital resources that have materially affected, or could materially affect, directly or indirectly, the issuer's operations.
- 10.5. Information regarding the anticipated sources of funds needed to fulfil commitments referred to in items 5.2.3. and 8.1.
- 11. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, PATENTS AND LICENCES

Where material, provide a description of the issuer's research and development policies for each financial year for the period covered by the historical financial information, including the amount spent on issuer-sponsored research and development activities.

- 12. TREND INFORMATION
- 12.1. The most significant recent trends in production, sales and inventory, and costs and selling prices since the end of the last financial year to the date of the registration document.
- 12.2. Information on any known trends, uncertainties, demands, commitments or events that are reasonably likely to have a material effect on the issuer's prospects for at least the current financial
- 13. PROFIT FORECASTS OR ESTIMATES

If an issuer chooses to include a profit forecast or a profit estimate the registration document must contain the information set out in items 13.1 and 13.2:

13.1. A statement setting out the principal assumptions upon which the issuer has based its forecast, or estimate.

> There must be a clear distinction between assumptions about factors which the members of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies can influence and assumptions about factors which are exclusively outside the influence of the members of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies; the assumptions must be readily understandable by investors, be specific and precise and not relate to the general accuracy of the estimates underlying the forecast.

A report prepared by independent accountants or auditors stat-13.2. ing that in the opinion of the independent accountants or auditors the forecast or estimate has been properly compiled on the basis stated, and that the basis of accounting used for the profit forecast or estimate is consistent with the accounting policies of the issuer.

> Where financial information relates to the previous financial year and only contains non misleading figures substantially consistent with the final figures to be published in the next annual audited financial statements for the previous financial year, and the explanatory information necessary to assess the figures, a report shall not be required provided that the prospectus includes all of the following statements:

> (a) the person responsible for this financial information, if different from the one which is responsible for the prospectus in general, approves that information;

- (b) independent accountants or auditors have agreed that this information is substantially consistent with the final figures to be published in the next annual audited financial statements;
- (c) this financial information has not been audited.
- 13.3. The profit forecast or estimate must be prepared on a basis comparable with the historical financial information.
- 13.4. If a profit forecast in a prospectus has been published which is still outstanding, then provide a statement setting out whether or not that forecast is still correct as at the time of the registration document, and an explanation of why such forecast is no longer valid if that is the case.
- 14. ADMINISTRATIVE, MANAGEMENT, AND SUPERVISORY BODIES AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT
- 14.1. Names, business addresses and functions in the issuer of the following persons and an indication of the principal activities performed by them outside that issuer where these are significant with respect to that issuer:
 - (a) members of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies;
 - (b) partners with unlimited liability, in the case of a limited partnership with a share capital;
 - (c) founders, if the issuer has been established for fewer than five years; and
 - (d) any senior manager who is relevant to establishing that the issuer has the appropriate expertise and experience for the management of the issuer's business.

The nature of any family relationship between any of those persons.

In the case of each member of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies of the issuer and of each person mentioned in points (b) and (d) of the first subparagraph, details of that person's relevant management expertise and experience and the following information:

- (a) the names of all companies and partnerships of which such person has been a member of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies or partner at any time in the previous five years, indicating whether or not the individual is still a member of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies or partner. It is not necessary to list all the subsidiaries of an issuer of which the person is also a member of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies;
- (b) any convictions in relation to fraudulent offences for at least the previous five years;
- (c) details of any bankruptcies, receiverships or liquidations with which a person described in (a) and (d) of the first subparagraph who was acting in the capacity of any of the positions set out in (a) and (d) of the first subparagraph was associated for at least the previous five years;
- (d) details of any official public incrimination and/or sanctions of such person by statutory or regulatory authorities (including designated professional bodies) and whether such person has ever been disqualified by a court from acting as a member of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies of an issuer or from acting in the management or conduct of the affairs of any issuer for at least the previous five years.

If there is no such information to be disclosed, a statement to that effect is to be made.

14.2. Administrative, Management, and Supervisory bodies and Senior Management conflicts of interests

Potential conflicts of interests between any duties to the issuer, of the persons referred to in item 14.1., and their private interests and or other duties must be clearly stated. In the event that there are no such conflicts, a statement to that effect must be

Any arrangement or understanding with major shareholders, customers, suppliers or others, pursuant to which any person referred to in item 14.1 was selected as a member of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies or member of senior management.

Details of any restrictions agreed by the persons referred to in item 14.1 on the disposal within a certain period of time of their holdings in the issuer's securities.

REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS 15.

In relation to the last full financial year for those persons referred to in points (a) and (d) of the first subparagraph of item

15.1. The amount of remuneration paid (including any contingent or deferred compensation), and benefits in kind granted to such persons by the issuer and its subsidiaries for services in all capacities to the issuer and its subsidiaries by any person.

> That information must be provided on an individual basis unless individual disclosure is not required in the issuer's home country and is not otherwise publicly disclosed by the issuer.

- 15.2. The total amounts set aside or accrued by the issuer or its subsidiaries to provide pension, retirement or similar benefits.
- 16. **BOARD PRACTICES**

In relation to the issuer's last completed financial year, and unless otherwise specified, with respect to those persons referred to in point (a) of the first subparagraph of 14.1.:

- Date of expiration of the current term of office, if applicable, 16.1. and the period during which the person has served in that office.
- 16.2. Information about members of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies' service contracts with the issuer or any of its subsidiaries providing for benefits upon termination of employment, or an appropriate negative statement.
- 16.3. Information about the issuer's audit committee and remuneration committee, including the names of committee members and a summary of the terms of reference under which the committee operates.
- 16.4. A statement as to whether or not the issuer complies with its country's of incorporation corporate governance regime(s). In the event that the issuer does not comply with such a regime, a statement to that effect must be included together with an explanation regarding why the issuer does not comply with such regime.
- 17. **EMPLOYEES**
- 17.1. Either the number of employees at the end of the period or the average for each financial year for the period covered by the historical financial information up to the date of the registration

document (and changes in such numbers, if material) and, if possible and material, a breakdown of persons employed by main category of activity and geographic location. If the issuer employes a significant number of temporary employees, include disclosure of the number of temporary employees on average during the most recent financial year.

17.2. Shareholdings and stock options

With respect to each person referred to in points (a) and (d) of the first subparagraph of item 14.1. provide information as to their share ownership and any options over such shares in the issuer as of the most recent practicable date.

- 17.3. Description of any arrangements for involving the employees in the capital of the issuer.
- 18. MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS
- 18.1. In so far as is known to the issuer, the name of any person other than a member of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies who, directly or indirectly, has an interest in the issuer's capital or voting rights which is notifiable under the issuer's national law, together with the amount of each such person's interest or, if there are no such persons, an appropriate negative statement.
- 18.2. Whether the issuer's major shareholders have different voting rights, or an appropriate negative statement.
- 18.3. To the extent known to the issuer, state whether the issuer is directly or indirectly owned or controlled and by whom and describe the nature of such control and describe the measures in place to ensure that such control is not abused.
- 18.4. A description of any arrangements, known to the issuer, the operation of which may at a subsequent date result in a change in control of the issuer.

19. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Details of related party transactions (which for these purposes are those set out in the Standards adopted according to the Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002), that the issuer has entered into during the period covered by the historical financial information and up to the date of the registration document, must be disclosed in accordance with the respective standard adopted according to Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002 if applicable.

If such standards do not apply to the issuer the following information must be disclosed:

- (a) The nature and extent of any transactions which are as a single transaction or in their entirety material to the issuer. Where such related party transactions are not concluded at arm's length provide an explanation of why these transactions were not concluded at arm's length. In the case of outstanding loans including guarantees of any kind indicate the amount outstanding.
- (b) The amount or the percentage to which related party transactions form part of the turnover of the issuer.
- 20. FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ISSUER'S ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, FINANCIAL POSITION AND PROFITS AND LOSSES

20.1. Historical Financial Information

Audited historical financial information covering the latest 3 financial years (or such shorter period that the issuer has been in

operation), and the audit report in respect of each year. If the issuer has changed its accounting reference date during the period for which historical financial information is required, the audited historical information shall cover at least 36 months, or the entire period for which the issuer has been in operation, whichever is the shorter. Such financial information must be prepared according to Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002, or if not applicable to a Member State national accounting standards for issuers from the Community. For third country issuers, such financial information must be prepared according to the international accounting standards adopted pursuant to the procedure of Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002 or to a third country's national accounting standards equivalent to these standards. If such financial information is not equivalent to these standards, it must be presented in the form of restated financial

The last two years audited historical financial information must be presented and prepared in a form consistent with that which will be adopted in the issuer's next published annual financial statements having regard to accounting standards and policies and legislation applicable to such annual financial statements.

If the issuer has been operating in its current sphere of economic activity for less than one year, the audited historical financial information covering that period must be prepared in accordance with the standards applicable to annual financial statements under the Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002, or if not applicable to a Member State national accounting standards where the issuer is an issuer from the Community. For third country issuers, the historical financial information must be prepared according to the international accounting standards adopted pursuant to the procedure of Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1606/ 2002 or to a third country's national accounting standards equivalent to these standards. This historical financial information must be audited.

If the audited financial information is prepared according to national accounting standards, the financial information required under this heading must include at least:

- (a) balance sheet;
- (b) income statement;
- (c) a statement showing either all changes in equity or changes in equity other than those arising from capital transactions with owners and distributions to owners;
- (d) cash flow statement;
- (e) accounting policies and explanatory notes.

The historical annual financial information must be independently audited or reported on as to whether or not, for the purposes of the registration document, it gives a true and fair view, in accordance with auditing standards applicable in a Member State or an equivalent standard.

20.2. Pro forma financial information

In the case of a significant gross change, a description of how the transaction might have affected the assets and liabilities and earnings of the issuer, had the transaction been undertaken at the commencement of the period being reported on or at the date reported.

This requirement will normally be satisfied by the inclusion of pro forma financial information.

This pro forma financial information is to be presented as set out in Annex II and must include the information indicated therein.

Pro forma financial information must be accompanied by a report prepared by independent accountants or auditors.

20.3. Financial statements

If the issuer prepares both own and consolidated annual financial statements, include at least the consolidated annual financial statements in the registration document.

20.4 Auditing of historical annual financial information

- 20.4.1. A statement that the historical financial information has been audited. If audit reports on the historical financial information have been refused by the statutory auditors or if they contain qualifications or disclaimers, such refusal or such qualifications or disclaimers must be reproduced in full and the reasons given.
- 20.4.2. Indication of other information in the registration document which has been audited by the auditors.
- 20.4.3. Where financial data in the registration document is not extracted from the issuer's audited financial statements state the source of the data and state that the data is unaudited.

20.5. Age of latest financial information

- 20.5.1. The last year of audited financial information may not be older than one of the following:
 - (a) 18 months from the date of the registration document if the issuer includes audited interim financial statements in the registration document:
 - (b) 15 months from the date of the registration document if the issuer includes unaudited interim financial statements in the registration document.

20.6. Interim and other financial information

- 20.6.1. If the issuer has published quarterly or half yearly financial information since the date of its last audited financial statements, these must be included in the registration document. If the quarterly or half yearly financial information has been reviewed or audited, the audit or review report must also be included. If the quarterly or half yearly financial information is unaudited or has not been reviewed state that fact.
- 20.6.2. If the registration document is dated more than nine months after the end of the last audited financial year, it must contain interim financial information, which may be unaudited (in which case that fact must be stated) covering at least the first six months of the financial year.

The interim financial information must include comparative statements for the same period in the prior financial year, except that the requirement for comparative balance sheet information may be satisfied by presenting the years end balance sheet.

20.7. Dividend policy

A description of the issuer's policy on dividend distributions and any restrictions thereon.

20.7.1.	The amount of the dividend per share for each financial year for the period covered by the historical financial information ad- justed, where the number of shares in the issuer has changed, to make it comparable.
20.8.	Legal and arbitration proceedings

Information on any governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings (including any such proceedings which are pending or threatened of which the issuer is aware), during a period covering at least the previous 12 months which may have, or have had in the recent past significant effects on the issuer and/ or group's financial position or profitability, or provide an appropriate negative statement.

20.9. Significant change in the issuer's financial or trading position

A description of any significant change in the financial or trading position of the group which has occurred since the end of the last financial period for which either audited financial information or interim financial information have been published, or provide an appropriate negative statement.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION 21.

21.1. **Share Capital**

The following information as of the date of the most recent balance sheet included in the historical financial information:

- 21.1.1. The amount of issued capital, and for each class of share capital:
 - (a) the number of shares authorised;
 - (b) the number of shares issued and fully paid and issued but not fully paid;
 - (c) the par value per share, or that the shares have no par value;
 - (d) a reconciliation of the number of shares outstanding at the beginning and end of the year. If more than 10% of capital has been paid for with assets other than cash within the period covered by the historical financial information, state that fact.
- 21.1.2. If there are shares not representing capital, state the number and main characteristics of such shares.
- 21.1.3. The number, book value and face value of shares in the issuer held by or on behalf of the issuer itself or by subsidiaries of the issuer.
- 21.1.4. The amount of any convertible securities, exchangeable securities or securities with warrants, with an indication of the conditions governing and the procedures for conversion, exchange or subscription.
- 21.1.5. Information about and terms of any acquisition rights and or obligations over authorised but unissued capital or an undertaking to increase the capital.
- 21.1.6. Information about any capital of any member of the group which is under option or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be put under option and details of such options including those persons to whom such options relate.
- 21.1.7. A history of share capital, highlighting information about any changes, for the period covered by the historical financial information.
- 21.2. Memorandum and Articles of Association

21.2.1.	A description of the issuer's objects and purposes and where they can be found in the memorandum and articles of association.
21.2.2.	A summary of any provisions of the issuer's articles of association, statutes, charter or bylaws with respect to the members of the administrative, management and supervisory bodies.
21.2.3.	A description of the rights, preferences and restrictions attaching to each class of the existing shares.
21.2.4.	A description of what action is necessary to change the rights of holders of the shares, indicating where the conditions are more significant than is required by law.
21.2.5.	A description of the conditions governing the manner in which annual general meetings and extraordinary general meetings of shareholders are called including the conditions of admission.
21.2.6.	A brief description of any provision of the issuer's articles of association, statutes, charter or bylaws that would have an effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change in control of the issuer.
21.2.7.	An indication of the articles of association, statutes, charter or bylaw provisions, if any, governing the ownership threshold above which shareholder ownership must be disclosed.
21.2.8.	A description of the conditions imposed by the memorandum and articles of association, statutes, charter or bylaw governing changes in the capital, where such conditions are more stringent than is required by law.
22.	MATERIAL CONTRACTS
	A summary of each material contract, other than contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business, to which the issuer or any member of the group is a party, for the two years immediately preceding publication of the registration document.
	A summary of any other contract (not being a contract entered into in the ordinary course of business) entered into by any member of the group which contains any provision under which any member of the group has any obligation or entitlement which is material to the group as at the date of the registration document.
23.	THIRD PARTY INFORMATION AND STATEMENT BY EXPERTS AND DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTEREST
23.1.	Where a statement or report attributed to a person as an expert is included in the Registration Document, provide such person's name, business address, qualifications and material interest if any in the issuer. If the report has been produced at the issuer's request a statement to the effect that such statement or report is included, in the form and context in which it is included, with the consent of the person who has authorised the contents of that part of the Registration Document.
23.2.	Where information has been sourced from a third party, provide a confirmation that this information has been accurately reproduced and that as far as the issuer is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by that third party, no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading. In addition, identify the source(s) of the information.

24. DOCUMENTS ON DISPLAY

A statement that for the life of the registration document the following documents (or copies thereof), where applicable, may be inspected:

- (a) the memorandum and articles of association of the issuer:
- (b) all reports, letters, and other documents, historical financial information, valuations and statements prepared by any expert at the issuer's request any part of which is included or referred to in the registration document;
- (c) the historical financial information of the issuer or, in the case of a group, the historical financial information for the issuer and its subsidiary undertakings for each of the two financial years preceding the publication of the registration document.

An indication of where the documents on display may be inspected, by physical or electronic means.

25. INFORMATION ON HOLDINGS

Information relating to the undertakings in which the issuer holds a proportion of the capital likely to have a significant effect on the assessment of its own assets and liabilities, financial position or profits and losses.

ANNEX II

Pro forma financial information building block

- 1. The pro forma information must include a description of the transaction, the businesses or entities involved and the period to which it refers, and must clearly state the following:
 - (a) the purpose to which it has been prepared;
 - (b) the fact that it has been prepared for illustrative purposes only;
 - (c) the fact that because of its nature, the pro forma financial information addresses a hypothetical situation and, therefore, does not represent the company's actual financial position or results.
- 2. In order to present pro forma financial information, a balance sheet and profit and loss account, and accompanying explanatory notes, depending on the circumstances may be included.
- 3. Pro forma financial information must normally be presented in columnar format, composed of:
 - (a) the historical unadjusted information;
 - (b) the pro forma adjustments; and
 - (c) the resulting pro forma financial information in the final column.

The sources of the pro forma financial information have to be stated and, if applicable, the financial statements of the acquired businesses or entities must be included in the prospectus.

- 4. The pro forma information must be prepared in a manner consistent with the accounting policies adopted by the issuer in its last or next financial statements and shall identify the following:
 - (a) the basis upon which it is prepared;
 - (b) the source of each item of information and adjustment.

- 5. Pro forma information may only be published in respect of
 - (a) the current financial period;
 - (b) the most recently completed financial period; and/or
 - (c) the most recent interim period for which relevant unadjusted information has been or will be published or is being published in the same document.
- 6. Pro forma adjustments related to the pro forma financial information must be:
 - (a) clearly shown and explained;
 - (b) directly attributable to the transaction;
 - (c) factually supportable.

In addition, in respect of a pro forma profit and loss or cash flow statement, they must be clearly identified as to those expected to have a continuing impact on the issuer and those which are not.

- 7. The report prepared by the independent accountants or auditors must state that in their opinion:
 - (a) the pro forma financial information has been properly compiled on the basis stated;
 - (b) that basis is consistent with the accounting policies of the issuer.

ANNEX III

Minimum Disclosure Requirements for the Share Securities Note (schedule)

- PERSONS RESPONSIBLE
- 1.1. All persons responsible for the information given in the prospectus and, as the case may be, for certain parts of it, with, in the latter case, an indication of such parts. In the case of natural persons including members of the issuer's administrative, management or supervisory bodies indicate the name and function of the person; in case of legal persons indicate the name and registered office.
- 1.2. A declaration by those responsible for the prospectus that, having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case the information contained in the prospectus is, to the best of their knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import. As the case may be, declaration by those responsible for certain parts of the prospectus that, having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case the information contained in the part of the prospectus for which they are responsible is, to the best of their knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import.
- RISK FACTORS

Prominent disclosure of risk factors that are material to the securities being offered and/or admitted to trading in order to assess the market risk associated with these securities in a section headed "Risk Factors".

- ESSENTIAL INFORMATION
- 3.1 Working capital Statement

Statement by the issuer that, in its opinion, the working capital is sufficient for the issuer's present requirements or, if not, how it proposes to provide the additional working capital needed.

3.2 Capitalization and indebtedness

A statement of capitalization and indebtedness (distinguishing between guaranteed and unguaranteed, secured and unsecured indebtedness) as of a date no earlier than 90 days prior to the date of

- the document. Indebtedness also includes indirect and contingent indebtedness.
- 3.3 Interest of natural and legal persons involved in the issue/offer

A description of any interest, including conflicting ones that is material to the issue/offer, detailing the persons involved and the nature of the interest.

3.4 Reasons for the offer and use of proceeds

> Reasons for the offer and, where applicable, the estimated net amount of the proceeds broken into each principal intended use and presented by order of priority of such uses. If the issuer is aware that the anticipated proceeds will not be sufficient to fund all the proposed uses, state the amount and sources of other funds needed. Details must be given with regard to the use of the proceeds, in particular when they are being used to acquire assets, other than in the ordinary course of business, to finance announced acquisitions of other business, or to discharge, reduce or retire indebtedness.

- 4. INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SECURITIES TO BE OFFERED/ ADMIT-**TED TO TRADING**
- 4.1 A description of the type and the class of the securities being offered and/or admitted to trading, including the ISIN (International Security Identification Number) or other such security identification code.
- 4.2 Legislation under which the securities have been created.
- 4.3 An indication whether the securities are in registered form or bearer form and whether the securities are in certificated form or book-entry form. In the latter case, name and address of the entity in charge of keeping the records.
- 4.4 Currency of the securities issue.
- 4.5 A description of the rights attached to the securities, including any limitations of those rights, and procedure for the exercise of those rights.

Dividend rights:

- Fixed date(s) on which the entitlement arises,
- Time limit after which entitlement to dividend lapses and an indication of the person in whose favour the lapse operates,
- Dividend restrictions and procedures for non-resident holders,
- Rate of dividend or method of its calculation, periodicity and cumulative or non-cumulative nature of payments.

Voting rights.

Pre-emption rights in offers for subscription of securities of the same class.

Right to share in the issuer's profits.

Rights to share in any surplus in the event of liquidation.

Redemption provisions.

Conversion provisions.

- 4.6 In the case of new issues, a statement of the resolutions, authorisations and approvals by virtue of which the securities have been or will be created and/or issued.
- 4.7 In the case of new issues, the expected issue date of the securities.
- 4.8 A description of any restrictions on the free transferability of the securities.

- 4.9 An indication of the existence of any mandatory takeover bids and/or squeeze-out and sellout rules in relation to the securities.
- 4.10 An indication of public takeover bids by third parties in respect of the issuer's equity, which have occurred during the last financial year and the current financial year. The price or exchange terms attaching to such offers and the outcome thereof must be stated.
- 4.11 In respect of the country of registered office of the issuer and the country(ies) where the offer is being made or admission to trading is being sought:
 - Information on taxes on the income from the securities withheld at source.
 - Indication as to whether the issuer assumes responsibility for the with holding of taxes at the source.
- TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE OFFER
- 5.1 Conditions, offer statistics, expected timetable and action required to apply for the offer
- 5.1.1. Conditions to which the offer is subject.
- 5.1.2 Total amount of the issue/offer, distinguishing the securities offered for sale and those offered for subscription; if the amount is not fixed, description of the arrangements and time for announcing to the public the definitive amount of the offer.
- 5.1.3 The time period, including any possible amendments, during which the offer will be open and description of the application process.
- 5.1.4 An indication of when, and under which circumstances, the offer may be revoked or suspended and whether revocation can occur after dealing has begun.
- 5.1.5 A description of the possibility to reduce subscriptions and the manner for refunding excess amount paid by applicants.
- 5.1.6 Details of the minimum and/or maximum amount of application (whether in number of securities or aggregate amount to invest).
- 5.1.7 An indication of the period during which an application may be withdrawn, provided that investors are allowed to withdraw their subscription.
- 5.1.8 Method and time limits for paying up the securities and for delivery of the securities.
- 5.1.9 A full description of the manner and date in which results of the offer are to be made public.
- 5.1.10 The procedure for the exercise of any right of pre-emption, the negotiability of subscription rights and the treatment of subscription rights not exercised.
- 5.2 Plan of distribution and allotment
- 5.2.1. The various categories of potential investors to which the securities are offered. If the offer is being made simultaneously in the markets of two or more countries and if a tranche has been or is being reserved for certain of these, indicate any such tranche.
- 5.2.2. To the extent known to the issuer, an indication of whether major shareholders or members of the issuer's management, supervisory or administrative bodies intended to subscribe in the offer, or whether any person intends to subscribe for more than five per cent of the offer.
- 5.2.3. Pre-allotment Disclosure:
 - (a) The division into tranches of the offer including the institutional, retail and issuer's employee tranches and any other tranches;

- The conditions under which the claw-back may be used, the maximum size of such claw back and any applicable minimum percentages for individual tranches;
- The allotment method or methods to be used for the retail and issuer's employee tranche in the event of an over-subscription of these tranches;
- (d) A description of any pre-determined preferential treatment to be accorded to certain classes of investors or certain affinity groups (including friends and family programmes) in the allotment, the percentage of the offer reserved for such preferential treatment and the criteria for inclusion in such classes or groups.
- (e) Whether the treatment of subscriptions or bids to subscribe in the allotment may be determined on the basis of which firm they are made through or by;
- (f) A target minimum individual allotment if any within the retail tranche;
- (g) The conditions for the closing of the offer as well as the date on which the offer may be closed at the earliest;
- Whether or not multiple subscriptions are admitted, and where they are not, how any multiple subscriptions will be handled.
- 5.2.4. Process for notification to applicants of the amount allotted and indication whether dealing may begin before notification is made.
- 5.2.5. Over-allotment and 'green shoe':
 - The existence and size of any over-allotment facility and/or 'green (a) shoe'.
 - (b) The existence period of the over-allotment facility and/or 'green shoe'.
 - Any conditions for the use of the over-allotment facility or exercise of the 'green shoe'.
- 5.3 Pricing
- 5.3.1. An indication of the price at which the securities will be offered. If the price is not known or if there is no established and/or liquid market for the securities, indicate the method for determining the offer price, including a statement as to who has set the criteria or is formally responsible for the determination. Indication of the amount of any expenses and taxes specifically charged to the subscriber or purchaser.
- 5.3.2. Process for the disclosure of the offer price.
- 5.3.3. If the issuer's equity holders have pre-emptive purchase rights and this right is restricted or withdrawn, indication of the basis for the issue price if the issue is for cash, together with the reasons for and beneficiaries of such restriction or withdrawal.
- 5.3.4 Where there is or could be a material disparity between the public offer price and the effective cash cost to members of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies or senior management, or affiliated persons, of securities acquired by them in transactions during the past year, or which they have the right to acquire, include a comparison of the public contribution in the proposed public offer and the effective cash contributions of such persons.
- 5.4. Placing and Underwriting
- 5.4.1 Name and address of the co-ordinator(s) of the global offer and of single parts of the offer and, to the extent known to the issuer or to the offeror, of the placers in the various countries where the offer takes place.
- 5.4.2 Name and address of any paying agents and depository agents in each country.

- 5.4.3. Name and address of the entities agreeing to underwrite the issue on a firm commitment basis, and name and address of the entities agreeing to place the issue without a firm commitment or under "best efforts" arrangements. Indication of the material features of the agreements, including the quotas. Where not all of the issue is underwritten, a statement of the portion not covered. Indication of the overall amount of the underwriting commission and of the placing commission.
- 5.4.4. When the underwriting agreement has been or will be reached.
- 6. ADMISSION TO TRADING AND DEALING ARRANGEMENTS
- An indication as to whether the securities offered are or will be the object of an application for admission to trading, with a view to their distribution in a regulated market or other equivalent markets with indication of the markets in question. This circumstance must be mentioned, without creating the impression that the admission to trading will necessarily be approved. If known, the earliest dates on which the securities will be admitted to trading.
- 6.2 All the regulated markets or equivalent markets on which, to the knowledge of the issuer, securities of the same class of the securities to be offered or admitted to trading are already admitted to trading.
- 6.3 If simultaneously or almost simultaneously with the creation of the securities for which admission to a regulated market is being sought securities of the same class are subscribed for or placed privately or if securities of other classes are created for public or private placing, give details of the nature of such operations and of the number and characteristics of the securities to which they relate.
- Details of the entities which have a firm commitment to act as intermediaries in secondary trading, providing liquidity through bid and offer rates and description of the main terms of their commitment.
- 6.5 Stabilization: where an issuer or a selling shareholder has granted an over-allotment option or it is otherwise proposed that price stabilizing activities may be entered into in connection with an offer:
- 6.5.1. The fact that stabilization may be undertaken, that there is no assurance that it will be undertaken and that it may be stopped at any time,
- 6.5.2. The beginning and the end of the period during which stabilization may occur,
- 6.5.3. The identity of the stabilization manager for each relevant jurisdiction unless this is not known at the time of publication,
- 6.5.4. The fact that stabilization transactions may result in a market price that is higher than would otherwise prevail.
- SELLING SECURITIES HOLDERS
- 7.1 Name and business address of the person or entity offering to sell the securities, the nature of any position office or other material relationship that the selling persons has had within the past three years with the issuer or any of its predecessors or affiliates.
- 7.2 The number and class of securities being offered by each of the selling security holders.
- 7.3 Lock-up agreements

The parties involved.

Content and exceptions of the agreement.

Indication of the period of the lock up.

8. EXPENSE OF THE ISSUE/OFFER

- 8.1. The total net proceeds and an estimate of the total expenses of the issue/offer.
- 9. DILUTION
- 9.1 The amount and percentage of immediate dilution resulting from the
- 9.2. In the case of a subscription offer to existing equity holders, the amount and percentage of immediate dilution if they do not subscribe to the new offer.
- 10. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
- 10.1. If advisors connected with an issue are mentioned in the Securities Note, a statement of the capacity in which the advisors have acted.
- 10.2. An indication of other information in the Securities Note which has been audited or reviewed by statutory auditors and where auditors have produced a report. Reproduction of the report or, with permission of the competent authority, a summary of the report.
- Where a statement or report attributed to a person as an expert is in-10.3. cluded in the Securities Note, provide such persons' name, business address, qualifications and material interest if any in the issuer. If the report has been produced at the issuer's request a statement to the effect that such statement or report is included, in the form and context in which it is included, with the consent of the person who has authorised the contents of that part of the Securities Note.
- 10.4. Where information has been sourced from a third party, provide a confirmation that this information has been accurately reproduced and that as far as the issuer is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by that third party, no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading. In addition, identify the source(s) of the information.

ANNEX IV

Minimum Disclosure Requirements for the Debt and Derivative Securities Registration Document (schedule)

(Debt and derivative securities with a denomination per unit of less than EUR 100 000)

- 1. PERSONS RESPONSIBLE
- 1.1. All persons responsible for the information given in the Registration Document and, as the case may be, for certain parts of it, with, in the latter case, an indication of such parts. In the case of natural persons including members of the issuer's administrative, management or supervisory bodies indicate the name and function of the person; in case of legal persons indicate the name and registered office.
- 1.2. A declaration by those responsible for the registration document that, having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case the information contained in the registration document is, to the best of their knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import. As the case may be, declaration by those responsible for certain parts of the registration document that, having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case, the information contained in the part of the registration document for which they are responsible is, to the best of their knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import.
- 2. STATUTORY AUDITORS
- 2.1. Names and addresses of the issuer's auditors for the period covered by the historical financial information (together with their membership in a professional body).

- 2.2. If auditors have resigned, been removed or not been re-appointed during the period covered by the historical financial information, details if material.
- SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION
- 3.1. Selected historical financial information regarding the issuer, presented, for each financial year for the period covered by the historical financial information, and any subsequent interim financial period, in the same currency as the financial information.

The selected historical financial information must provide key figures that summarise the financial condition of the issuer.

- 3.2. If selected financial information for interim periods is provided, comparative data from the same period in the prior financial year must also be provided, except that the requirement for comparative balance sheet data is satisfied by presenting the year end balance sheet information.
- RISK FACTORS

Prominent disclosure of risk factors that may affect the issuer's ability to fulfil its obligations under the securities to investors in a section headed "Risk Factors".

- INFORMATION ABOUT THE ISSUER
- 5.1. History and development of the Issuer:
- 5.1.1. the legal and commercial name of the issuer;
- 5.1.2. the place of registration of the issuer and its registration number;
- 5.1.3. the date of incorporation and the length of life of the issuer, except where indefinite;
- 5.1.4. the domicile and legal form of the issuer, the legislation under which the issuer operates, its country of incorporation, and the address and telephone number of its registered office (or principal place of business if different from its registered office);
- 5.1.5. any recent events particular to the issuer which are to a material extent relevant to the evaluation of the issuer's solvency.
- 5.2. Investments
- 5.2.1. A description of the principal investments made since the date of the last published financial statements.
- 5.2.2. Information concerning the issuer's principal future investments, on which its management bodies have already made firm commitments.
- 5.2.3. Information regarding the anticipated sources of funds needed to fulfil commitments referred to in item 5.2.2.
- BUSINESS OVERVIEW
- 6.1. <u>Principal activities:</u>
- 6.1.1. A description of the issuer's principal activities stating the main categories of products sold and/or services performed; and
- 6.1.2. an indication of any significant new products and/or activities.
- 6.2. <u>Principal markets</u>

A brief description of the principal markets in which the issuer competes.

- 6.3. The basis for any statements made by the issuer regarding its competitive position.
- ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE
- 7.1. If the issuer is part of a group, a brief description of the group and of the issuer's position within it.

- 7.2. If the issuer is dependent upon other entities within the group, this must be clearly stated together with an explanation of this dependence.
- TREND INFORMATION 8.
- 8.1. Include a statement that there has been no material adverse change in the prospects of the issuer since the date of its last published audited financial statements.
 - In the event that the issuer is unable to make such a statement, provide details of this material adverse change.
- 8.2. Information on any known trends, uncertainties, demands, commitments or events that are reasonably likely to have a material effect on the issuer's prospects for at least the current financial year.
- 9. PROFIT FORECASTS OR ESTIMATES
 - If an issuer chooses to include a profit forecast or a profit estimate, the registration document must contain the information items 9.1 and 9.2:
- 9.1. A statement setting out the principal assumptions upon which the issuer has based its forecast, or estimate.
 - There must be a clear distinction between assumptions about factors which the members of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies can influence and assumptions about factors which are exclusively outside the influence of the members of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies; the assumptions must be readily understandable by investors, be specific and precise and not relate to the general accuracy of the estimates underlying the forecast.
- 9.2. A report prepared by independent accountants or auditors must be included stating that in the opinion of the independent accountants or auditors the forecast or estimate has been properly compiled on the basis stated, and that the basis of accounting used for the profit forecast or estimate is consistent with the accounting policies of the issuer.
 - Where financial information relates to the previous financial year and only contains non misleading figures substantially consistent with the final figures to be published in the next annual audited financial statements for the previous financial year, and the explanatory information necessary to assess the figures, a report shall not be required provided that the prospectus includes all of the following statements:
 - (a) the person responsible for this financial information, if different from the one which is responsible for the prospectus in general, approves that information;
 - (b) independent accountants or auditors have agreed that this information is substantially consistent with the final figures to be published in the next annual audited financial statements:
 - (c) this financial information has not been audited.
- 9.3. The profit forecast or estimate must be prepared on a basis comparable with the historical financial information.
- 10. ADMINISTRATIVE, MANAGEMENT, AND SUPERVISORY BODIES
- 10.1. Names, business addresses and functions in the issuer of the following persons, and an indication of the principal activities performed by them outside the issuer where these are significant with respect to
 - (a) members of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies;
 - (b) partners with unlimited liability, in the case of a limited partnership with a share capital.

10.2. <u>Administrative, Management, and Supervisory bodies conflicts of interests</u>

Potential conflicts of interests between any duties to the issuing entity of the persons referred to in item 10.1 and their private interests and or other duties must be clearly stated. In the event that there are no such conflicts, make a statement to that effect.

11. BOARD PRACTICES

- 11.1. Details relating to the issuer's audit committee, including the names of committee members and a summary of the terms of reference under which the committee operates.
- 11.2. A statement as to whether or not the issuer complies with its country's of incorporation corporate governance regime(s). In the event that the issuer does not comply with such a regime a statement to that effect must be included together with an explanation regarding why the issuer does not comply with such regime.

MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS

- 12.1. To the extent known to the issuer, state whether the issuer is directly or indirectly owned or controlled and by whom and describe the nature of such control, and describe the measures in place to ensure that such control is not abused.
- 12.2. A description of any arrangements, known to the issuer, the operation of which may at a subsequent date result in a change in control of the issuer.
- 13. FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ISSUER'S ASSETS AND LI-ABILITIES, FINANCIAL POSITION AND PROFITS AND LOSSES

13.1. Historical Financial Information

Audited historical financial information covering the latest 2 financial years (or such shorter period that the issuer has been in operation), and the audit report in respect of each year. If the issuer has changed its accounting reference date during the period for which historical financial information is required, the audited historical information shall cover at least 24 months, or the entire period for which the issuer has been in operation, whichever is the shorter. Such financial information must be prepared according to Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002, or if not applicable to a Member States national accounting standards for issuers from the Community. For third country issuers, such financial information must be prepared according to the international accounting standards adopted pursuant to the procedure of Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002 or to a third country's national accounting standards equivalent to these standards. If such financial information is not equivalent to these standards, it must be presented in the form of restated financial statements.

The most recent year's historical financial information must be presented and prepared in a form consistent with that which will be adopted in the issuer's next published annual financial statements having regard to accounting standards and policies and legislation applicable to such annual financial statements.

If the issuer has been operating in its current sphere of economic activity for less than one year, the audited historical financial information covering that period must be prepared in accordance with the standards applicable to annual financial statements under the Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002, or if not applicable to a Member States national accounting standards where the issuer is an issuer from the Community. For third country issuers, the historical financial information must be prepared according to the international accounting standards adopted pursuant to the procedure of Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002

or to a third country's national accounting standards equivalent to these standards. This historical financial information must be audited.

If the audited financial information is prepared according to national accounting standards, the financial information required under this heading must include at least:

- (a) balance sheet;
- (b) income statement;
- (c) cash flow statement; and
- (d) accounting policies and explanatory notes.

The historical annual financial information must have been independently audited or reported on as to whether or not, for the purposes of the registration document, it gives a true and fair view, in accordance with auditing standards applicable in a Member State or an equivalent standard.

13.2. Financial statements

If the issuer prepares both own and consolidated financial statements, include at least the consolidated financial statements in the registration document.

- 13.3. Auditing of historical annual financial information
- 13.3.1. A statement that the historical financial information has been audited. If audit reports on the historical financial information have been refused by the statutory auditors or if they contain qualifications or disclaimers, such refusal or such qualifications or disclaimers must be reproduced in full and the reasons given.
- 13.3.2. An indication of other information in the registration document which has been audited by the auditors.
- 13.3.3. Where financial data in the registration document is not extracted from the issuer's audited financial statements state the source of the data and state that the data is un-audited.
- 13.4. Age of latest financial information
- The last year of audited financial information may not be older than 13.4.1. 18 months from the date of the registration document.
- 13.5. Interim and other financial information
- 13.5.1. If the issuer has published quarterly or half yearly financial information since the date of its last audited financial statements, these must be included in the registration document. If the quarterly or half yearly financial information has been reviewed or audited the audit or review report must also be included. If the quarterly or half yearly financial information is un-audited or has not been reviewed state that fact.
- 13.5.2. If the registration document is dated more than nine months after the end of the last audited financial year, it must contain interim financial information, covering at least the first six months of the financial year. If the interim financial information is un-audited state that fact. The interim financial information must include comparative statements for the same period in the prior financial year, except that the requirement for comparative balance sheet information may be satisfied by presenting the years end balance sheet.
- 13.6. Legal and arbitration proceedings

Information on any governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings (including any such proceedings which are pending or threatened of which the issuer is aware), during a period covering at least the previous 12 months which may have, or have had in the recent past, signific ant effects on the issuer and/or group's financial position or profitability, or provide an appropriate negative statement.

13.7. Significant change in the issuer's financial or trading position

A description of any significant change in the financial or trading position of the group which has occurred since the end of the last financial period for which either audited financial information or interim financial information have been published, or an appropriate negative statement.

- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
- 14.1. Share Capital
- 14.1.1. The amount of the issued capital, the number and classes of the shares of which it is composed with details of their principal characteristics, the part of the issued capital still to be paid up, with an indication of the number, or total nominal value, and the type of the shares not yet fully paid up, broken down where applicable according to the extent to which they have been paid up.
- 14.2. Memorandum and Articles of Association.
- 14.2.1. The register and the entry number therein, if applicable, and a description of the issuer's objects and purposes and where they can be found in the memorandum and articles of association.
- 15. MATERIAL CONTRACTS

A brief summary of all material contracts that are not entered into in the ordinary course of the issuer's business, which could result in any group member being under an obligation or entitlement that is material to the issuer's ability to meet its obligation to security holders in respect of the securities being issued.

- 16 THIRD PARTY INFORMATION AND STATEMENT BY EXPERTS AND DE-CLARATIONS OF ANY INTEREST
- Where a statement or report attributed to a person as an expert is included in the Registration Document, provide such person's name, business address, qualifications and material interest if any in the issuer. If the report has been produced at the issuer's request a statement to that effect that such statement or report is included, in the form and context in which it is included, with the consent of that person who has authorised the contents of that part of the Registration Document.
- Where information has been sourced from a third party, provide a confirmation that this information has been accurately reproduced and that as far as the issuer is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by that third party, no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading. In addition, the issuer shall identify the source(s) of the information.
- 17. DOCUMENTS ON DISPLAY

A statement that for the life of the registration document the following documents (or copies thereof), where applicable, may be inspected:

- (a) the memorandum and articles of association of the issuer;
- (b) all reports, letters, and other documents, historical financial information, valuations and statements prepared by any expert at the issuer's request any part of which is included or referred to in the registration document;
- (c) the historical financial information of the issuer or, in the case of a group, the historical financial information of the issuer and its subsidiary undertakings for each of the two financial years preceding the publication of the registration document.

An indication of where the documents on display may be inspected, by physical or electronic means.

ANNEX V

Minimum Disclosure Requirements for the Securities Note related to Debt securities (schedule)

(Debt securities with a denomination per unit of less than EUR 100 000)

1. PERSONS RESPONSIBLE

- 1.1 All persons responsible for the information given in the prospectus and, as the case may be, for certain parts of it, with, in the latter case, an indication of such parts. In the case of natural persons including members of the issuer's administrative, management or supervisory bodies indicate the name and function of the person; in case of legal persons indicate the name and registered office.
- 1.2 A declaration by those responsible for the prospectus that, having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case, the information contained in the prospectus is, to the best of their knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import. As the case may be, declaration by those responsible for certain parts of the prospectus that the information contained in the part of the prospectus for which they are responsible is, to the best of their knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import.
- 2. **RISK FACTORS**
- 2.1 Prominent disclosure of risk factors that are material to the securities being offered and/or admitted to trading in order to assess the market risk associated with these securities in a section headed "Risk Factors".
- 3. **ESSENTIAL INFORMATION**
- 3.1 Interest of natural and legal persons involved in the issue/offer.
 - A description of any interest, including conflicting ones, that is material to the issue/offer, detailing the persons involved and the nature of the interest.
- Reasons for the offer and use of proceeds. 3.2
 - Reasons for the offer if different from making profit and/or hedging certain risks. Where applicable, disclosure of the estimated total expenses of the issue/offer and the estimated net amount of the proceeds. These expenses and proceeds shall be broken into each principal intended use and presented by order of priority of such uses. If the issuer is aware that the anticipated proceeds will not be sufficient to fund all the proposed uses, state the amount and sources of other funds needed.
- INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SECURITIES TO BE OFFERED/ ADMIT-4. **TED TO TRADING**
- A description of the type and the class of the securities being offered 4.1 and/or admitted to trading, including the ISIN (International Security Identification Number) or other such security identification code.
- 4.2 Legislation under which the securities have been created.
- 4.3 An indication of whether the securities are in registered form or bearer form and whether the securities are in certificated form or book-entry form. In the latter case, name and address of the entity in charge of keeping the records.
- 4.4 Currency of the securities issue.

- 4.5 Ranking of the securities being offered and/or admitted to trading, including summaries of any clauses that are intended to affect ranking or subordinate the security to any present or future liabilities of the issuer
- 4.6 A description of the rights attached to the securities, including any limitations of those rights, and procedure for the exercise of those rights.
- 4.7 The nominal interest rate and provisions relating to interest payable:
 - the date from which interest becomes payable and the due dates for interest,
 - the time limit on the validity of claims to interest and repayment of principal.

Where the rate is not fixed, a statement setting out the type of underlying and a description of the underlying on which it is based and of the method used to relate the underlying and the rate and an indication where information about the past and the further performance of the underlying and its volatility can be obtained.

- a description of any market disruption or settlement disruption events that affect the underlying,
- adjustment rules with relation to events concerning the underlying,
- name of the calculation agent.

If the security has a derivative component in the interest payment, provide a clear and comprehensive explanation to help investors understand how the value of their investment is affected by the value of the underlying instrument (s), especially under the circumstances when the risks are most evident.

- 4.8 Maturity date and arrangements for the amortization of the loan, including the repayment procedures. Where advance amortization is contemplated, on the initiative of the issuer or of the holder, it shall be described, stipulating amortization terms and conditions.
- 4.9 An indication of yield. Describe the method whereby that yield is calculated in summary form.
- 4.10 Representation of debt security holders including an identification of the organisation representing the investors and provisions applying to such representation. Indication of where the public may have access to the contracts relating to these forms of representation.
- 4.11 In the case of new issues, a statement of the resolutions, authorisations and approvals by virtue of which the securities have been or will be created and/or issued.
- 4.12 In the case of new issues, the expected issue date of the securities.
- 4.13 A description of any restrictions on the free transferability of the securities.
- 4.14 In respect of the country of registered office of the issuer and the country(ies) where the offer being made or admission to trading is being sought:
 - Information on taxes on the income from the securities withheld at source;
 - Indication as to whether the issuer assumes responsibility for the withholding of taxes at the source.
- 5 TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE OFFER
- 5.1 Conditions, offer statistics, expected timetable and action required to apply for the offer.

- 5.1.1 Conditions to which the offer is subject.
- 5.1.2 Total amount of the issue/offer; if the amount is not fixed, description of the arrangements and time for announcing to the public the definitive amount of the offer.
- 5.1.3 The time period, including any possible amendments, during which the offer will be open and description of the application process.
- 5.1.4 A description of the possibility to reduce subscriptions and the manner for refunding excess amount paid by applicants.
- Details of the minimum and/or maximum amount of application, 5.1.5 (whether in number of securities or aggregate amount to invest).
- 5.1.6 Method and time limits for paying up the securities and for delivery of the securities.
- 5.1.7 A full description of the manner and date in which results of the offer are to be made public.
- The procedure for the exercise of any right of pre-emption, the negoti-5.1.8 ability of subscription rights and the treatment of subscription rights not exercised.
- 5.2 Plan of distribution and allotment
- The various categories of potential investors to which the securities are 5.2.1 offered. If the offer is being made simultaneously in the markets of two or more countries and if a tranche has been or is being reserved for certain of these, indicate any such tranche.
- 5.2.2 Process for notification to applicants of the amount allotted and indication whether dealing may begin before notification is made.
- 5.3 Pricina
- 5.3.1 An indication of the expected price at which the securities will be offered or the method of determining the price and the process for its disclosure. Indicate the amount of any expenses and taxes specifically charged to the subscriber or purchaser.
- 5.4 Placing and Underwriting
- 5.4.1 Name and address of the co-ordinator(s) of the global offer and of single parts of the offer and, to the extent known to the issuer or to the offeror, of the placers in the various countries where the offer takes place.
- 5.4.2 Name and address of any paying agents and depository agents in each country.
- 5.4.3 Name and address of the entities agreeing to underwrite the issue on a firm commitment basis, and name and address of the entities agreeing to place the issue without a firm commitment or under "best efforts" arrangements. Indication of the material features of the agreements, including the quotas. Where not all of the issue is underwritten, a statement of the portion not covered. Indication of the overall amount of the underwriting commission and of the placing commission.
- 5.4.4 When the underwriting agreement has been or will be reached.
- 6 ADMISSION TO TRADING AND DEALING ARRANGEMENTS
- An indication as to whether the securities offered are or will be the ob-6.1 ject of an application for admission to trading, with a view to their distribution in a regulated market or other equivalent markets with indication of the markets in question. This circumstance must be mentioned, without creating the impression that the admission to trading will necessarily be approved. If known, give the earliest dates on which the securities will be admitted to trading.

- 6.2 All the regulated markets or equivalent markets on which, to the knowledge of the issuer, securities of the same class of the securities to be offered or admitted to trading are already admitted to trading.
- 6.3 Name and address of the entities which have a firm commitment to act as intermediaries in secondary trading, providing liquidity through bid and offer rates and description of the main terms of their commitment.

7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 7.1 If advisors connected with an issue are mentioned in the Securities Note, a statement of the capacity in which the advisors have acted.
- 7.2 An indication of other information in the Securities Note which has been audited or reviewed by statutory auditors and where auditors have produced a report. Reproduction of the report or, with permission of the competent authority, a summary of the report.
- 7.3 Where a statement or report attributed to a person as an expert is included in the Securities Note, provide such persons' name, business address, qualifications and material interest if any in the issuer. If the report has been produced at the issuer's request a statement to that effect that such statement or report is included, in the form and context in which it is included, with the consent of that person who has authorised the contents of that part of the Securities Note.
- 7.4 Where information has been sourced from a third party, provide a confirmation that this information has been accurately reproduced and that as far as the issuer is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by that third party, no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading. In addition, identify the source(s) of the information.
- 7.5 Credit ratings assigned to an issuer or its debt securities at the request or with the cooperation of the issuer in the rating process. A brief explanation of the meaning of the ratings if this has previously been published by the rating provider.

ANNEX VI

Minimum Disclosure Requirements for Guarantees

(Additional building block)

1. NATURE OF THE GUARANTEE

A description of any arrangement intended to ensure that any obligation material to the issue will be duly serviced, whether in the form of guarantee, surety, Keep well Agreement, Mono-line Insurance policy or other equivalent commitment (hereafter referred to generically as "guarantees" and their provider as "guarantor" for convenience).

Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, such arrangements encompass commitments to ensure obligations to repay debt securities and/or the payment of interest and the description shall set out how the arrangement is intended to ensure that the guaranteed payments will be duly serviced.

2. SCOPE OF THE GUARANTEE

Details shall be disclosed about the terms and conditions and scope of the guarantee. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, these details should cover any conditionality on the application of the guarantee in the event of any default under the terms of the security and the material terms of any Mono-line Insurance or Keep well Agreement between the issuer and the guarantor. Details must also be disclosed of any guarantor's power of veto in relation to changes to the security holder's rights, such as is often found in Mono-line Insurance.

INFORMATION TO BE DISCLOSED ABOUT THE GUARANTOR 3

The guarantor must disclose information about itself as if it were the issuer of that same type of security that is the subject of the guarantee.

4 **DOCUMENTS ON DISPLAY**

Indication of the places where the public may have access to the material contracts and other documents relating to the guarantee.

ANNEX VII

Minimum Disclosure Requirements for Asset Backed Securities Registration Document (schedule)

1. PERSONS RESPONSIBLE

- 1.1 All persons responsible for the information given in the Registration Document and, as the case may be, for certain parts of it, with, in the latter case, an indication of such parts. In the case of natural persons including members of the issuer's administrative, management or supervisory bodies indicate the name and function of the person; in case of legal persons indicate the name and registered office.
- 1.2 A declaration by those responsible for the registration document that, having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case, the information given in the registration document is, to the best of their knowledge, in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect its import. As the case may be, declaration by those responsible for certain parts of the registration document that having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case, the information contained in that part of the registration document for which they are responsible is, to the best of their knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import.

2. STATUTORY AUDITORS

2.1 Names and addresses of the issuer's auditors for the period covered by the historical financial information (together with any membership of any relevant professional body).

3. **RISK FACTORS**

- 3.1 The document must prominently disclose risk factors in a section headed "Risk Factors" that are specific to the issuer and its industry.
- 4. INFORMATION ABOUT THE ISSUER:
- 4.1 A statement whether the issuer has been established as a special purpose vehicle or entity for the purpose of issuing asset backed securities;
- 4.2 The legal and commercial name of the issuer;
- 4.3 The place of registration of the issuer and its registration number;
- 4.4 The date of incorporation and the length of life of the issuer, except where indefinite:
- 4.5 The domicile and legal form of the issuer, the legislation under which the issuer operates its country of incorporation and the address and telephone number of its registered office (or principal place of business if different from its registered office).
- Description of the amount of the issuer's authorised and issued capital 4.6 and the amount of any capital agreed to be issued, the number and classes of the securities of which it is composed.
- 5. **BUSINESS OVERVIEW**
- 5.1 A brief description of the issuer's principal activities.

- 5.2 A global overview of the parties to the securitisation program including information on the direct or indirect ownership or control between those parties.
- 6. ADMINISTRATIVE, MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISORY BODIES
- Names, business addresses and functions in the issuer of the following persons, and an indication of the principal activities performed by them outside the issuer where these are significant with respect to that issuer:
 - (a) members of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies;
 - (b) partners with unlimited liability, in the case of a limited partnership with a share capital.
- MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS
- 7.1 To the extent known to the issuer, state whether the issuer is directly or indirectly owned or controlled and by whom, and describe the nature of such control and describe the measures in place to ensure that such control is not abused.
- 8. FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ISSUER'S ASSETS AND LI-ABILITIES, FINANCIAL POSITION, AND PROFITS AND LOSSES
- 8.1 Where, since the date of incorporation or establishment, an issuer has not commenced operations and no financial statements have been made up as at the date of the registration document, a statement to that effect shall be provided in the registration document.
- 8.2 Historical Financial Information

Where, since the date of incorporation or establishment, an issuer has commenced operations and financial statements have been made up, the registration document must contain audited historical financial information covering the latest 2 financial years (or shorter period that the issuer has been in operation) and the audit report in respect of each year. If the issuer has changed its accounting reference date during the period for which historical financial information is required, the audited historical information shall cover at least 24 months, or the entire period for which the issuer has been in operation, whichever is the shorter. Such financial information must be prepared according to Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002, or if not applicable to a Member State's national accounting standards for issuers from the Community. For third country issuers, such financial information must be prepared according to the international accounting standards adopted pursuant to the procedure of Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002 or to a third country's national accounting standards equivalent to these standards. If such financial information is not equivalent to these standards, it must be presented in the form of restated financial statements.

The most recent year's historical financial information must be presented and prepared in a form consistent with that which will be adopted in the issuer's next annual published financial statements having regard to accounting standards and policies and legislation applicable to such annual financial statements.

If the issuer has been operating in its current sphere of economic activity for less than one year, the audited historical financial information covering that period must be prepared in accordance with the standards applicable to annual financial statements under Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002, or if not applicable to a Member State's national accounting standards where the issuer is from the Community. For third country issuers, the historical financial information must be prepared according to the international accounting standards adopted pursuant to the procedure of Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002 or to a third country's national accounting standards equivalent to these standards. This historical financial information must be audited.

If the audited financial information is prepared according to national accounting standards, the financial information required under this heading must include at least the following:

- (a) the balance sheet;
- (b) the income statement:
- (c) the accounting policies and explanatory notes.

The historical annual financial information must be independently audited or reported on as to whether or not, for the purposes of the registration document, it gives a true and fair view, in accordance with auditing standards applicable in a Member State or an equivalent standard.

8.2 bis This paragraph may be used only for issues of asset-backed securities having a denomination per unit of at least EUR 100 000.

> Where, since the date of incorporation or establishment, an issuer has commenced operations and financial statements have been made up, the registration document must contain audited historical financial information covering the latest 2 financial years (or shorter period that the issuer has been in operation) and the audit report in respect of each year. If the issuer has changed its accounting reference date during the period for which historical financial information is required, the audited historical information shall cover at least 24 months, or the entire period for which the issuer has been in operation, whichever is the shorter. Such financial information must be prepared according to Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002 or, if not applicable, to a Member State's national accounting standards for issuers from the Community. For third country issuers, such financial information must be prepared according to the international accounting standards adopted pursuant to the procedure of Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002 or to a third country's national accounting standards equivalent to these standards. Otherwise, the following information must be included in the registration document:

- (a) a prominent statement that the financial information included in the registration document has not been prepared in accordance with the international accounting standards adopted pursuant to the procedure of Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002 and that there may be material differences in the financial information had Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002 been applied to the historical financial information;
- (b) immediately following the historical financial information a narrative description of the differences between the international accounting standards adopted pursuant to the procedure of Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002 and the accounting principles adopted by the issuer in preparing its annual financial statements.

The most recent year's historical financial information must be presented and prepared in a form consistent with that which will be adopted in the issuer's next annual financial statements having regard to accounting standards and policies and legislation applicable to such annual financial statements.

If the audited financial information is prepared according to national accounting standards, the financial information required under this heading must include at least the following:

- (a) the balance sheet;
- (b) the income statement;
- (c) the accounting policies and explanatory notes.

The historical annual financial information must be independently audited or reported on as to whether or not, for the purposes of the registration document, it gives a true and fair view, in accordance with auditing standards applicable in a Member State or an equivalent standard.

Otherwise, the following information must be included in the Registration Document:

- (a) a prominent statement disclosing which auditing standards have been applied;
- (b) an explanation of any significant departures from International Standards on Auditing.
- 8.3 Legal and arbitration proceedings

Information on any governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings (including any such proceedings which are pending or threatened of which the company is aware), during a period covering at least the previous 12 months, which may have, or have had in the recent past, significant effects on the issuer and/or group's financial position or profitability, or provide an appropriate negative statement.

8.4 Material adverse change in the issuer's financial position

Where an issuer has prepared financial statements, include a statement that there has been no material adverse change in the financial position or prospects of the issuer since the date of its last published audited financial statements. Where a material adverse change has occurred, this must be disclosed in the registration document.

- THIRD PARTY INFORMATION AND STATEMENT BY EXPERTS AND DE-CLARATIONS OF ANY INTEREST
- 9.1 Where a statement or report attributed to a person as an expert is included in the Registration Document, provide such person's name, business address, qualifications and material interest if any in the issuer. If the report has been produced at the issuer's request a statement to that effect that such statement or report is included, in the form and context in which it is included, with the consent of that person who has authorised the contents of that part of the Registration Document.
- 9.2 Where information has been sourced from a third party, provide a confirmation that this information has been accurately reproduced and that as far as the issuer is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by that third party, no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading. In addition, the issuer shall identify the source(s) of the information.
- 10. DOCUMENTS ON DISPLAY
- 10.1 A statement that for the life of the registration document the following documents (or copies thereof), where applicable, may be inspected:
 - (a) the memorandum and articles of association of the issuer;
 - (b) all reports, letters, and other documents, historical financial information, valuations and statements prepared by any expert at the issuer's request any part of which is included or referred to in the registration document;
 - (c) the historical financial information of the issuer or, in the case of a group, the historical financial information of the issuer and its subsidiary undertakings for each of the two financial years preceding the publication of the registration document.

An indication of where the documents on display may be inspected, by physical or electronic means.

ANNEX VIII

Minimum Disclosure Requirements for the Asset Backed Securities additional **Building Block**

- 1 THE SECURITIES
- 1.1 The minimum denomination of an issue
- 1.2 Where information is disclosed about an undertaking/obligor which is not involved in the issue, provide a confirmation that the information relating to the undertaking/obligor has been accurately reproduced from information published by the undertaking/obligor. So far as the issuer is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by the undertaking/obligor no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information misleading.

In addition, identify the source(s) of information in the Securities Note that has been reproduced from information published by an undertaking/obligor.

- 2 THE UNDERLYING ASSETS
- 2.1 Confirmation that the securitised assets backing the issue have characteristics that demonstrate capacity to produce funds to service any payments due and payable on the securities.
- 2.2 In respect of a pool of discrete assets backing the issue:
- 2.2.1 The legal jurisdiction by which the pool of assets is governed
- 2.2.2 (a) In the case of a small number of easily identifiable obligors, a general description of each obligor.
 - (b) In all other cases, a description of: the general characteristics of the obligors; and the economic environment, as well as global statistical data referred to the securitised assets.
- 2.2.3 the legal nature of the assets;
- 2.2.4 the expiry or maturity date(s) of the assets;
- 2.2.5 the amount of the assets:
- 2.2.6 loan to value ratio or level of collateralisation;
- 2.2.7 the method of origination or creation of the assets, and for loans and credit agreements, the principal lending criteria and an indication of any loans which do not meet these criteria and any rights or obligations to make further advances;
- 2.2.8 an indication of significant representations and collaterals given to the issuer relating to the assets;
- 2.2.9 any rights to substitute the assets and a description of the manner in which and the type of assets which may be so substituted; if there is any capacity to substitute assets with a different class or quality of assets a statement to that effect together with a description of the impact of such substitution;
- 2.2.10 a description of any relevant insurance policies relating to the assets. Any concentration with one insurer must be disclosed if it is material to the transaction.
- 2.2.11 Where the assets comprise obligations of 5 or fewer obligors which are legal persons or where an obligor accounts for 20% or more of the assets, or where an obligor accounts for a material portion of the assets, so far as the issuer is aware and/or is able to ascertain from information published by the obligor(s) indicate either of the following:
 - (a) information relating to each obligor as if it were an issuer drafting a Registration Document for debt and derivative securities with an individual denomination of at least EUR 100 000;

- (b) if an obligor or guarantor has securities already admitted to trading on a regulated or equivalent market or the obligations are guaranteed by an entity admitted to trading on a regulated or equivalent market, the name, address, country of incorporation, nature of business and name of the market in which its securities are admitted.
- 2.2.12 If a relationship exists that is material to the issue, between the issuer, guarantor and obligor, details of the principal terms of that relationship.
- 2.2.13 Where the assets comprise obligations that are not traded on a regulated or equivalent market, a description of the principal terms and conditions of the obligations.
- 2.2.14 Where the assets comprise equity securities that are admitted to trading on a regulated or equivalent market indicate the following:
 - (a) a description of the securities;
 - (b) a description of the market on which they are traded including its date of establishment, how price information is published, an indication of daily trading volumes, information as to the standing of the market in the country and the name of the market's regulatory authority;
 - (c) the frequency with which prices of the relevant securities, are published.
- 2.2.15 Where more than ten (10) per cent of the assets comprise equity securities that are not traded on a regulated or equivalent market, a description of those equity securities and equivalent information to that contained in the schedule for share Registration Document in respect of each issuer of those securities.
- 2.2.16 Where a material portion of the assets are secured on or backed by real property, a valuation report relating to the property setting out both the valuation of the property and cash flow/income streams.

Compliance with this disclosure is not required if the issue is of securities backed by mortgage loans with property as security, where there has been no revaluation of the properties for the purpose of the issue, and it is clearly stated that the valuations quoted are as at the date of the original initial mortgage loan origination.

- 2.3 In respect of an actively managed pool of assets backing the issue:
- 2.3.1 equivalent information to that contained in items 2.1 and 2.2 to allow an assessment of the type, quality, sufficiency and liquidity of the asset types in the portfolio which will secure the issue;
- 2.3.2 the parameters within which investments can be made, the name and description of the entity responsible for such management including a description of that entity's expertise and experience, a summary of the provisions relating to the termination of the appointment of such entity and the appointment of an alternative management entity, and a description of that entity's relationship with any other parties to the issue.
- 2. 4 Where an issuer proposes to issue further securities backed by the same assets, a prominent statement to that effect and unless those further securities are fungible with or are subordinated to those classes of existing debt, a description of how the holders of that class will be informed.
- 3 STRUCTURE AND CASH FLOW
- 3.1 Description of the structure of the transaction, including, if necessary, a structure diagram.
- 3.2 Description of the entities participating in the issue and description of the functions to be performed by them.

- 3.3 Description of the method and date of the sale, transfer, novation or assignment of the assets or of any rights and/or obligations in the assets to the issuer or, where applicable, the manner and time period in which the proceeds from the issue will be fully invested by the issuer.
- 3.4 An explanation of the flow of funds including:
- 3.4.1 how the cash flow from the assets will meet the issuer's obligations to holders of the securities, including, if necessary, a financial service table and a description of the assumptions used in developing the table;
- 3.4.2 information on any credit enhancements, an indication of where material potential liquidity shortfalls may occur and the availability of any liquidity supports and indication of provisions designed to cover interest/principal shortfall risks;
- 3.4.3 without prejudice to item 3.4.2, details of any subordinated debt finance;
- 3.4.4 an indication of any investment parameters for the investment of temporary liquidity surpluses and description of the parties responsible for such investment;
- 3.4.5 how payments are collected in respect of the assets;
- 3.4.6 the order of priority of payments made by the issuer to the holders of the class of securities in question;
- 3.4.7 details of any other arrangements upon which payments of interest and principal to investors are dependent;
- 3.5 the name, address and significant business activities of the originators of the securitised assets;
- where the return on, and/or repayment of the security is linked to the 3.6 performance or credit of other assets which are not assets of the issuer, items 2.2 and 2.3 are necessary;
- 3.7 the name, address and significant business activities of the administrator, calculation agent or equivalent, together with a summary of the administrator's/calculation agents responsibilities, their relationship with the originator or the creator of the assets and a summary of the provisions relating to the termination of the appointment of the administrator/calculation agent and the appointment of an alternative administrator/calculation agent;
- 3.8 the names and addresses and brief description of:
 - (a) any swap counterparties and any providers of other material forms of credit/liquidity enhancement;
 - (b) the banks with which the main accounts relating to the transaction are held.
- 4. POST ISSUANCE REPORTING
- 4.1 Indication in the prospectus whether or not it intends to provide postissuance transaction information regarding securities to be admitted to trading and the performance of the underlying collateral. Where the issuer has indicated that it intends to report such information, specify in the prospectus what information will be reported, where such information can be obtained, and the frequency with which such information will be reported.

ANNEX IX

Minimum Disclosure Requirements for the Debt and Derivative securities Registration Document (schedule)

(Debt and derivative securities with a denomination per unit of at least EUR 100 000)

1. PERSONS RESPONSIBLE

- 1.1. All persons responsible for the information given in the Registration Document and, as the case may be, for certain parts of it, with, in the latter case, an indication of such parts. In the case of natural persons including members of the issuer's administrative, management or supervisory bodies indicate the name and function of the person; in case of legal persons indicate the name and registered office.
- 1.2. A declaration by those responsible for the registration document that, having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case, the information contained in the registration document is, to the best of their knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import. As the case may be, declaration by those responsible for certain parts of the registration document that, having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case, the information contained in the part of the registration document for which they are responsible is, to the best of their knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import.
- 2. STATUTORY AUDITORS
- 2.1. Names and addresses of the issuer's auditors for the period covered by the historical financial information (together with their membership in a professional body).
- If auditors have resigned, been removed or not been re-appointed during the period covered by the historical financial information, details if material.
- 3 RISK FACTORS
- 3.1 Prominent disclosure of risk factors that may affect the issuer's ability to fulfil its obligations under the securities to investors in a section headed "Risk Factors".
- 4. INFORMATION ABOUT THE ISSUER
- 4.1. History and development of the Issuer:
- 4.1.1. the legal and commercial name of the issuer;
- 4.1.2. the place of registration of the issuer and its registration number;
- 4.1.3. the date of incorporation and the length of life of the issuer, except where indefinite;
- 4.1.4. the domicile and legal form of the issuer, the legislation under which the issuer operates, its country of incorporation, and the address and telephone number of its registered office (or principal place of business if different from its registered office);
- 4.1.5. any recent events particular to the issuer and which are to a material extent relevant to the evaluation of the issuer's solvency.
- BUSINESS OVERVIEW
- 5.1. Principal activities:
- 5.1.1. A brief description of the issuer's principal activities stating the main categories of products sold and/or services performed;
- 5.1.2. The basis for any statements in the registration document made by the issuer regarding its competitive position.
- ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE
- 6.1. If the issuer is part of a group, a brief description of the group and of the issuer's position within it.
- 6.2. If the issuer is dependent upon other entities within the group, this must be clearly stated together with an explanation of this dependence.
- 7. TREND INFORMATION

7.1. Include a statement that there has been no material adverse change in the prospects of the issuer since the date of its last published audited financial statements.

> In the event that the issuer is unable to make such a statement, provide details of this material adverse change.

PROFIT FORECASTS OR ESTIMATES 8.

> If an issuer chooses to include a profit forecast or a profit estimate, the registration document must contain the information items 8.1 and 8.2 the following:

8.1. A statement setting out the principal assumptions upon which the issuer has based its forecast, or estimate.

> There must be a clear distinction between assumptions about factors which the members of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies can influence and assumptions about factors which are exclusively outside the influence of the members of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies; be readily understandable by investors; be specific and precise; and not relate to the general accuracy of the estimates underlying the forecast.

- 8.2. Any profit forecast set out in the registration document must be accompanied by a statement confirming that the said forecast has been properly prepared on the basis stated and that the basis of accounting is consistent with the accounting policies of the issuer.
- 8.3. The profit forecast or estimate must be prepared on a basis comparable with the historical financial information.
- 9. ADMINISTRATIVE, MANAGEMENT, AND SUPERVISORY BODIES
- 9.1 Names, business addresses and functions in the issuer of the following persons, and an indication of the principal activities performed by them outside the issuer where these are significant with respect to that issuer:
 - (a) members of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies;
 - (b) partners with unlimited liability, in the case of a limited partnership with a share capital.
- 9.2 Administrative, Management, and Supervisory bodies conflicts of interests

Potential conflicts of interests between any duties to the issuing entity of the persons referred to in item 9.1 and their private interests and or other duties must be clearly stated. In the event that there are no such conflicts, a statement to that effect.

- 10. MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS
- 10.1. To the extent known to the issuer, state whether the issuer is directly or indirectly owned or controlled and by whom, and describe the nature of such control, and describe the measures in place to ensure that such control is not abused.
- 10.2. A description of any arrangements, known to the issuer, the operation of which may at a subsequent date result in a change in control of the issuer.
- 11. FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ISSUER'S ASSETS AND LI-ABILITIES, FINANCIAL POSITION AND PROFITS AND LOSSES
- 11.1. Historical Financial Information

Audited historical financial information covering the latest 2 financial years (or such shorter period that the issuer has been in operation), and the audit report in respect of each year. If the issuer has changed its accounting reference date during the period for which historical financial information is required, the audited historical information shall

cover at least 24 months, or the entire period for which the issuer has been in operation, whichever is the shorter. Such financial information must be prepared according to Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002, or if not applicable to a Member State's national accounting standards for issuers from the Community. For third country issuers, such financial information must be prepared according to the international accounting standards adopted pursuant to the procedure of Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002 or to a third country's national accounting standards equivalent to these standards. Otherwise, the following information must be included in the registration document:

- (a) a prominent statement that the financial information included in the registration document has not been prepared in accordance with the international accounting standards adopted pursuant to the procedure of Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002 and that there may be material differences in the financial information had Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002 been applied to the historical financial information;
- (b) immediately following the historical financial information a narrative description of the differences between the international accounting standards adopted pursuant to the procedure of Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002 and the accounting principles adopted by the issuer in preparing its annual financial statements;

The most recent year's historical financial information must be presented and prepared in a form consistent with that which will be adopted in the issuer's next published annual financial statements having regard to accounting standards and policies and legislation applicable to such annual financial statements.

If the audited financial information is prepared according to national accounting standards, the financial information required under this heading must include at least the following:

- (a) the balance sheet;
- (b) the income statement;
- (c) the accounting policies and explanatory notes.

The historical annual financial information must be independently audited or reported on as to whether or not, for the purposes of the registration document, it gives a true and fair view, in accordance with auditing standards applicable in a Member State or an equivalent standard. Otherwise, the following information must be included in the registration document:

- (a) a prominent statement disclosing which auditing standards have been applied;
- (b) an explanation of any significant departures from International Standards on Auditing.

11.2. Financial statements

If the issuer prepares both own and consolidated financial statements, include at least the consolidated financial statements in the registration document.

- 11.3. Auditing of historical annual financial information
- 11.3.1. A statement that the historical financial information has been audited. If audit reports on the historical financial information have been refused by the statutory auditors or if they contain qualifications or disclaimers, such refusal or such qualifications or disclaimers must be reproduced in full and the reasons given.
- 11.3.2. An indication of other information in the registration document which has been audited by the auditors.

- 11.3.3. Where financial data in the registration document is not extracted from the issuer's audited financial statements, state the source of the data and state that the data is unaudited.
- Age of latest financial information 11.4.
- The last year of audited financial information may not be older than 11.4.1. 18 months from the date of the registration document.
- 11.5. Legal and arbitration proceedings

Information on any governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings (including any such proceedings which are pending or threatened of which the issuer is aware), during a period covering at least the previous 12 months which may have, or have had in the recent past, significant effects on the issuer and/or group's financial position or profitability, or provide an appropriate negative statement.

11.6. Significant change in the issuer's financial or trading position

> A description of any significant change in the financial or trading position of the group which has occurred since the end of the last financial period for which either audited financial information or interim financial information have been published, or an appropriate negative statement.

12. MATERIAL CONTRACTS

> A brief summary of all material contracts that are not entered into in the ordinary course of the issuer's business, which could result in any group member being under an obligation or entitlement that is material to the issuer's ability to meet its obligation to security holders in respect of the securities being issued.

- 13. THIRD PARTY INFORMATION AND STATEMENT BY EXPERTS AND DE-CLARATIONS OF ANY INTEREST
- 13.1 Where a statement or report attributed to a person as an expert is included in the Registration Document, provide such person's name, business address, qualifications and material interest if any in the issuer. If the report has been produced at the issuer's request a statement to that effect that such statement or report is included, in the form and context in which it is included, with the consent of that person who has authorised the contents of that part of the Registration Document.
- 13.2 THIRD PARTY INFORMATION

Where information has been sourced from a third party, provide a confirmation that this information has been accurately reproduced and that as far as the issuer is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by that third party, no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading; in addition, identify the source(s) of the information.

14. **DOCUMENTS ON DISPLAY**

> A statement that for the life of the registration document the following documents (or copies thereof), where applicable, may be inspected:

- (a) the memorandum and articles of association of the issuer;
- (b) all reports, letters, and other documents, historical financial information, valuations and statements prepared by any expert at the issuer's request any part of which is included or referred to in the registration document:
- (c) the historical financial information of the issuer or, in the case of a group, the historical financial information of the issuer and its subsidiary undertakings for each of the two financial years preceding the publication of the registration document.

An indication of where the documents on display may be inspected, by physical or electronic means.

ANNEX X

Minimum Disclosure Requirements for the Depository Receipts issued over shares (schedule)

INFORMATION ABOUT THE ISSUER OF THE UNDERLYING SHARES

1. PERSONS RESPONSIBLE

- 1.1. All persons responsible for the information given in the prospectus and, as the case may be, for certain parts of it, with, in the latter case, an indication of such parts. In the case of natural persons including members of the issuer's administrative, management or supervisory bodies indicate the name and function of the person; in case of legal persons indicate the name and registered office.
- 1.2. A declaration by those responsible for the prospectus that, having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case, the information contained in the prospectus is, to the best of their knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import. As the case may be, declaration by those responsible for certain parts of the prospectus that, having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case, the information contained in the part of the prospectus for which they are responsible is, to the best of their knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import.
- STATUTORY AUDITORS
- 2.1. Names and addresses of the issuer's auditors for the period covered by the historical financial information (together with their membership in a professional body).
- 2.2. If auditors have resigned, been removed or not been re-appointed during the period covered by the historical financial information, indicate details if material.
- 3. SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION
- 3.1. Selected historical financial information regarding the issuer, presented for each financial year for the period covered by the historical financial information, and any subsequent interim financial period, in the same currency as the financial information.
 - The selected historical financial information must provide the key figures that summarise the financial condition of the issuer.
- 3.2. If selected financial information for interim periods is provided, comparative data from the same period in the prior financial year shall also be provided, except that the requirement for comparative balance sheet information is satisfied by presenting the year end balance sheet information.
- RISK FACTORS

Prominent disclosure of risk factors that are specific to the issuer or its industry in a section headed "Risk Factors".

- 5. INFORMATION ABOUT THE ISSUER
- 5.1. History and Development of the Issuer.
- 5.1.1. the legal and commercial name of the issuer;
- 5.1.2. the place of registration of the issuer and its registration number;
- 5.1.3. the date of incorporation and the length of life of the issuer, except where indefinite;

- 5.1.4. the domicile and legal form of the issuer, the legislation under which the issuer operates, its country of incorporation, and the address and telephone number of its registered office (or principal place of business if different from its registered office);
- the important events in the development of the issuer's business. 5.1.5.
- 5.2. Investments
- A description, (including the amount) of the issuer's principal invest-5.2.1. ments for each financial year for the period covered by the historical financial information up to the date of the prospectus;
- 5.2.2. A description of the issuer's principal investments that are currently in progress, including the distribution of these investments geographically (home and abroad) and the method of financing (internal or external);
- 5.2.3. Information concerning the issuer's principal future investments on which its management bodies have already made firm commitments.
- 6. **BUSINESS OVERVIEW**
- 6.1. **Principal Activities**
- A description of, and key factors relating to, the nature of the issuer's 6.1.1. operations and its principal activities, stating the main categories of products sold and/or services performed for each financial year for the period covered by the historical financial information;
- An indication of any significant new products and/or services that have 6.1.2. been introduced and, to the extent the development of new products or services has been publicly disclosed, give the status of development.
- 6.2. **Principal Markets**

A description of the principal markets in which the issuer competes, including a breakdown of total revenues by category of activity and geographic market for each financial year for the period covered by the historical financial information.

- Where the information given pursuant to items 6.1. and 6.2. has been 6.3. influenced by exceptional factors, mention that fact.
- 6.4. If material to the issuer's business or profitability, disclose summary information regarding the extent to which the issuer is dependent, on patents or licences, industrial, commercial or financial contracts or new manufacturing processes.
- The basis for any statements made by the issuer regarding its competit-6.5. ive position.
- 7. **ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**
- If the issuer is part of a group, a brief description of the group and the 7.1. issuer's position within the group.
- A list of the issuer's significant subsidiaries, including name, country of 7.2. incorporation or residence, proportion of ownership interest and, if different, proportion of voting power held.
- 8. PROPERTY, PLANTS AND EQUIPMENT
- 8.1. Information regarding any existing or planned material tangible fixed assets, including leased properties, and any major encumbrances thereon.
- 8.2. A description of any environmental issues that may affect the issuer's utilisation of the tangible fixed assets.
- 9. OPERATING AND FINANCIAL REVIEW

9.1. Financial Condition

To the extent not covered elsewhere in the prospectus, provide a description of the issuer's financial condition, changes in financial condition and results of operations for each year and interim period, for which historical financial information is required, including the causes of material changes from year to year in the financial information to the extent necessary for an understanding of the issuer's business as a whole.

9.2. Operating Results

- 9.2.1. Information regarding significant factors, including unusual or infrequent events or new developments, materially affecting the issuer's income from operations, indicating the extent to which income was so affected.
- 9.2.2. Where the financial statements disclose material changes in net sales or revenues, provide a narrative discussion of the reasons for such changes.
- 9.2.3. Information regarding any governmental, economic, fiscal, monetary or political policies or factors that have materially affected, or could materially affect, directly or indirectly, the issuer's operations.
- CAPITAL RESOURCES
- 10.1. Information concerning the issuer's capital resources (both short and long term);
- 10.2. An explanation of the sources and amounts of and a narrative description of the issuer's cash flows;
- 10.3. Information on the borrowing requirements and funding structure of the issuer;
- 10.4. Information regarding any restrictions on the use of capital resources that have materially affected, or could materially affect, directly or indirectly, the issuer's operations.
- 10.5. Information regarding the anticipated sources of funds needed to fulfil commitments referred to in items 5.2.3. and 8.1.
- 11. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, PATENTS AND LICENCES

Where material, provide a description of the issuer's research and development policies for each financial year for the period covered by the historical financial information, including the amount spent on issuer-sponsored research and development activities.

- 12. TREND INFORMATION
- 12.1. The most significant recent trends in production, sales and inventory, and costs and selling prices since the end of the last financial year to the date of the prospectus.
- 12.2. Information on any known trends, uncertainties, demands, commitments or events that are reasonably likely to have a material effect on the issuer's prospects for at least the current financial year.
- 13. PROFIT FORECASTS OR ESTIMATES

If an issuer chooses to include a profit forecast or a profit estimate the prospectus must contain the information items 13.1 and 13.2:

13.1. A statement setting out the principal assumptions upon which the issuer has based its forecast, or estimate.

There must be a clear distinction between assumptions about factors which the members of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies can influence and assumptions about factors which are exclusively outside the influence of the members of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies; the assumptions must be readily under-

- standable by investors, be specific and precise and not relate to the general accuracy of the estimates underlying the forecast.
- 13.2. A report prepared by independent accountants or auditors stating that in the opinion of the independent accountants or auditors the forecast or estimate has been properly compiled on the basis stated, and that the basis of accounting used for the profit forecast or estimate is consistent with the accounting policies of the issuer.

Where financial information relates to the previous financial year and only contains non misleading figures substantially consistent with the final figures to be published in the next annual audited financial statements for the previous financial year, and the explanatory information necessary to assess the figures, a report shall not be required provided that the prospectus includes all of the following statements:

- (a) the person responsible for this financial information, if different from the one which is responsible for the prospectus in general, approves that information;
- (b) independent accountants or auditors have agreed that this information is substantially consistent with the final figures to be published in the next annual audited financial statements;
- (c) this financial information has not been audited.
- 13.3. The profit forecast or estimate prepared on a basis comparable with the historical financial information.
- 13.4. If the issuer has published a profit forecast in a prospectus which is still outstanding, provide a statement setting out whether or not that forecast is still correct as at the time of the prospectus, and an explanation of why such forecast is no longer valid if that is the case.
- 14. ADMINISTRATIVE, MANAGEMENT, AND SUPERVISORY BODIES AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT
- 14.1. Names, business addresses and functions in the issuer of the following persons and an indication of the principal activities performed by them outside that issuer where these are significant with respect to that
 - (a) members of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies;
 - (b) partners with unlimited liability, in the case of a limited partnership with a share capital;
 - (c) founders, if the issuer has been established for fewer than five
 - (d) any senior manager who is relevant to establishing that the issuer has the appropriate expertise and experience for the management of the issuer's business.

The nature of any family relationship between any of those persons.

In the case of each member of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies of the issuer and person described in points (b) and (d) of the first sub-paragraph, details of that person's relevant management expertise and experience and the following information:

- (a) the names of all companies and partnerships of which such person has been a member of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies or partner at any time in the previous five years, indicating whether or not the individual is still a member of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies or partner. It is not necessary to list all the subsidiaries of an issuer of which the person is also a member of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies;
- (b) any convictions in relation to fraudulent offences for at least the previous five years;

(c) details of any bankruptcies, receiverships or liquidations with which a person described in points (a) and (d) of the first subparagraph who was acting in the capacity of any of the positions set out in points (a) and (d) of the first subparagraph member of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies was associated for at least the previous five years;

(d) details of any official public incrimination and/or sanctions of such person by statutory or regulatory authorities (including designated professional bodies) and whether such person has ever been disqualified by a court from acting as a member of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies of an issuer or from acting in the management or conduct of the affairs of any issuer for at least the previous five years.

If there is no such information to be disclosed, a statement to that effect must be made.

14.2. Administrative, Management, and Supervisory bodies and Senior Management conflicts of interests

Potential conflicts of interests between any duties to the issuer of the persons referred to in the first sub-paragraph of item 14.1. and their private interests and or other duties must be clearly stated. In the event that there are no such conflicts, make a statement to that effect.

Any arrangement or understanding with major shareholders, customers, suppliers or others, pursuant to which any person referred to in the first sub-paragraph of item 14.1 was selected as a member of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies or member of senior management.

15. REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

In relation to the last full financial year for those persons referred to in points (a) and (d) of the first sub-paragraph of item 14.1:

15.1. The amount of remuneration paid (including any contingent or deferred compensation), and benefits in kind granted, to such persons by the issuer and its subsidiaries for services in all capacities to the issuer and its subsidiaries by any person.

This information must be provided on an individual basis unless individual disclosure is not required in the issuer's home country and is not otherwise publicly disclosed by the issuer.

- 15.2. The total amounts set aside or accrued by the issuer or its subsidiaries to provide pension, retirement or similar benefits.
- BOARD PRACTICES

In relation to the issuer's last completed financial year, and unless otherwise specified, with respect to those persons referred to in point (a) of the first subparagraph of item 14.1.

- 16.1. Date of expiration of the current term of office, if applicable, and the period during which the person has served in that office.
- 16.2. Information about members of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies' service contracts with the issuer or any of its subsidiaries providing for benefits upon termination of employment, or an appropriate negative statement.
- 16.3. Information about the issuer's audit committee and remuneration committee, including the names of committee members and a summary of the terms of reference under which the committee operates.
- 16.4. A statement as to whether or not the issuer complies with its country's of incorporation corporate governance regime(s). In the event that the issuer does not comply with such a regime, a statement to that effect

together with an explanation regarding why the issuer does not comply with such regime.

17. **EMPLOYEES**

17.1. Either the number of employees at the end of the period or the average for each financial year for the period covered by the historical financial information up to the date of the prospectus (and changes in such numbers, if material) and, if possible and material, a breakdown of persons employed by main category of activity and geographic location. If the issuer employs a significant number of temporary employees, include disclosure of the number of temporary employees on average during the most recent financial year.

17.2. Shareholdings and stock options

With respect to each person referred to in points (a) and (b) of the first subparagraph of item 14.1., provide information as to their share ownership and any options over such shares in the issuer as of the most recent practicable date.

Description of any arrangements for involving the employees in the 17.3. capital of the issuer.

18. **MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS**

- 18.1. In so far as is known to the issuer, the name of any person other than a member of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies who, directly or indirectly, has an interest notifiable under the issuer's national law in the issuer's capital or voting rights, together with the amount of each such person's interest or, if there are no such persons, an appropriate negative statement.
- 18.2. Whether the issuer's major shareholders have different voting rights, or an appropriate negative statement.
- 18.3. To the extent known to the issuer, state whether the issuer is directly or indirectly owned or controlled and by whom and describe the nature of such control and describe the measures in place to ensure that such control is not abused.
- 18.4. A description of any arrangements, known to the issuer, the operation of which may at a subsequent date result in a change in control of the

19. **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Details of related party transactions (which for these purposes are those set out in the Standards adopted according to Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002), that the issuer has entered into during the period covered by the historical financial information and up to the date of the prospectus must be disclosed in accordance with the respective standard adopted according to Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002 if applicable.

If such standards do not apply to the issuer the following information must be disclosed:

- (a) The nature and extent of any transactions which are as a single transaction or in their entirety - material to the issuer. Where such related party transactions are not concluded at arm's length provide an explanation of why these transactions were not concluded at arms length. In the case of outstanding loans including guarantees of any kind indicate the amount outstanding.
- (b) The amount or the percentage to which related party transactions form part of the turnover of the issuer.
- 20. FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ISSUER'S ASSETS AND LI-ABILITIES, FINANCIAL POSITION AND PROFITS AND LOSSES

20.1. Historical Financial Information

Audited historical financial information covering the latest 3 financial years (or such shorter period that the issuer has been in operation), and the audit report in respect of each year. If the issuer has changed its accounting reference date during the period for which historical financial information is required, the audited historical information shall cover at least 36 months, or the entire period for which the issuer has been in operation, whichever is the shorter. Such financial information must be prepared according to Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002, or if not applicable to a Member State's national accounting standards for issuers from the Community. For third country issuers, such financial information must be prepared according to the international accounting standards adopted pursuant to the procedure of Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002 or to a third country's national accounting standards equivalent to these standards. If such financial information is not equivalent to these standards, it must be presented in the form of restated financial statements.

The last two years audited historical financial information must be presented and prepared in a form consistent with that which will be adopted in the issuer's next published annual financial statements having regard to accounting standards and policies and legislation applicable to such annual financial statements.

If the issuer has been operating in its current sphere of economic activity for less than one year, the audited historical financial information covering that period must be prepared in accordance with the standards applicable to annual financial statements under Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002, or if not applicable to a Member State's national accounting standards where the issuer is an issuer from the Community. For third country issuers, the historical financial information must be prepared according to the international accounting standards adopted pursuant to the procedure of Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002 or to a third country's national accounting standards equivalent to these standards. This historical financial information must be audited.

If the audited financial information is prepared according to national accounting standards, the financial information required under this heading must include at least the following:

- (a) the balance sheet;
- (b) the income statement;
- (c) a statement showing either all changes in equity or changes in equity other than those arising from capital transactions with owners and distributions to owners;
- (d) the cash flow statement;
- (e) the accounting policies and explanatory notes.

The historical annual financial information must be independently audited or reported on as to whether or not, for the purposes of the prospectus, it gives a true and fair view, in accordance with auditing standards applicable in a Member State or an equivalent standard.

20.1.bis This paragraph may be used only for issues of depository receipts having a denomination per unit of at least EUR 100 000.

Audited historical financial information covering the latest 3 financial years (or such shorter period that the issuer has been in operation), and the audit report in respect of each year. If the issuer has changed its accounting reference date during the period for which historical financial information is required, the audited historical information shall cover at least 36 months, or the entire period for which the issuer has been in operation, whichever is the shorter. Such financial information

must be prepared according to Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002, or if not applicable to a Member State's national accounting standards for issuers from the Community. For third country issuers, such financial information must be prepared according to the international accounting standards adopted pursuant to the procedure of Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002 or to a third country's national accounting standards equivalent to these standards. Otherwise, the following information must be included in the prospectus:

- (a) a prominent statement that the financial information included in the registration document has not been prepared in accordance with the international accounting standards adopted pursuant to the procedure of Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002 and that there may be material differences in the financial information had Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002 been applied to the historical financial information;
- (b) immediately following the historical financial information a narrative description of the differences between the international accounting standards adopted pursuant to the procedure of Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002 and the accounting principles adopted by the issuer in preparing its annual financial statements.

The last two years audited historical financial information must be presented and prepared in a form consistent with that which will be adopted in the issuer's next published annual financial statements having regard to accounting standards and policies and legislation applicable to such annual financial statements.

If the audited financial information is prepared according to national accounting standards, the financial information required under this heading must include at least the following:

- (a) the balance sheet;
- (b) the income statement;
- (c) a statement showing either all changes in equity or changes in equity other than those arising from capital transactions with owners and distributions to owners;
- (d) the cash flow statement;
- (e) the accounting policies and explanatory notes.

The historical annual financial information must be independently audited or reported on as to whether or not, for the purposes of the prospectus, it gives a true and fair view, in accordance with auditing standards applicable in a Member State or an equivalent standard. Otherwise, the following information must be included in the prospectus:

- (a) a prominent statement disclosing which auditing standards have been applied;
- (b) an explanation of any significant departures from International Standards on Auditing.

20.2. Financial statements

If the issuer prepares both own and consolidated annual financial statements, include at least the consolidated annual financial statements in the prospectus.

- 20.3. Auditing of historical annual financial information
- 20.3.1. A statement that the historical financial information has been audited. If audit reports on the historical financial information have been refused by the statutory auditors or if they contain qualifications or disclaimers, such refusal or such qualifications or disclaimers must be reproduced in full and the reasons given.

- 20.3.2. Indication of other information in the prospectus which has been audited by the auditors.
- 20.3.3. Where financial data in the prospectus is not extracted from the issuer's audited financial statements state the source of the data and state that the data is unaudited.
- 20.4. Age of latest financial information
- 20.4.1. The last year of audited financial information may not be older than:
 - (a) 18 months from the date of the prospectus if the issuer includes audited interim financial statements in the prospectus;
 - (b) 15 months from the date of the prospectus if the issuer includes unaudited interim financial statements in the prospectus.
- 20.5. Interim and other financial information
- 20.5.1. If the issuer has published quarterly or half yearly financial information since the date of its last audited financial statements, these must be included in the prospectus. If the quarterly or half yearly financial information has been reviewed or audited the audit or review report must also be included. If the quarterly or half yearly financial information is unaudited or has not been reviewed, state that fact.
- 20.5.2. If the prospectus is dated more than nine months after the end of the last audited financial year, it must contain interim financial information, which may be unaudited (in which case that fact shall be stated) covering at least the first six months of the financial year.

The interim financial information must include comparative statements for the same period in the prior financial year, except that the requirement for comparative balance sheet information may be satisfied by presenting the years end balance sheet.

20.6. <u>Dividend policy</u>

A description of the issuer's policy on dividend distributions and any restrictions thereon.

- 20.6.1. The amount of the dividend per share for each financial year for the period covered by the historical financial information adjusted, where the number of shares in the issuer has changed, to make it comparable.
- 20.7. Legal and arbitration proceedings

Information on any governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings (including any such proceedings which are pending or threatened of which the issuer is aware), during a period covering at least the previous 12 months which may have, or have had in the recent past significant effects on the issuer and/or group's financial position or profitability, or provide an appropriate negative statement.

20.8. Significant change in the issuer's financial or trading position

A description of any significant change in the financial or trading position of the group which has occurred since the end of the last financial period for which either audited financial information or interim financial information have been published, or provide an appropriate negative statement.

- 21. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
- 21.1. Share Capital

The following information as of the date of the most recent balance sheet included in the historical financial information:

- 21.1.1. The amount of issued capital, and for each class of share capital:
 - (a) the number of shares authorised;
 - (b) the number of shares issued and fully paid and issued but not fully paid;
 - (c) the par value per share, or that the shares have no par value;
 - (d) a reconciliation of the number of shares outstanding at the beginning and end of the year. If more than 10% of capital has been paid for with assets other than cash within the period covered by the historical financial information, state that fact.
- 21.1.2. If there are shares not representing capital, state the number and main characteristics of such shares.
- 21.1.3. The number, book value and face value of shares in the issuer held by or on behalf of the issuer itself or by subsidiaries of the issuer.
- 21.1.4. The amount of any convertible securities, exchangeable securities or securities with warrants, with an indication of the conditions governing and the procedures for conversion, exchange or subscription.
- Information about and terms of any acquisition rights and or obliga-21.1.5. tions over authorised but unissued capital or an undertaking to increase the capital.
- Information about any capital of any member of the group which is un-21.1.6. der option or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be put under option and details of such options including those persons to whom such options relate.
- 21.1.7. A history of share capital, highlighting information about any changes, for the period covered by the historical financial information.
- 21.2. Memorandum and Articles of Association
- 21.2.1. A description of the issuer's objects and purposes and where they can be found in the memorandum and articles of association.
- 21.2.2. A summary of any provisions of the issuer's articles of association, statutes or charter and bylaws with respect to the members of the administrative, management and supervisory bodies.
- A description of the rights, preferences and restrictions attaching to 21.2.3. each class of the existing shares.
- 21.2.4. A description of what action is necessary to change the rights of holders of the shares, indicating where the conditions are more significant than is required by law.
- 21.2.5. A description of the conditions governing the manner in which annual general meetings and extraordinary general meetings of shareholders are called including the conditions of admission.
- 21.2.6. A brief description of any provision of the issuer's articles of association, statutes, charter or bylaws that would have an effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change in control of the issuer.
- 21.2.7. An indication of the articles of association, statutes, charter or bylaws provisions, if any, governing the ownership threshold above which shareholder ownership must be disclosed.
- 21.2.8. A description of the conditions imposed by the memorandum and articles of association, statutes, charter or bylaws governing changes in the capital, where such conditions are more stringent than is required by law.
- 22. MATERIAL CONTRACTS

A summary of each material contract, other than contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business, to which the issuer or any mem ber of the group is a party, for the two years immediately preceding publication of the prospectus.

A summary of any other contract (not being a contract entered into in the ordinary course of business) entered into by any member of the group which contains any provision under which any member of the group has any obligation or entitlement which is material to the group as at the date of the prospectus.

- 23. THIRD PARTY INFORMATION, STATEMENT BY EXPERTS AND DECLARA-TIONS OF ANY INTEREST
- Where a statement or report attributed to a person as an expert is included in the prospectus provide such person's name, business address, qualifications and material interest if any in the issuer. If the report has been produced at the issuer's request a statement to that effect that such statement or report is included, in the form and context in which it is included, with the consent of that person who has authorised the contents of that part of the prospectus.
- Where information has been sourced from a third party, provide a confirmation that this information has been accurately reproduced and that as far as the issuer is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by that third party, no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading. In addition, the issuer shall identify the source(s) of the information.
- 24. DOCUMENTS ON DISPLAY

A statement that for the life of the prospectus the following documents (or copies thereof), where applicable, may be inspected:

- (a) the memorandum and articles of association of the issuer;
- (b) all reports, letters, and other documents, historical financial information, valuations and statements prepared by any expert at the issuer's request any part of which is included or referred to in the prospectus;
- (c) the historical financial information of the issuer or, in the case of a group, the historical financial information for the issuer and its subsidiary undertakings for each of the two financial years preceding the publication of the prospectus.

An indication of where the documents on display may be inspected, by physical or electronic means.

- 25. INFORMATION ON HOLDINGS
- 25.1. Information relating to the undertakings in which the issuer holds a proportion of the capital likely to have a significant effect on the assessment of its own assets and liabilities, financial position or profits and losses.
- 26. <u>INFORMATION ABOUT THE ISSUER OF THE DEPOSITORY RECEIPTS</u>
- 26.1. Name, registered office and principal administrative establishment if different from the registered office.
- 26.2. Date of incorporation and length of life of the issuer, except where indefinite.
- 26.3. Legislation under which the issuer operates and legal form which it has adopted under that legislation.
- 27. INFORMATION ABOUT THE UNDERLYING SHARES
- 27.1. A description of the type and the class of the underlying shares, including the ISIN (International Security Identification Number) or other such security identification code.
- 27.2. Legislation under which the underlying shares have been created.

- 27.3. An indication whether the underlying shares are in registered form or bearer form and whether the underlying shares are in certificated form or book-entry form. In the latter case, name and address of the entity in charge of keeping the records.
- Currency of the underlying shares. 27.4.
- 27.5. A description of the rights, including any limitations of these, attached to the underlying shares and procedure for the exercise of said rights.
- 27.6. Dividend rights:
 - (a) Fixed date(s) on which the entitlement arises,
 - (b) Time limit after which entitlement to dividend lapses and an indication of the person in whose favour the lapse operates,
 - (c) Dividend restrictions and procedures for non resident holders,
 - (d) Rate of dividend or method of its calculation, periodicity and cumulative or non cumulative nature of payments.
- 27.7. Voting rights.

Pre-emption rights in offers for subscription of securities of the same class.

Right to share in the issuer's profits.

Rights to share in any surplus in the event of liquidation.

Redemption provisions.

Conversion provisions.

- 27.8. The issue date of the underlying shares if new underlying shares are being created for the issue of the depository receipts and they are not in existence at the time of issue of the depository receipts.
- If new underlying shares are being created for the issue of the deposit-27.9. ory receipts, state the resolutions, authorisations and approvals by virtue of which the new underlying shares have been or will be created and/or issued.
- 27.10. A description of any restrictions on the free transferability of the underlying shares.
- In respect of the country of registered office of the issuer and the coun-27.11. try(ies) where the offer is being made or admission to trading is being sought:
 - (a) information on taxes on the income from the underlying shares withheld at source
 - (b) indication as to whether the issuer assumes responsibility for the withholding of taxes at the source.
- 27.12. An indication of the existence of any mandatory takeover bids and/or squeeze-out and sell-out rules in relation to the underlying shares.
- 27.13. An indication of public takeover bids by third parties in respect of the issuer's equity, which have occurred during the last financial year and the current financial year. The price or exchange terms attaching to such offers and the outcome thereof must be stated.
- 27.14. Lock up agreements:

the parties involved;

content and exceptions of the agreement;

indication of the period of the lock up.

Information about selling shareholders if any 27.15.

- 27.15.1 Name and business address of the person or entity offering to sell the underlying shares, the nature of any position office or other material relationship that the selling persons has had within the past three years with the issuer of the underlying shares or any of its predecessors or affiliates.
- 27.16. Dilution
- 27.16.1 Amount and percentage of immediate dilution resulting from the offer of the depository receipts.
- 27.16.2 In the case of a subscription offer of the depository receipts to existing shareholders, disclose the amount and percentage of immediate dilutions if they do not subscribe to the offer of depository receipts.
- 27.17. Additional information where there is a simultaneous or almost simultaneous offer or admission to trading of the same class of underlying shares as those underlying shares over which the depository receipts are being issued.
- 27.17.1 If simultaneously or almost simultaneously with the creation of the depository receipts for which admission to a regulated market is being sought underlying shares of the same class as those over which the depository receipts are being issued are subscribed for or placed privately, details are to be given of the nature of such operations and of the number and characteristics of the underlying shares to which they relate.
- 27.17.2 Disclose all regulated markets or equivalent markets on which, to the knowledge of the issuer of the depository receipts, underlying shares of the same class of those over which the depository receipts are being issued are offered or admitted to trading.
- 27.17.3 To the extent known to the issuer of the depository receipts, indicate whether major shareholders, members of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies intended to subscribe in the offer, or whether any person intends to subscribe for more than five per cent of the offer.
- 28. INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEPOSITORY RECEIPTS
- 28.1. A description of the type and class of depository receipts being offered and/or admitted to trading.
- 28.2. Legislation under which the depository receipts have been created.
- 28.3. An indication whether the depository receipts are in registered or bearer form and whether the depository receipts are in certificated or book-entry form. In the latter case, include the name and address of the entity in charge of keeping the records.
- 28.4. Currency of the depository receipts.
- 28.5. Describe the rights attaching to the depository receipts, including any limitations of these attached to the depository receipts and the procedure if any for the exercise of these rights.
- 28.6. If the dividend rights attaching to depository receipts are different from the dividend rights disclosed in relation to the underlying disclose the following about the dividend rights:
 - (a) Fixed date(s) on which the entitlement arises,
 - (b) Time limit after which entitlement to dividend lapses and an indication of the person in whose favour the lapse operates,
 - (c) Dividend restrictions and procedures for non resident holders,
 - (d) Rate of dividend or method of its calculation, periodicity and cumulative or non cumulative nature of payments.

28.7. If the voting rights attaching to the depository receipts are different from the voting rights disclosed in relation to the underlying shares disclose the following about those rights:

Voting rights.

Pre-emption rights in offers for subscription of securities of the same class.

Right to share in the issuer's profits.

Rights to share in any surplus in the event of liquidation.

Redemption provisions.

Conversion provisions.

- 28.8. Describe the exercise of and benefit from the rights attaching to the underlying shares, in particular voting rights, the conditions on which the issuer of the depository receipts may exercise such rights, and measures envisaged to obtain the instructions of the depository receipt holders - and the right to share in profits and any liquidation surplus which are not passed on to the holder of the depository receipt.
- 28.9. The expected issue date of the depository receipts.
- A description of any restrictions on the free transferability of the de-28.10. pository receipts.
- 28.11. In respect of the country of registered office of the issuer and the country(ies) where the offer is being made or admission to trading is being sought:
 - (a) information on taxes on the income from the depository receipts withheld at source
 - (b) indication as to whether the issuer assumes responsibility for the withholding of taxes at the source.
- Bank or other guarantees attached to the depository receipts and in-28.12. tended to underwrite the issuer's obligations.
- 28.13. Possibility of obtaining the delivery of the depository receipts into original shares and procedure for such delivery.
- 29. INFORMATION ABOUT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE OFFER OF THE DEPOSITORY RECEIPTS
- Conditions, offer statistics, expected timetable and action required to 29.1. apply for the offer
- 29.1.1. Total amount of the issue/offer, distinguishing the securities offered for sale and those offered for subscription; if the amount is not fixed, description of the arrangements and time for announcing to the public the definitive amount of the offer.
- The time period, including any possible amendments, during which the 29.1.2. offer will be open and description of the application process.
- 29.1.3. An indication of when, and under what circumstances, the offer may be revoked or suspended and whether revocation can occur after dealing has begun.
- 29.1.4. A description of the possibility to reduce subscriptions and the manner for refunding excess amount paid by applicants.
- 29.1.5. Details of the minimum and/or maximum amount of application (whether in number of securities or aggregate amount to invest).
- 29.1.6. An indication of the period during which an application may be withdrawn, provided that investors are allowed to withdraw their subscription.
- Method and time limits for paying up the securities and for delivery of 29.1.7. the securities.

- 29.1.8. A full description of the manner and date in which results of the offer are to be made public.
- 29.1.9. The procedure for the exercise of any right of pre-emption, the negotiability of subscription rights and the treatment of subscription rights not exercised.
- 29.2. Plan of distribution and allotment
- 29.2.1. The various categories of potential investors to which the securities are offered. If the offer is being made simultaneously in the markets of two or more countries and if a tranche has been or is being reserved for certain of these, indicate any such tranche.
- 29.2.2. To the extent known to the issuer, indicate whether major share-holders or members of the issuer's management, supervisory or administrative bodies intended to subscribe in the offer, or whether any person intends to subscribe for more than five per cent of the offer.
- 29.2.3. Pre-allotment Disclosure:
- 29.2.3.1. The division into tranches of the offer including the institutional, retail and issuer's employee tranches and any other tranches;
- 29.2.3.2. The conditions under which the claw-back may be used, the maximum size of such claw-back and any applicable minimum percentages for individual tranches;
- 29.2.3.3. The allotment method or methods to be used for the retail and issuer's employee tranche in the event of an over-subscription of these tranches;
- 29.2.3.4. A description of any pre-determined preferential treatment to be accorded to certain classes of investors or certain affinity groups (including friends and family programmes) in the allotment, the percentage of the offer reserved for such preferential treatment and the criteria for inclusion in such classes or groups.
- 29.2.3.5. Whether the treatment of subscriptions or bids to subscribe in the allotment may be determined on the basis of which firm they are made through or by;
- 29.2.3.6. A target minimum individual allotment if any within the retail tranche;
- 29.2.3.7. The conditions for the closing of the offer as well as the date on which the offer may be closed at the earliest;
- 29.2.3.8. Whether or not multiple subscriptions are admitted, and where they are not, how any multiple subscriptions will be handled.
- 29.2.3.9. Process for notification to applicants of the amount allotted and indication whether dealing may begin before notification is made.
- 29.2.4. Over-allotment and 'green shoe':
- 29.2.4.1. The existence and size of any over-allotment facility and / or 'green shoe'.
- 29.2.4.2. The existence period of the over-allotment facility and / or 'green shoe'.
- 29.2.4.3. Any conditions for the use of the over-allotment facility or exercise of the 'green shoe'.
- 29.3. Pricing
- 29.3.1. An indication of the price at which the securities will be offered. When the price is not known or when there is not an established and/or liquid market for the securities, indicate the method for determination of the offer price, including who has set the criteria or is formally responsible for its determination. Indication of the amount of any expenses and taxes specifically charged to the subscriber or purchaser.
- 29.3.2. Process for the disclosure of the offer price.

- 29.3.3 Where there is or could be a material disparity between the public offer price and the effective cash cost to members of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies or senior management, or affiliated persons, of securities acquired by them in transactions during the past year, or which they have the right to acquire, include a comparison of the public contribution in the proposed public offer and the effective cash contributions of such persons.
- 29.4. Placing and Underwriting
- 29.4.1. Name and address of the co-coordinator(s) of the global offer and of single parts of the offer and, to the extent known to the issuer, of the placers in the various countries where the offer takes place.
- 29.4.2. Name and address of any paying agents and depository agents in each country.
- 29.4.3. Name and address of the entities agreeing to underwrite the issue on a firm commitment basis, and name and address of the entities agreeing to place the issue without a firm commitment or under "best efforts" arrangements. Indication of the material features of the agreements, including the quotas. Where not all of the issue is underwritten, a statement of the portion not covered. Indication of the overall amount of the underwriting commission and of the placing commission.
- 29.4.4. When the underwriting agreement has been or will be reached.
- 30. ADMISSION TO TRADING AND DEALING ARRANGEMENTS IN THE DE-**POSITORY RECEIPTS**
- 30.1. An indication as to whether the securities offered are or will be the object of an application for admission to trading, with a view to their distribution in a regulated market or other equivalent markets with indication of the markets in question. This circumstance must be mentioned, without creating the impression that the admission to trading necessarily will be approved. If known, the earliest dates on which the securities will be admitted to trading must be given.
- 30.2. All the regulated markets or equivalent markets on which, to the knowledge of the issuer, securities of the same class of the securities to be offered or admitted to trading are already admitted to trading.
- 30.3. If simultaneously or almost simultaneously with the creation of the securities for which admission to a regulated market is being sought securities of the same class are subscribed for or placed privately or if securities of other classes are created for public or private placing, details must be given of the nature of such operations and of the number and characteristics of the securities to which they relate.
- 30.4. Name and address of the entities which have a firm commitment to act as intermediaries in secondary trading, providing liquidity through bid and offer rates and description of the main terms of their commitment.
- 30.5. Stabilisation: where an issuer or a selling shareholder has granted an over-allotment option or it is otherwise proposed that price stabilising activities may be entered into in connection with an offer:
- 30.6. The fact that stabilisation may be undertaken, that there is no assurance that it will be undertaken and that it may be stopped at any time,
- 30.7. The beginning and the end of the period during which stabilisation may occur,
- 30.8. The identity of the stabilisation manager for each relevant jurisdiction unless this is not known at the time of publication,
- 30.9. The fact that stabilisation transactions may result in a market price that is higher than would otherwise prevail.

- 31. ESSENTIAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE ISSUE OF THE DEPOSITORY RECEIPTS
- 31.1. Reasons for the offer and use of proceeds
- 31.1.1. Reasons for the offer and, where applicable, the estimated net amount of the proceeds broken into each principal intended use and presented by order of priority of such uses. If the issuer is aware that the anticipated proceeds will not be sufficient to fund all the proposed uses, state the amount and sources of other funds needed. Details must be given with regard to the use of the proceeds, in particular when they are being used to acquire assets, other than in the ordinary course of business, to finance announced acquisitions of other business, or to discharge, reduce or retire indebtedness.
- 31.2. <u>Interest of natural and legal persons involved in the issue/offer</u>
- 31.2.1. A description of any interest, including conflicting ones, that is material to the issue/offer, detailing the persons involved and the nature of the interest.
- 31.3. Risk factors
- 31.3.1. Prominent disclosure of risk factors that are material to the securities being offered and/or admitted to trading in order to assess the market risk associated with these securities in a section headed "Risk Factors".
- 32. EXPENSE OF THE ISSUE/OFFER OF THE DEPOSITORY RECEIPTS
- 32.1. The total net proceeds and an estimate of the total expenses of the issue/offer.

ANNEX XI

MINIMUM DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BANKS REGISTRATION DOCUMENT (SCHEDULE)

- 1. PERSONS RESPONSIBLE
- 1.1. All persons responsible for the information given in the Registration Document and, as the case may be, for certain parts of it, with, in the latter case, an indication of such parts. In the case of natural persons including members of the issuer's administrative, management or supervisory bodies indicate the name and function of the person; in case of legal persons indicate the name and registered office.
- 1.2. A declaration by those responsible for the registration document that, having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case, the information contained in the registration document is, to the best of their knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import. As the case may be, declaration by those responsible for certain parts of the registration document that, having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case, the information contained in the part of the registration document for which they are responsible is, to the best of their knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import.
- STATUTORY AUDITORS
- 2.1. Names and addresses of the issuer's auditors for the period covered by the historical financial information (together with their membership in a professional body).
- 2.2. If auditors have resigned, been removed or not been re-appointed during the period covered by the historical financial information, details if material.
- RISK FACTORS
- 3.1. Prominent disclosure of risk factors that may affect the issuer's ability to fulfil its obligations under the securities to investors in a section headed "Risk Factors".

4. INFORMATION ABOUT THE ISSUER

- 4.1. History and development of the Issuer:
- 4.1.1. the legal and commercial name of the issuer;
- 4.1.2. the place of registration of the issuer and its registration number;
- 4.1.3. the date of incorporation and the length of life of the issuer, except where indefinite;
- 4.1.4. the domicile and legal form of the issuer, the legislation under which the issuer operates, its country of incorporation, and the address and telephone number of its registered office (or principal place of business if different from its registered office);
- Any recent events particular to the issuer which are to a material ex-4.1.5. tent relevant to the evaluation of the issuer's solvency.
- 5. **BUSINESS OVERVIEW**
- 5.1. Principal activities:
- 5.1.1. A brief description of the issuer's principal activities stating the main categories of products sold and/or services performed;
- 5.1.2. An indication of any significant new products and/or activities.
- 5.1.3. Principal markets

A brief description of the principal markets in which the issuer competes.

- The basis for any statements in the registration document made by the 5.1.4. issuer regarding its competitive position.
- 6. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE
- 6.1. If the issuer is part of a group, a brief description of the group and of the issuer's position within it.
- 6.2. If the issuer is dependent upon other entities within the group, this must be clearly stated together with an explanation of this dependence.
- 7. TREND INFORMATION
- 7.1. Include a statement that there has been no material adverse change in the prospects of the issuer since the date of its last published audited financial statements.

In the event that the issuer is unable to make such a statement, provide details of this material adverse change.

- 7.2. Information on any known trends, uncertainties, demands, commitments or events that are reasonably likely to have a material effect on the issuer's prospects for at least the current financial year.
- 8. PROFIT FORECASTS OR ESTIMATES

If an issuer chooses to include a profit forecast or a profit estimate the registration document must contain the information items 8.1 and 8.2:

8.1. A statement setting out the principal assumptions upon which the issuer has based its forecast, or estimate.

> There must be a clear distinction between assumptions about factors which the members of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies can influence and assumptions about factors which are exclusively outside the influence of the members of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies; be readily understandable by investors; be specific and precise; and not relate to the general accuracy of the estimates underlying the forecast.

8.2. A report prepared by independent accountants or auditors stating that in the opinion of the independent accountants or auditors the forecast or estimate has been properly compiled on the basis stated, and that the basis of accounting used for the profit forecast or estimate is consistent with the accounting policies of the issuer.

Where financial information relates to the previous financial year and only contains non misleading figures substantially consistent with the final figures to be published in the next annual audited financial statements for the previous financial year, and the explanatory information necessary to assess the figures, a report shall not be required provided that the prospectus includes all of the following statements:

- (a) the person responsible for this financial information, if different from the one which is responsible for the prospectus in general, approves that information;
- (b) independent accountants or auditors have agreed that this information is substantially consistent with the final figures to be published in the next annual audited financial statements;
- (c) this financial information has not been audited.
- 8.3. The profit forecast or estimate must be prepared on a basis comparable with the historical financial information.
- 9. ADMINISTRATIVE, MANAGEMENT, AND SUPERVISORY BODIES
- 9.1. Names, business addresses and functions in the issuer of the following persons, and an indication of the principal activities performed by them outside the issuer where these are significant with respect to that issuer:
 - (a) members of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies;
 - (b) partners with unlimited liability, in the case of a limited partnership with a share capital.
- 9.2. Administrative, Management, and Supervisory bodies conflicts of interests

Potential conflicts of interests between any duties to the issuing entity of the persons referred to in item 9.1 and their private interests and or other duties must be clearly stated. In the event that there are no such conflicts, make a statement to that effect.

- MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS
- 10.1. To the extent known to the issuer, state whether the issuer is directly or indirectly owned or controlled and by whom, and describe the nature of such control, and describe the measures in place to ensure that such control is not abused.
- 10.2. A description of any arrangements, known to the issuer, the operation of which may at a subsequent date result in a change in control of the issuer.
- 11. FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ISSUER'S ASSETS AND LI-ABILITIES, FINANCIAL POSITION AND PROFITS AND LOSSES
- 11.1. Historical Financial Information:

Audited historical financial information covering the latest 2 financial years (or such shorter period that the issuer has been in operation), and the audit report in respect of each year. If the issuer has changed its accounting reference date during the period for which historical financial information is required, the audited historical information shall cover at least 24 months, or the entire period for which the issuer has been in operation, whichever is the shorter. Such financial information must be prepared according to Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002, or if not applicable to a Member State national accounting standards for issuers from the Community. For third country issuers, such financial informa-

tion must be prepared according to the international accounting standards adopted pursuant to the procedure of Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002 or to a third country's national accounting standards equivalent to these standards. If such financial information is not equivalent to these standards, it must be presented in the form of restated financial statements.

The most recent year's audited historical financial information must be presented and prepared in a form consistent with that which will be adopted in the issuer's next published annual financial statements having regard to accounting standards and policies and legislation applicable to such annual financial statements.

If the issuer has been operating in its current sphere of economic activity for less than one year, the audited historical financial information covering that period must be prepared in accordance with the standards applicable to annual financial statements under Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002, or if not applicable to a Member State national accounting standards where the issuer is an issuer from the Community. For third country issuers, the historical financial information must be prepared according to the international accounting standards adopted pursuant to the procedure of Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002 or to a third country's national accounting standards equivalent to these standards. This historical financial information must be audited. If the audited financial information is prepared according to national accounting standards, the financial information required under this heading must include at least the following:

- (a) the balance sheet;
- (b) the income statement;
- (c) in the case of an admission of securities to trading on a regulated market only, a cash flow statement;
- (d) the accounting policies and explanatory notes.

The historical annual financial information must be independently audited or reported on as to whether or not, for the purposes of the registration document, it gives a true and fair view, in accordance with auditing standards applicable in a Member State or an equivalent standard.

11.2. Financial statements

If the issuer prepares both own and consolidated financial statements, include at least the consolidated financial statements in the registration document.

- 11.3. Auditing of historical annual financial information
- 11.3.1. A statement that the historical financial information has been audited. If audit reports on the historical financial information have been refused by the statutory auditors or if they contain qualifications or disclaimers, such refusal or such qualifications or disclaimers must be reproduced in full and the reasons given.
- 11.3.2. An indication of other information in the registration document which has been audited by the auditors.
- 11.3.3. Where financial data in the registration document is not extracted from the issuer's audited financial statements state the source of the data and state that the data is unaudited.
- 11.4. Age of latest financial information
- The last year of audited financial information may not be older than 11.4.1. 18 months from the date of the registration document.
- 11.5. Interim and other financial information

- 11.5.1 If the issuer has published quarterly or half yearly financial information since the date of its last audited financial statements, these must be included in the registration document. If the quarterly or half yearly financial information has been reviewed or audited the audit or review report must also be included. If the quarterly or half yearly financial information is unaudited or has not been reviewed state that fact.
- 11.5.2. If the registration document is dated more than nine months after the end of the last audited financial year, it must contain interim financial information, covering at least the first six months of the financial year. If the interim financial information is unaudited state that fact.

The interim financial information must include comparative statements for the same period in the prior financial year, except that the requirement for comparative balance sheet information may be satisfied by presenting the years end balance sheet.

11.6. <u>Legal and arbitration proceedings</u>

Information on any governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings (including any such proceedings which are pending or threatened of which the issuer is aware), during a period covering at least the previous 12 months which may have, or have had in the recent past, significant effects on the issuer and/or group's financial position or profitability, or provide an appropriate negative statement.

11.7. Significant change in the issuer's financial position

A description of any significant change in the financial position of the group which has occurred since the end of the last financial period for which either audited financial information or interim financial information have been published, or an appropriate negative statement.

MATERIAL CONTRACTS

A brief summary of all material contracts that are not entered into in the ordinary course of the issuer's business, which could result in any group member being under an obligation or entitlement that is material to the issuer's ability to meet its obligation to security holders in respect of the securities being issued.

- 13 THIRD PARTY INFORMATION AND STATEMENT BY EXPERTS AND DE-CLARATIONS OF ANY INTEREST
- Where a statement or report attributed to a person as an expert is included in the Registration Document, provide such person's name, business address, qualifications and material interest if any in the issuer. If the report has been produced at the issuer's request a statement to that effect that such statement or report is included, in the form and context in which it is included, with the consent of that person who has authorised the contents of that part of the Registration Document.
- Where information has been sourced from a third party, provide a confirmation that this information has been accurately reproduced and that as far as the issuer is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by that third party, no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading.

In addition, the issuer shall identify the source(s) of the information.

14. DOCUMENTS ON DISPLAY

A statement that for the life of the registration document the following documents (or copies thereof), where applicable, may be inspected:

- (a) The memorandum and articles of association of the issuer;
- (b) all reports, letters, and other documents, historical financial information, valuations and statements prepared by any expert at the issuer's request any part of which is included or referred to in the registration document;

(c) the historical financial information of the issuer or, in the case of a group, the historical financial information of the issuer and its subsidiary undertakings for each of the two financial years preceding the publication of the registration document.

An indication of where the documents on display may be inspected, by physical or electronic means.

ANNEX XII

MINIMUM DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SECURITIES NOTE FOR DERIVATIVE SECURITIES (SCHEDULE)

1 PERSONS RESPONSIBLE

- 1.1. All persons responsible for the information given in the prospectus and, as the case may be, for certain parts of it, with, in the latter case, an indication of such parts. In the case of natural persons including members of the issuer's administrative, management or supervisory bodies indicate the name and function of the person; in case of legal persons indicate the name and registered office.
- 1.2. A declaration by those responsible for the prospectus that, having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case, the information contained in the prospectus is, to the best of their knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import. As the case may be, declaration by those responsible for certain parts of the prospectus that, having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case, the information contained in the part of the prospectus for which they are responsible is, to the best of their knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import.
- 2 **RISK FACTORS**

Prominent disclosure of risk factors that are material to the securities being offered and/or admitted to trading in order to assess the market risk associated with these securities in a section headed "risk factors". This must include a risk warning to the effect that investors may lose the value of their entire investment or part of it, as the case may be, and/or, if the investor's liability is not limited to the value of his investment, a statement of that fact, together with a description of the circumstances in which such additional liability arises and the likely financial effect.

- 3 **ESSENTIAL INFORMATION**
- 3.1. Interest of natural and legal persons involved in the issue/offer

A description of any interest, including conflicting ones that is material to the issue/offer, detailing the persons involved and the nature of the interest.

3.2. Reasons for the offer and use of proceeds when different from making profit and/or hedging certain risks.

> If reasons for the offer and use of proceeds are disclosed provide the total net proceeds and an estimate of the total expenses of the issue/ offer.

- INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SECURITIES TO BE OFFERED/ ADMIT-4. **TED TO TRADING**
- Information concerning the securities 4.1
- A description of the type and the class of the securities being offered 4.1.1. and/or admitted to trading, including the ISIN (International Security Identification Number) or other such security identification code.
- 4.1.2 A clear and comprehensive explanation to help investors understand how the value of their investment is affected by the value of the underlying instrument (s), especially under the circumstances when the

- risks are most evident unless the securities have a denomination per unit of at least EUR 100 000 or can only be acquired for at least EUR 100 000 per security.
- 4.1.3 Legislation under which the securities have been created.
- 4.1.4 An indication whether the securities are in registered form or bearer form and whether the securities are in certificated form or book-entry form. In the latter case, name and address of the entity in charge of keeping the records.
- 4.1.5 Currency of the securities issue.
- 4.1.6 Ranking of the securities being offered and/or admitted to trading, including summaries of any clauses that are intended to affect ranking or subordinate the security to any present or future liabilities of the issuer.
- 4.1.7 A description of the rights, including any limitations of these, attached to the securities and procedure for the exercise of said rights.
- 4.1.8 In the case of new issues, a statement of the resolutions, authorisations and approvals by virtue of which the securities have been or will be created and/or issued.
- 4.1.9 The issue date of the securities.
- 4.1.10 A description of any restrictions on the free transferability of the securities.
- 4.1.11 The expiration or maturity date of the derivative securities
 - The exercise date or final reference date
- 4.1.12 A description of the settlement procedure of the derivative securities.
- 4.1.13 A description of how any return on derivative securities takes place, the payment or delivery date, and the way it is calculated.
- 4.1.14 In respect of the country of registered office of the issuer and the country(ies) where the offer is being made or admission to trading is being sought:
 - (a) Information on taxes on the income from the securities withheld at source,
 - (b) Indication as to whether the issuer assumes responsibility for the withholding of taxes at the source.
- 4.2 Information concerning the underlying
- 4.2.1 The exercise price or the final reference price of the underlying.
- 4.2.2 A statement setting out the type of the underlying and details of where information on the underlying can be obtained
 - an indication where information about the past and the further performance of the underlying and its volatility can be obtained
 - where the underlying is a security:
 - the name of the issuer of the security
 - the ISIN (International Security Identification Number) or other such security identification code
 - where the underlying is an index:
 - the name of the index.
 - a description of the index if it is composed by the issuer or by any legal entity belonging to the same group.
 - a description of the index provided by a legal entity or a natural person acting in association with, or on behalf of, the issuer, unless the prospectus contains the following statements:

- the complete set of rules of the index and information on the performance of the index are freely accessible on the issuer's or on the index provider's website;

- the governing rules (including methodology of the index for the selection and the re-balancing of the components of the index, description of market disruption events and adjustment rules) are based on predetermined and objective criteria.

If the index is not composed by the issuer, where information about the index can be obtained. • a description of the index provided by a legal entity or a natural person acting in association with, or on behalf of, the issuer, unless the prospectus contains the following statements:

- where the underlying is an interest rate:
- a description of the interest rate

Where the underlying does not fall within the categories specified above the securities note shall contain equivalent information.

- where the underlying is a basket of underlyings:
- disclosure of the relevant weightings of each underlying in the basket
- A description of any market disruption or settlement disruption events 4.2.3 that affect the underlying.
- 4.2.4 Adjustment rules with relation to events concerning the underlying.
- 5. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE OFFER
- 5.1 Conditions, offer statistics, expected timetable and action required to apply for the offer
- 5.1.1 Conditions to which the offer is subject.
- 5.1.2 Total amount of the issue/offer; if the amount is not fixed, description of the arrangements and time for announcing to the public the amount of the offer.
- 5.1.3 The time period, including any possible amendments, during which the offer will be open and description of the application process.
- 5.1.4 Details of the minimum and/or maximum amount of application, (whether in number of securities or aggregate amount to invest).
- 5.1.5 Method and time limits for paying up the securities and for delivery of the securities.
- 5.1.6 A full description of the manner and date in which results of the offer are to be made public.
- 5.2 Plan of distribution and allotment
- The various categories of potential investors to which the securities are 5.2.1 offered. If the offer is being made simultaneously in the markets of two or more countries and if a tranche has been or is being reserved for certain of these, indicate any such tranche.
- 5.2.2 Process for notification to applicants of the amount allotted and indication whether dealing may begin before notification is made.
- 5.3. Pricing

Indication of the expected price at which the securities will be offered or the method of determining the price and the process for its disclosure. Indicate the amount of any expenses and taxes specifically charged to the subscriber or purchaser.

5.4. Placing and Underwriting

- 5.4.1 Name and address of the co-ordinator(s) of the global offer and of single parts of the offer and, to the extent known to the issuer or to the offeror, of the placers in the various countries where the offer takes place.
- 5.4.2 Name and address of any paying agents and depository agents in each country.
- 5.4.3 Entities agreeing to underwrite the issue on a firm commitment basis, and entities agreeing to place the issue without a firm commitment or under "best efforts" arrangements. Where not all of the issue is underwritten, a statement of the portion not covered.
- 5.4.4. When the underwriting agreement has been or will be reached.
- 5.4.5 Name and address of a calculation agent.
- 6. ADMISSION TO TRADING AND DEALING ARRANGEMENTS
- An indication as to whether the securities offered are or will be the object of an application for admission to trading, with a view to their distribution in a regulated market or other equivalent markets with indication of the markets in question. This circumstance shall be mentioned, without creating the impression that the admission to trading necessarily will be approved. If known, the earliest dates on which the securities will be admitted to trading shall be given.
- All the regulated markets or equivalent markets on which, to the knowledge of the issuer, securities of the same class of the securities to be offered or admitted to trading are already admitted to trading.
- 6.3 Name and address of the entities which have a firm commitment to act as intermediaries in secondary trading, providing liquidity through bid and offer rates and description of the main terms of their commitment.
- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
- **7.1.** If advisors connected with an issue are mentioned in the Securities Note, a statement of the capacity in which the advisors have acted.
- 7.2. An indication of other information in the Securities Note which has been audited or reviewed by statutory auditors and where auditors have produced a report. Reproduction of the report or, with permission of the competent authority, a summary of the report.
- 7.3. Where a statement or report attributed to a person as an expert is included in the Securities Note, provide such person's name, business address, qualifications and material interest, if any, in the issuer. If the report has been produced at the issuer's request a statement to that effect that such statement or report is included, in the form and context in which it is included, with the consent of that person who has authorised the contents of that part of the Securities Note.
- 7.4. Where information has been sourced from a third party, provide a confirmation that this information has been accurately reproduced and that as far as the issuer is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by that third party, no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading. In addition, the issuer shall identify the source(s) of the information.
- 7.5. An indication in the prospectus whether or not the issuer intends to provide post issuance information. Where the issuer has indicated that it intends to report such information, the issuer shall specify in the prospectus what information will be reported and where such information can be obtained.

ANNEX XIII

MINIMUM DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SECURITIES NOTE FOR DEBT SECURITIES WITH A DENOMINATION PER UNIT OF AT LEAST EUR 100 000

(SCHEDULE)

1 PERSONS RESPONSIBLE

- 1.1 All persons responsible for the information given in the prospectus and, as the case may be, for certain parts of it, with, in the latter case, an indication of such parts. In case of natural persons including members of the issuer's administrative, management or supervisory bodies indicate the name and function of the person; in case of legal persons indicate the name and registered office.
- 1.2 A declaration by those responsible for the prospectus that, having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case, the information contained in the prospectus is, to the best of their knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import. As the case may be, declaration by those responsible for certain parts of the prospectus that the information contained in the part of the prospectus for which they are responsible is, to the best of their knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import.
- 2 RISK FACTORS

Prominent disclosure of risk factors that are material to the securities admitted to trading in order to assess the market risk associated with these securities in a section headed "Risk Factors".

3. **ESSENTIAL INFORMATION**

Interest of natural and legal persons involved in the issue

A description of any interest, including conflicting ones, that is material to the issue, detailing the persons involved and the nature of the interest.

- INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SECURITIES TO BE ADMITTED TO **TRADING**
- 4.1 Total amount of securities being admitted to trading.
- A description of the type and the class of the securities being admitted 4.2 to trading, including the ISIN (International Security Identification Number) or other such security identification code.
- 4.3 Legislation under which the securities have been created.
- 4.4 An indication of whether the securities are in registered or bearer form and whether the securities are in certificated or book-entry form. In the latter case, name and address of the entity in charge of keeping the records.
- 4.5 Currency of the securities issue.
- Ranking of the securities being admitted to trading, including summar-4.6 ies of any clauses that are intended to affect ranking or subordinate the security to any present or future liabilities of the issuer.
- 4.7 A description of the rights, including any limitations of these, attached to the securities and procedure for the exercise of said rights.
- 4.8 The nominal interest rate and provisions relating to interest payable:
 - the date from which interest becomes payable and the due dates for interest.
 - the time limit on the validity of claims to interest and repayment of principal.

Where the rate is not fixed, a statement setting out the type of underlying and a description of the underlying on which it is based and of the method used to relate the underlying and the rate:

- a description of any market disruption or settlement disruption events that affect the underlying,
- adjustment rules with relation to events concerning the underlying,
- name of the calculation agent.
- 4.9 Maturity date and arrangements for the amortization of the loan, including the repayment procedures. Where advance amortization is contemplated, on the initiative of the issuer or of the holder, it must be described, stipulating amortization terms and conditions.
- 4.10 An indication of yield.
- 4.11 Representation of debt security holders including an identification of the organisation representing the investors and provisions applying to such representation. Indication of where investors may have access to the contracts relating to these forms of representation.
- 4.12 A statement of the resolutions, authorisations and approvals by virtue of which the securities have been created and/or issued.
- 4.13 The issue date of the securities.
- 4.14 A description of any restrictions on the free transferability of the securities.
- 5 ADMISSION TO TRADING AND DEALING ARRANGEMENTS
- 5.1 Indication of the market where the securities will be traded and for which prospectus has been published. If known, give the earliest dates on which the securities will be admitted to trading.
- 5.2 Name and address of any paying agents and depository agents in each country.
- 6 EXPENSE OF THE ADMISSION TO TRADING

An estimate of the total expenses related to the admission to trading.

- 7 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
- 7.1 If advisors are mentioned in the Securities Note, a statement of the capacity in which the advisors have acted.
- 7.2 An indication of other information in the Securities Note which has been audited or reviewed by auditors and where auditors have produced a report. Reproduction of the report or, with permission of the competent authority, a summary of the report.
- 7.3 Where a statement or report attributed to a person as an expert is included in the Securities Note, provide such person's name, business address, qualifications and material interest if any in the issuer. If the report has been produced at the issuer's request a statement to that effect that such statement or report is included, in the form and context in which it is included, with the consent of that person who has authorised the contents of that part of the Securities Note.
- 7.4 Where information has been sourced from a third party, provide a confirmation that this information has been accurately reproduced and that as far as the issuer is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by that third party, no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading. In addition, identify the source(s) of the information.
- 7.5 Credit ratings assigned to an issuer or its debt securities at the request or with the co-operation of the issuer in the rating process.

ANNEX XIV

Additional information building block on the underlying share

- 1. Description of the underlying share
- 1.1 Describe the type and the class of the shares
- Legislation under which the shares have been or will be created 1.2
- Indication whether the securities are in registered form or bearer form 1.3 and whether the securities are in certificated form or book-entry form. In the latter case, name and address of the entity in charge of keeping the records
- Indication of the currency of the shares issue 1.4
- A description of the rights, including any limitations of these, attached 1.5 to the securities and procedure for the exercise of those rights
 - Dividend rights:
 - Fixed date(s) on which the entitlement arises,
 - Time limit after which entitlement to dividend lapses and an indication of the person in whose favour the lapse operates,
 - Dividend restrictions and procedures for non resident holders,
 - Rate of dividend or method of its calculation, periodicity and cumulative or non-cumulative nature of payments.
 - Voting rights.
 - Pre-emption rights in offers for subscription of securities of the same class.
 - Right to share in the issuer's profits.
 - Rights to share in any surplus in the event of liquidation.
 - Redemption provisions
 - Conversion provisions
- 1.6 In the case of new issues, a statement of the resolutions, authorisations and approvals by virtue of which the shares have been or will be created and/or issued and indication of the issue date
- 1.7 Where and when the shares will be or have been admitted to trading
- 1.8 Description of any restrictions on the free transferability of the shares
- Indication of the existence of any mandatory takeover bids/or 1.9 squeeze-out and sell-out rules in relation to the shares
- 1.10 Indication of public takeover bids by third parties in respect of the issuer's equity, which have occurred during the last financial year and the current financial year. The price or exchange terms attaching to such offers and the outcome thereof must be stated
- 1.11 Impact on the issuer of the underlying share of the exercise of the right and potential dilution effect for the shareholders
- 2. When the issuer of the underlying is an entity belonging to the same group, the information to provide on this issuer is the one required by the share Registration Document schedule.

ANNEX XV

Minimum disclosure requirements for the registration document for securities issued by collective investment undertakings of the closed-end type (schedule)

In addition to the information required in this schedule, the collective investment undertaking must provide the following information as required under paragraphs and items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.1, 7, 9.1, 9.2.1, 9.2.3, 10.4, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17.2, 18, 19, 20, 21,

22, 23, 24, 25 in annex I (minimum disclosure requirements for the share Registration Document schedule).

- 1.0 Investment Objective and Policy
- 1.1. A detailed description of the investment objective and policy which the collective investment undertaking will pursue and a description of how that investment objective and policy may be varied including any circumstances in which such variation requires the approval of investors. A description of any techniques and instruments that may be used in the management of the collective investment undertaking.
- 1.2 The borrowing and/or leverage limits of the collective investment undertaking. If there are no such limits, include a statement to that effect.
- 1.3 The regulatory status of the collective investment undertaking together with the name of any regulator in its country of incorporation.
- 1.4 The profile of a typical investor for whom the collective investment undertaking is designed.
- 2. Investment Restrictions
- 2.1 A statement of the investment restrictions which apply to the collective investment undertaking, if any, and an indication of how the holders of securities will be informed of the actions that the investment manager will take in the event of a breach.
- 2.2 Where more than 20% of the gross assets of any collective investment undertaking (except where items 2.3 or 2.5 apply) may be:
 - (a) invested in, either directly or indirectly, or lent to any single underlying issuer (including the underlying issuer's subsidiaries or affiliates); or
 - (b) invested in one or more collective investment undertakings which may invest in excess of 20% of its gross assets in other collective investment undertakings (open-end and/or closed-end type); or
 - (c) exposed to the creditworthiness or solvency of any one counterparty (including its subsidiaries or affiliates);

the following information must be disclosed:

- (i) information relating to each underlying issuer/collective investment undertaking/counterparty as if it were an issuer for the purposes of the minimum disclosure requirements for the share Registration Document schedule (in the case of (a)) or minimum disclosure requirements for the registration document schedule for securities issued by collective investment undertaking of the closed-end type (in the case of (b)) or the minimum disclosure requirements for the debt and derivative securities with an individual denomination per unit of at least EUR 100 000 Registration Document schedule (in the case of (c)); or
- (ii) if the securities issued by the underlying issuer/collective investment undertaking/counterparty have already been admitted to trading on a regulated or equivalent market or the obligations are guaranteed by an entity admitted to trading on a regulated or equivalent market, the name, address, country of incorporation, nature of business and name of the market in which its securities are admitted.

This requirement shall not apply where the 20% is exceeded due to appreciations or depreciations, changes in exchange rates, or by reason of the receipt of rights, bonuses, benefits in the nature of capital or by reason of any other action affecting every holder of that investment, provided the investment manager has regard to the threshold when considering changes in the investment portfolio.

2.3 Where a collective investment undertaking may invest in excess of 20% of its gross assets in other collective investment undertakings (open ended and/or closed ended), a description of if and how risk is spread in relation to those investments. In addition, item 2.2 shall apply, in ag-

- gregate, to its underlying investments as if those investments had been made directly.
- 2.4. With reference to point (c) of item 2.2, if collateral is advanced to cover that portion of the exposure to any one counterparty in excess of 20% of the gross assets of the collective investment undertaking, details of such collateral arrangements.
- 2.5 Where a collective investment undertaking may invest in excess of 40% of its gross assets in another collective investment undertaking either of the following must be disclosed:
 - (a) information relating to each underlying collective investment undertaking as if it were an issuer under minimum disclosure requirements for the registration document schedule for securities issued by collective investment undertaking of the closed-end type;
 - (b) if securities issued by an underlying collective investment undertaking have already been admitted to trading on a regulated or equivalent market or the obligations are guaranteed by an entity admitted to trading on a regulated or equivalent market, the name, address, country of incorporation, nature of business and name of the market in which its securities are admitted.
- 2.6 **Physical Commodities**

Where a collective investment undertaking invests directly in physical commodities a disclosure of that fact and the percentage that will be so invested.

2.7. Property Collective investment undertakings.

> Where a collective investment undertaking is a property collective investment undertaking, disclosure of that fact, the percentage of the portfolio that is to be invested in the property, as well as a description of the property and any material costs relating to the acquisition and holding of such property. In addition, a valuation report relating to the properties must be included.

Disclosure of item 4.1. applies to:

- (a) the valuation entity;
- (b) any other entity responsible for the administration of the property.
- 2.8 Derivatives Financial instruments/Money Market Instruments/Currencies

Where a collective investment undertaking invests in derivatives financial instruments, money market instruments or currencies other than for the purposes of efficient portfolio management (i.e. solely for the purpose of reducing, transferring or eliminating investment risk in the underlying investments of a collective investment undertaking, including any technique or instrument used to provide protection against exchange and credit risks), a statement whether those investments are used for hedging or for investment purposes, and a description of if and how risk is spread in relation to those investments.

- 2.9. Item 2.2 does not apply to investment in securities issued or guaranteed by a government, government agency or instrumentality of any Member State, its regional or local authorities, or OECD Member State.
- 2.10. Point (a) of item 2.2 does not apply to a collective investment undertaking whose investment objective is to track, without material modification, that of a broadly based and recognised published index. A statement setting out details of where information about the index can be obtained shall be included.
- 3 The applicant's service providers

- 3.1. The actual or estimated maximum amount of all material fees payable directly or indirectly by the collective investment undertaking for any services under arrangements entered into on or prior to the date of the registration document and a description of how these fees are calculated.
- 3.2. A description of any fee payable directly or indirectly by the collective investment undertaking which cannot be quantified under item 3.1 and which is or may be material.
- 3.3. If any service provider to the collective investment undertaking is in receipt of any benefits from third parties (other than the collective investment undertaking) by virtue of providing any services to the collective investment undertaking, and those benefits may not accrue to the collective investment undertaking, a statement of that fact, the name of that third party, if available, and a description of the nature of the benefits.
- 3.4. The name of the service provider which is responsible for the determination and calculation of the net asset value of the collective investment undertaking.
- 3.5. A description of any material potential conflicts of interest which any of the service providers to the collective investment undertaking may have as between their duty to the collective investment undertaking and duties owed by them to third parties and their other interests. A description of any arrangements which are in place to address such potential conflicts.
- 4. Investment Manager/ Advisers
- 4.1. In respect of any Investment Manager such information as is required to be disclosed under items 5.1.1 to 5.1.4 and, if material, under item 5.1.5 of Annex I together with a description of its regulatory status and experience.
- 4.2. In respect of any entity providing investment advice in relation to the assets of the collective investment undertaking, the name and a brief description of such entity.
- Custody
- 5.1. A full description of how the assets of the collective investment undertaking will be held and by whom and any fiduciary or similar relationship between the collective investment undertaking and any third party in relation to custody:

Where a custodian, trustee, or other fiduciary is appointed

- (a) such information as is required to be disclosed under items 5.1.1 to 5.1.4 and, if material, under item 5.1.5 of Annex I;
- (b) a description of the obligations of such party under the custody or similar agreement;
- (c) any delegated custody arrangements;
- (d) the regulatory status of such party and delegates.
- 5.2. Where any entity other than those entities mentioned in item 5.1, holds any assets of the collective investment undertaking, a description of how these assets are held together with a description of any additional risks.
- 6. Valuation
- 6.1. A description of how often, and the valuation principles and the method by which, the net asset value of the collective investment undertaking will be determined, distinguishing between categories of investments and a statement of how such net asset value will be communicated to investors.

- 6.2. Details of all circumstances in which valuations may be suspended and a statement of how such suspension will be communicated or made available to investors.
- 7 **Cross Liabilities**
- 7.1. In the case of an umbrella collective investment undertaking, a statement of any cross liability that may occur between classes or investments in other collective investment undertakings and any action taken to limit such liability.
- 8. Financial Information
- 8.1. Where, since the date of incorporation or establishment, a collective investment undertaking has not commenced operations and no financial statements have been made up as at the date of the registration document, a statement to that effect.

Where a collective investment undertaking has commenced operations, the provisions of item 20 of Annex I on the Minimum Disclosure Requirements for the share Registration Document apply.

- 8.2. A comprehensive and meaningful analysis of the collective investment undertaking's portfolio (if un-audited, clearly marked as such).
- An indication of the most recent net asset value per security must be in-8.3. cluded in the securities note schedule (and, if un-audited, clearly marked as such).

ANNEX XVI

Minimum Disclosure Requirements for the Registration Document for securities issued by Member States, third countries and their regional and local authorities (schedule)

- 1. PERSONS RESPONSIBLE
- All persons responsible for the information given in the Registration 1.1 Document and, as the case may be, for certain parts of it, with, in the latter case, an indication of such parts. In the case of natural persons including members of the issuer's administrative, management or supervisory bodies indicate the name and function of the person; in case of legal persons indicate the name and registered office.
- 1.2 A declaration by those responsible for the Registration Document that, having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case, the information contained in the registration document is, to the best of their knowledge in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import. As the case may be, declaration by those responsible for certain parts of the registration document that, having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case the information contained in the part of the registration document for which they are responsible is, to the best of their knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import.
- 2 **RISK FACTORS**

Prominent disclosure of risk factors that may affect the issuer's ability to fulfil its obligations under the securities to investors in a section headed "Risk Factors".

- 3. INFORMATION ABOUT THE ISSUER
- 3.1. the legal name of the issuer and a brief description of the issuer's position within the national governmental framework
- the domicile or geographical location and legal form of the issuer and 3.2. its contact address and telephone number;
- 3.3. any recent events relevant to the evaluation of the issuer's solvency.

- 3.4. a description of the issuer's economy including:
 - (a) the structure of the economy with details of the main sectors of the economy,
 - (b) gross domestic product with a breakdown by the issuer's economic sectors over for the previous two fiscal years.
- 3.5. a general description of the issuer's political system and government including details of the governing body of the issuer.
- 4. PUBLIC FINANCE AND TRADE

Information on the following for the two fiscal years prior to the date of the registration document:

- (a) the tax and budgetary systems,
- (b) gross public debt including a summary of the debt, the maturity structure of outstanding debt (particularly noting debt with a residual maturity of less than one year) and debt payment record, and of the parts of debt denominated in the domestic currency of the issuer and in foreign currencies,
- (c) foreign trade and balance of payment figures,
- (d) foreign exchange reserves including any potential encumbrances to such foreign exchange reserves as forward contracts or derivatives,
- (e) financial position and resources including liquid deposits available in domestic currency,
- (f) income and expenditure figures,

Description of any auditing or independent review procedures on the accounts of the issuer.

- SIGNIFICANT CHANGE
- 5.1. Details of any significant changes to the information provided pursuant to item 4 which have occurred since the end of the last fiscal year, or an appropriate negative statement.
- 6. LEGAL AND ARBITRATION PROCEEDINGS

Information on any governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings (including any such proceedings which are pending or threatened of which the issuer is aware), during a period covering at least the previous 12 months which may have, or have had in the recent past, significant effects on the issuer financial position, or provide an appropriate negative statement.

- 6.2 Information on any immunity the issuer may have from legal proceedings.
- 7. STATEMENT BY EXPERTS AND DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTEREST

Where a statement or report attributed to a person as an expert is included in the registration document, provide such person's name, business address and qualifications. If the report has been produced at the issuer's request a statement to that effect, that such statement or report is included, in the form and context in which it is included, with the consent of that person, who has authorised the contents of that part of the registration document.

To the extent known to the issuer, provide information in respect of any interest relating to such expert which may have an effect on the independence of the expert in the preparation of the report.

8. DOCUMENTS ON DISPLAY

A statement that for the life of the registration document the following documents (or copies thereof), where applicable, may be inspected:

- (a) financial and audit reports for the issuer covering the last two fiscal years and the budget for the current fiscal year;
- (b) all reports, letters, and other documents, valuations and statements prepared by any expert at the issuer's request any part of which is included or referred to in the registration document.

An indication of where the documents on display may be inspected, by physical or electronic means.

ANNEX XVII

Minimum Disclosure Requirements for the Registration Document for securities issued by Public International Bodies and for debt securities guaranteed by a member state of the OECD (schedule)

1. PERSONS RESPONSIBLE

1.1 All persons responsible for the information given in the Registration Document and, as the case may be, for certain parts of it, with, in the latter case, an indication of such parts.

> In the case of natural persons including members of the issuer's administrative, management or supervisory bodies indicate the name and function of the person; in case of legal persons indicate the name and registered office.

- 1.2 A declaration by those responsible for the Registration Document, that, having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case, the information contained in the Registration Document is, to the best of their knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to materially affect its import. As the case may be, declaration by those responsible for certain parts of the registration document that, having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case the information contained in the part of the registration document for which they are responsible is, to the best of their knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import.
- 2. **RISK FACTORS**

Prominent disclosure of risk factors that may affect the issuer's ability to fulfil its obligations under the securities to investors in a section headed "Risk Factors".

- INFORMATION ABOUT THE ISSUER 3.
- 3.1 The legal name of the issuer and a brief description of the issuer's legal status;
- the location of the principal office and the legal form of the issuer and 3.2 its contact address and telephone number;
- details of the governing body of the issuer and a description of its gov-3.3 ernance arrangements, if any;
- 3.4 a brief description of the issuer's purpose and functions;
- the sources of funding, guarantees and other obligations owed to the 3.5 issuer by its members;
- 3.6 any recent events relevant to the evaluation of the issuer's solvency;
- 3.7 a list of the issuer's members.
- 4. FINANCIAL INFORMATION
- 4.1 The two most recently published audited annual financial statements prepared in accordance with the accounting and auditing principles adopted by the issuer, and a brief description of those accounting and auditing principles.

Details of any significant changes to the issuer's financial position which has occurred since the end of the latest published audited annual financial statement, or an appropriate negative statement.

LEGAL AND ARBITRATION PROCEEDINGS

- 5.1 Information on any governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings (including any such proceedings which are pending or threatened of which the issuer is aware), during a period covering at least the previous 12 months which are likely to have, or have had in the recent past, significant effects on the issuer's financial position, or provide an appropriate negative statement.
- Information on any immunity the issuer may have from legal proceedings pursuant to its constituent document.

6. STATEMENT BY EXPERTS AND DECLARATION OF ANY INTERESTS

Where a statement or report attributed to a person as an expert is included in the registration document, provide such person's name, business address and qualifications. If the report has been produced at the issuer's request a statement to that effect, that such statement or report is included, in the form and context in which it is included, with the consent of that person.

To the extent known to the issuer, provide information in respect of any conflict of interests relating to such expert which may have an effect on the independence of the expert in the preparation of the report.

DOCUMENTS ON DISPLAY

A statement that for the life of the Registration Document the following documents (or copies thereof), where applicable, will be made available on request:

- (a) annual and audit reports of the issuer for each of the last two financial years prepared in accordance with the accounting and auditing principles adopted by the issuer;
- (b) all reports, letters, and other documents, valuations and statements prepared by any expert at the issuer's request any part of which is included or referred to in the registration document;
- (c) the issuer's constituent document.

An indication of where the documents on display may be inspected, by physical or electronic means.

ANNEX XVIII

Table of combinations

[Note: The applicable table of combinations can be found in the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 759/2013 of 30 April 2013 amending Regulation (EC) No 809/2004 as regards the disclosure requirements for convertible and exchangeable debt securities. Regulation 759/2013 can be accessed at: http://eurlex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2013:213:0001:0009:EN:PDF.]

ANNEX XIX LIST OF SPECIALIST ISSUERS

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1.2.	A declaration by those responsible for the prospectus that, having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case, the information contained in the prospectus is, to the best of their knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import. As the case may be, declaration by those responsible for certain parts of the prospectus that the information contained in the part of the prospectus for which they are responsible is, to the best of their knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import.	Category A
2.	RISK FACTORS	
2.1.	Prominent disclosure of risk factors that are material to the securities being offered and/or admitted to trading in order to assess the market risk associated with these securities in a section headed 'Risk Factors'.	Category A
3.	ESSENTIAL INFORMATION	
3.1.	Interest of natural and legal persons involved in the issue/offer	
	A description of any interest, including conflicting ones, that is material to the issue/offer, detailing the persons involved and the nature of the interest.	Category C
3.2.	Reasons for the offer and use of proceeds	
	Reasons for the offer if different from making profit and/or hedging certain risks. Where applicable, disclosure of the estimated total expenses of the issue/offer and the estimated net amount of the proceeds. These expenses and proceeds shall be broken into each principal intended use and presented by order of priority of such uses. If the issuer is aware that the anticipated proceeds will not be sufficient to fund all the proposed uses, state the amount and sources of other funds needed.	Category C
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	(ii) the ISIN (International Security Identification Number) or other such security identification code.	

4.2.	Legislation under which the securities have been created	Category A
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	(ii) In the latter case, name and address of the entity in charge of keeping the records.	
4.4.	Currency of the securities issue	Category C
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4.9.	(i) An indication of yield	Category C

	(ii) Describe the method whereby that yield is calculated in summary form.	Category B
4.10.	Representation of debt security holders including an identification of the organisation representing the investors and provisions applying to such rep- resentation. Indication of where the public may have access to the contracts relating to these forms of representation.	Category B
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4.13.	A description of any restrictions on the free transferability	Category A
4.14.	In respect of the country of registered office of the issuer and the country(ies) where the offer be- ing made or admission to trading is being sought:	Category A
	• information on taxes on the income from the securities withheld at source	
	• indication as to whether the issuer assumes responsibility for the withholding of taxes at source	
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5.1.6.	Method and time limits for paying up the securities and for delivery of the securities	Category C
5.1.7.	A full description of the manner and date in which results of the offer are to be made public.	Category C
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5.3.	Pricing	
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	(ii) the method of determining the price and the process for its disclosure	Category B
	(iii) Indicate the amount of any expenses and taxes specifically charged to the subscriber or purchaser.	Category C
5.4.	Placing and Underwriting	
5.4.1.	Name and address of the co-ordinator(s) of the global offer and of single parts of the offer and, to the extend known to the issuer or to the offeror, of the placers in the various countries where the offer takes place.	Category C
5.4.2.	Name and address of any paying agents and depository agents in each country	Category C
5.4.3.	Name and address of the entities agreeing to underwrite the issue on a firm commitment basis, and name and address of the entities agreeing to place the issue without a firm commitment or under 'best efforts' arrangements. Indication of the material features of the agreements, including the quotas. Where not all of the issue is underwritten, a statement of the portion not covered. Indication of the overall amount of the underwriting commission and of the placing commission.	Category C
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6.	ADMISSION TO TRADING AND DEALING ARRANGEMENTS	
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	(ii) If known, give the earliest dates on which the securities will be admitted to trading	Category C
6.2.	All regulated markets or equivalent markets on which, to the knowledge of the issuer, securities of the same class of the securities to be offered or admitted to trading are already admitted to trading	Category C
6.3.	Name and address of the entities which have a firm commitment to act as intermediaries in secondary trading, providing liquidity through bid	Category C

and offer rates and description of the main terms of their commitment. 7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION 7.1. If advisors connected with an issue are men-Category C tioned in the Securities Note, a statement of the capacity in which the advisors have acted. An indication of other information in the Securit-7.2. Category A ies Note which has been audited or reviewed by statutory auditors and where auditors have produced a report. Reproduction of the report or, with permission of the competent authority, a summary of the report 7.3. Where a statement or report attributed to a per-Category A son as an expert is included in the Securities Note, provide such persons' name, business address, qualifications and material interest if any in the issuer. If the report has been produced at the issuer's request a statement to that effect that such statement or report is included, in the form and context in which it is included, with the consent of that person who has authorised the contents of that part of the Securities Note. 7.4. Where information has been sourced from a Category C third party, provide a confirmation that this information has been accurately reproduced and that as far as the issuer is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by that third party, no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading. In addition, identify the source(s) of the information. 7.5. (i) Credit ratings assigned to an issuer at the re-Category A quest or with the co-operation of the issuer in the rating process and brief explanation of the meaning of the rating if this has previously been published by the rating provider (ii) Credit ratings assigned to securities at the re-Category C quest or with the co-operation of the issuer in the rating process and brief explanation of the meaning of the rating if this has previously been published by the rating provider **INSTRUCTIONS ANNEX XII** 1. **PERSONS RESPONSIBLE** 1.1. All persons responsible for the information given Category A in the prospectus and, as the case may be, for certain parts of it, with, in the latter case, an indication of such parts. In the case of natural persons including members of the issuer's administrative, management or supervisory bodies indicate the name and function of the person; in case of legal persons indicate the name and registered office. A declaration by those responsible for the pro-1.2. Category A spectus that, having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case, the information contained in the prospectus is, to the best of their knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import. As the case may be, declaration by those responsible

for certain parts of the prospectus that, having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case, the information contained in the part of the prospectus for which they are responsible is, to the best of their knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import.

2. RISK FACTORS

2.1. Prominent disclosure of risk factors that are material to the securities being offered and/or admitted to trading in order to assess the market risk associated with these securities in a section headed 'risk factors'. This must include a risk warning to the effect that investors may lose the value of their entire investment or part of it, as the case may be, and/or, if the investor's liability is not limited to the value of his investment, a statement of that fact, together with a description of the circumstances in which such additional liability arises and the likely financial effect

Category A

3. **ESSENTIAL INFORMATION**

3.1. Interest of natural and legal persons involved in the issue/offer

A description of any interest, including conflicting ones that is material to the issue/offer, detailing the persons involved and the nature of the interest Category C

3.2. Reasons for the offer and use of proceeds when different from making profit and/or hedging certain risks

If reasons for the offer and use of proceeds are disclosed provide the total net proceeds and an estimate of the total expenses of the issue/offer.

Category C

4. INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SECURITIES TO BE OFFERED AND ADMITTED TO TRADING

- 4.1. Information concerning the securities
- 4.1.1. (i) A description of the type and the class of the securities being offered and/or admitted to trading,

Category B

(ii) the ISIN (International Security Identification Number) or other such security identification code.

Category C

4.1.2. A clear and comprehensive explanation to help investors understand how the value of their investment is affected by the value of the underlying instrument(s), especially under the circumstances when the risks are most evident unless the securities have a denomination per unit of at least EUR 100 000 or can only be acquired for at least EUR 100 000 per security.

Category B

4.1.3. Legislation under which the securities have been created.

Category A

4.1.4. (i) An indication of whether the securities are in registered form or bearer form and whether the securities are in certificated form or book-entry form.

Category A
Category C

	(ii) In the latter case, name and address of the entity in charge of keeping the records.	
4.1.5.	Currency of the securities issue	Category C
4.1.6.	Ranking of the securities being offered and/or admitted to trading, including summaries of any clauses that are intended to affect ranking or subordinate the security to any present or future liabilities of the issuer.	Category A
4.1.7.	A description of the rights attached to the securities, including any limitations of those rights, and procedure for the exercise of said rights.	Category B
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4.1.14	In respect of the country of registered office of the issuer and the country(ies) where the offer be- ing made or admission to trading is being sought:	Category A
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	• indication as to whether the issuer assumes responsibility for the withholding of taxes at source	
4.2.	Information concerning the underlying	
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4.2.2	A statement setting out the type of the underlying	Category A
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	(i) where the underlying is a security	
	• the name of the issuer of the security	Category C
	the ISIN (international security identification number) or other such security identification code	Category C
	(ii) where the underlying is an index:	
	• the name of the index.	Category C

	• a description of the index if it is composed by the issuer or by any legal entity belonging to the same group.	Category A
	• a description of the index provided by a legal entity or a natural person acting in association with, or on behalf of, the issuer, unless the prospectus contains the following statements:	Category A
	- the complete set of rules of the index and in- formation on the performance of the index are freely accessible on the issuer's or on the index provider's website;	
	and	
	- the governing rules (including methodology of the index for the selection and the re-balancing of the components of the index, description of market disruption events and adjustment rules) are based on predetermined and objective criteria.	
	• if the index is not composed by the issuer, an indication of where to obtain information about the index.	Category C
	(iii) where the underlying is an interest rate	
	• a description of the interest rate	Category C
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	• disclosure of the relevant weightings of each underlying in the basket	Category C
4.2.3.	A description of any market disruption or settlement disruption events that affect the underlying	Category B
4.2.4.	Adjustment rules with relation to events concerning the underlying.	Category B
5.	TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE OFFER	
5.1.	Conditions, offer statistics, expected timetable and action required to apply for the offer	
5.1.1.	Conditions to which the offer is subject	Category C
5.1.2.	Total amount of the issue/offer; if the amount is not fixed, description of the arrangements and time for announcing to the public the definitive amount of the offer.	Category C
5.1.3.	(i) The time period, including any possible amendments, during which the offer will be open	Category C Category C
	(ii) description of the application process.	
5.1.4.	Details of the minimum and/or maximum amount of application, (whether in number of securities or aggregate amount to invest)	Category C
5.1.5.	Method and time limits for paying up the securities and for delivery of the securities	Category C

5.1.6.	A full description of the manner and date in which results of the offer are to be made public.	Category C
5.2.	Plan of distribution and allotment	
5.2.1.	(i) The various categories of potential investors to which the securities are offered	Category C
	(ii) If the offer is being made simultaneously in the markets of two or more countries and if a tranche has been or is being reserved for certain of these, indicate any such tranche.	category c
5.2.2.	Process for notification to applicants of the amount allotted and the indication whether dealing may begin before notification is made	Category C
5.3.	Pricing	
5.3.1.	(i) An indication of the expected price at which the securities will be offered or	Category C
	(ii) the method of determining the price and the process for its disclosure	Category B
	(iii) indicate the amount of any expenses and taxes specifically charged to the subscriber or purchaser.	Category C
5.4.	Placing and Underwriting	
5.4.1.	Name and address of the coordinator(s) of the global offer and of single parts of the offer and, to the extend known to the issuer or to the offeror, of the placers in the various countries where the offer takes place.	Category C
5.4.2.	Name and address of any paying agents and depository agents in each country	Category C
5.4.3.	Entities agreeing to underwrite the issue on a firm commitment basis, and entities agreeing to place the issue without a firm commitment or under 'best efforts' arrangements. Where not all of the issue is underwritten, a statement of the portion not covered	Category C
5.4.4.	When the underwriting agreement has been or will be reached.	Category C
5.4.5.	Name and address of a calculation agent.	Category C
6.	ADMISSION TO TRADING AND DEALING ARRANGEMENTS	
6.1.	(i) An indication as to whether the securities of- fered are or will be the object of an application for admission to trading, with a view to their dis- tribution in a regulated market or other equiva- lent markets with indication of the markets in question. This circumstance shall be mentioned, without creating the impression that the admis- sion to trading necessarily will be approved.	Category B
	(ii) If known, give the earliest dates on which the securities will be admitted to trading	Category C
6.2.	All the regulated markets or equivalent markets on which, to the knowledge of the issuer, securities of the same class of the securities to be offered or admitted to trading are already admitted to trading	Category C

Name and address of the entities which have a 6.3. Category C firm commitment to act as intermediaries in secondary trading, providing liquidity through bid and offer rates and description of the main terms of their commitment. 7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION 7.1. If advisors connected with an issue are men-Category C tioned in the Securities Note, a statement of the capacity in which the advisors have acted. 7.2. An indication of other information in the Securit-Category A ies Note which has been audited or reviewed by statutory auditors and where auditors have produced a report. Reproduction of the report or, with permission of the competent authority, a summary of the report. 7.3. Where a statement or report attributed to a per-Category A son as an expert is included in the Securities Note, provide such person's name, business address, qualifications and material interest, if any, in the issuer. If the report has been produced at the issuer's request a statement to that effect that such statement or report is included, in the form and context in which it is included, with the consent of that person who has authorised the contents of that part of the Securities Note. 7.4. Where information has been sourced from a Category C third party, provide a confirmation that this information has been accurately reproduced and that as far as the issuer is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by that third party, no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading. In addition, the issuer shall identify the source(s) of the information 7.5. An indication in the prospectus whether or not Category C the issuer intends to provide post-issuance information. Where the issuer has indicated that it intends to report such information, the issuer shall specify in the prospectus what information will be reported and where such information can be obtained. **ANNEX XIII** 1. PERSONS RESPONSIBLE 1.1. All persons responsible for the information given Category A in the prospectus and, as the case may be, for certain parts of it, with, in the latter case, an indication of such parts. In case of natural persons including members of the issuer's administrative, management or supervisory bodies indicate the name and function of the person; in case of legal persons indicate the name and registered office. 1.2. A declaration by those responsible for the pro-Category A spectus that, having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case, the information contained in the prospectus is, to the best of their knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import. As the case may be, declaration by those responsible

for certain parts of the prospectus that the information contained in the part of the prospectus for which they are responsible is, to the best of their knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import.

2. **RISK FACTORS**

Prominent disclosure of risk factors that are mat-Category A erial to the securities admitted to trading in order to assess the market risk associated with these securities in a section headed 'Risk factors'.

3. **ESSENTIAL INFORMATION**

Interest of natural and legal persons involved in the issue

A description of any interest, including conflicting ones, that is material to the issue, detailing the persons involved and the nature of the interest.

Category C

4. INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SECURITIES TO BE ADMITTED TO TRADING

- 4.1. Total amount of securities being admitted to trading.
- Category C
- 4.2. (i) A description of the type and the class of the securities being offered and/or admitted to trading,
- Category B
- (ii) the ISIN (International Security Identification Number) or other such security identification
- Category C
- 4.3. Legislation under which the securities have been created
- Category A
- 4.4. (i) An indication of whether the securities are in registered form or bearer form and whether the securities are in certificated form or book-entry form.
- Category A Category C
- (ii) In the latter case, name and address of the entity in charge of keeping the records.
- 4.5. Currency of the securities issue

Category C

4.6. Ranking of the securities being offered and/or admitted to trading, including summaries of any clauses that are intended to affect ranking or subordinate the security to any present or future liabilities of the issuer.

Category A

4.7. A description of the rights attached to the securities, including any limitations of those rights, and procedure for the exercise of those rights.

Category B

4.8. (i) Nominal interest rate

- Category C
- (ii) Provisions relating to interest payable
- Category B Category C
- (iii) The date from which interest becomes payable

(iv) The due dates for interest

- Category C
- (v) The time limit on the validity of claims to interest and repayment of principal
- Category B

Where the rate is not fixed

	(vi) Statement setting out the type of the underlying	Category A
	(vii) description of the underlying on which it is based	Category C
	(viii) and of the method used to relate the two	Category B
	(ix) Description of any market disruption or settlement disruption events that affect the underlying	Category B
	(x) Adjustment rules with relation to events concerning the underlying	Category B
	(xi) Name of the calculation agent	Category C
4.9.	(i) maturity date	Category C
	(ii) arrangements for the amortisation of the loan, including the repayment procedures. Where advance amortisation is contemplated, on the initiative of the issuer or of the holder, it shall be described, stipulating amortisation terms and conditions	Category B
4.10.	(i) An indication of yield	Category C
4.11.	Representation of debt security holders including an identification of the organisation representing the investors and provisions applying to such rep- resentation. Indication of where the public may have access to the contracts relating to these forms of representation.	Category B
4.12.	A statement of the resolutions, authorisations and approvals by virtue of which the securities have been created and/or issued.	Category C
4.13.	The issue date of the securities	Category C
4.14.	A description of any restrictions on the free transferability of the securities	Category A
5.	ADMISSION TO TRADING AND DEALING ARRANGEMENTS	
5.1.	(i) Indication of the market where the securities will be traded and for which prospectus has been published.	Category B Category C
	(ii) If known, give the earliest dates on which the securities will be admitted to trading.	
5.2.	Name and address of any paying agents and depository agents in each country.	Category C
6.	EXPENSE OF THE ADMISSION TO TRADING	
	An estimate of the total expenses related to the admission to trading	Category C
7.	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	
7.1.	If advisors are mentioned in the Securities Note, a statement of the capacity in which the advisors have acted.	Category C
7.2.	An indication of other information in the Securities Note which has been audited or reviewed by auditors and where auditors have produced a report. Reproduction of the report or, with permission of the competent authority, a summary of the report.	Category A

7.3.	Where a statement or report attributed to a person as an expert is included in the Securities Note, provide such person's name, business address, qualifications and material interest if any in the issuer. If the report has been produced at the issuer's request a statement to that effect that such statement or report is included, in the form and context in which it is included, with the consent of that person who has authorised the contents of that part of the Securities Note.	Category A
7.4.	Where information has been sourced from a third party, provide a confirmation that this information has been accurately reproduced and that as far as the issuer is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by that third party, no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading. In addition, identify the source(s) of the information	Category C
7.5.	(i) Credit ratings assigned to an issuer at the request or with the co-operation of the issuer in the rating process	Category A
	(ii) Credit ratings assigned to securities at the request or with the co-operation of the issuer in the rating process	Category C
	ANNEX VIII	INSTRUCTIONS
1.	THE SECURITIES	
1.1.	The minimum denomination of an issue.	Category C
1.2.	Where information is disclosed about an under-	Category C
	taking/obligor which is not involved in the issue, provide a confirmation that the information relating to the undertaking/obligor has been accurately reproduced from information published by the undertaking/obligor. So far as the issuer is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by the undertaking/obligor no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information misleading.	Category C
	In addition, identify the source(s) of information in the Securities Note that has been reproduced from information published by an undertaking/obligor.	
2.	THE UNDERLYING ASSETS	
2.1.	Confirmation that the securitised assets backing the issue have characteristics that demonstrate ca- pacity to produce funds to service any payments due and payable on the securities.	Category A
2.2.	In respect of a pool of discrete assets backing the issue:	
2.2.1.	The legal jurisdiction by which the pool of assets is governed	Category C
2.2.2.	(a) In the case of a small number of easily identifiable obligors, a general description of each obligor	Category A
	(b) In all other cases, a description of: the general	Category B

	characteristics of the obligors; and the economic environment,	Category C
	as well as global statistical data referred to the securitised assets.	
2.2.3.	the legal nature of the assets	Category C
2.2.4.	the expiry or maturity date(s) of the assets	Category C
2.2.5.	the amount of the assets	Category C
2.2.6.	loan to value ratio or level of collateralisation	Category C
2.2.7.	the method of origination or creation of the assets, and for loans and credit agreements, the principal lending criteria and an indication of any loans which do not meet these criteria and any rights or obligations to make further advances	Category B
2.2.8.	an indication of significant representations and collaterals given to the issuer relating to the assets	Category C
2.2.9.	any rights to substitute the assets and a description of the manner in which and the type of assets which may be so substituted; if there is any capacity to substitute assets with a different class or quality of assets a statement to that effect together with a description of the impact of such substitution	Category B
2.2.10.	a description of any relevant insurance policies re- lating to the assets. Any concentration with one insurer must be disclosed if it is material to the transaction	Category B
2.2.11.	Where the assets comprise obligations of 5 or fewer obligors which are legal persons or where an obligor accounts for 20 % or more of the assets, or where an obligor accounts for a material portion of the assets, so far as the issuer is aware and/or is able to ascertain from information published by the obligor(s) indicate either of the following:	
	(a) information relating to each obligor as if it were an issuer drafting a registration document for debt and derivative securities with an individual denomination of at least EUR 100 000	Category A
	(b) if an obligor or guarantor has securities already admitted to trading on a regulated or equivalent market or the obligations are guaranteed by an entity admitted to trading on a regulated or equivalent market, the name, address, country of incorporation, nature of business and name of the market in which its securities are admitted.	Category C
2.2.12.	If a relationship exists that is material to the issue, between the issuer, guarantor and obligor, details of the principal terms of that relationship	Category C
2.2.13.	Where the assets comprise obligations that are not traded on a regulated or equivalent market, a description of the principal terms and conditions of the obligations	Category B

2.2.14.	Where the assets comprise equity securities that are admitted to trading on a regulated or equivalent market indicate the following:	
	(a) a description of the securities	Category C
	(b) a description of the market on which they are traded including its date of establishment, how price information is published, an indication of daily trading volumes, information as to the standing of the market in the country and the name of the market's regulatory authority	Category C
	(c) the frequency with which prices of the relevant securities, are published.	Category C
2.2.15.	Where more than ten (10) per cent of the assets comprise equity securities that are not traded on a regulated or equivalent market, a description of those equity securities and equivalent information to that contained in the schedule for share registration document in respect of each issuer of those securities	Category A
2.2.16.	Where a material portion of the assets are secured on or backed by real property, a valuation report relating to the property setting out both the valuation of the property and cash flow/income streams. Compliance with this disclosure is not required if the issue is of securities backed by mortgage loans with property as security, where there has been no revaluation of the properties for the purpose of the issue, and it is clearly stated that the valuations quoted are as at the date of the original initial mortgage loan origination	Category A
2.3.	In respect of an actively managed pool of assets backing the issue	
2.3.1.	equivalent information to that contained in items 2.1 and 2.2 to allow an assessment of the type, quality, sufficiency and liquidity of the asset types in the portfolio which will secure the issue	see items 2.1 and 2.2
2.3.2.	the parameters within which investments can be made, the name and description of the entity responsible for such management including a description of that entity's expertise and experience, a summary of the provisions relating to the termination of the appointment of such entity and the appointment of an alternative management entity, and a description of that entity's relationship with any other parties to the issue	Category B
2.4.	Where an issuer proposes to issue further securities backed by the same assets, a prominent statement to that effect and unless those further securities are fungible with or are subordinated to those classes of existing debt, a description of how the holders of that class will be informed	Category C
3.	STRUCTURE AND CASH FLOW	
3.1.	Description of the structure of the transaction, including, if necessary, a structure diagram	Category A

3.2.	Description of the entities participating in the issue and description of the functions to be performed by them	Category A
3.3.	Description of the method and date of the sale, transfer, novation or assignment of the assets or of any rights and/or obligations in the assets to the issuer or, where applicable, the manner and time period in which the proceeds from the issue will be fully invested by the issuer	Category B
3.4.	An explanation of the flow of funds including:	
3.4.1.	how the cash flow from the assets will meet the issuer's obligations to holders of the securities, including, if necessary, a financial service table and a description of the assumptions used in developing the table	Category B
3.4.2.	information on any credit enhancements, an indication of where material potential liquidity shortfalls may occur and the availability of any liquidity supports and indication of provisions designed to cover interest/principal shortfall risks	Category B
3.4.3.	without prejudice to item 3.4.2, details of any subordinated debt finance	Category C
3.4.4.	an indication of any investment parameters for the investment of temporary liquidity surpluses and description of the parties responsible for such investment	Category B
3.4.5.	how payments are collected in respect of the assets	Category B
3.4.6.	the order of priority of payments made by the issuer to the holders of the class of securities in question	Category A
3.4.7.	details of any other arrangements upon which payments of interest and principal to investors are dependent	Category A
3.5.	the name, address and significant business activities of the originators of the securitised assets	Category C
3.6.	Where the return on, and/or repayment of the security is linked to the performance or credit of other assets which are not assets of the issuer, items 2.2 and 2.3 are necessary	See items 2.2 and 2.3
3.7.	the name, address and significant business activities of the administrator, calculation agent or equivalent, together with a summary of the administrator's/calculation agents responsibilities, their relationship with the originator or the creator of the assets and a summary of the provisions relating to the termination of the appointment of the administrator/calculation agent and the appointment of an alternative administrator/calculation agent	Category C
3.8.	the names and addresses and brief description of:	
	(a) any swap counterparties and any providers of other material forms of credit/liquidity enhancement	Category A

	(b) the banks with which the main accounts relating to the transaction are held.	Category C
4.	POST ISSUANCE REPORTING	
4.1.	Indication in the prospectus whether or not it intends to provide post-issuance transaction information regarding securities to be admitted to trading and the performance of the underlying collateral. Where the issuer has indicated that it intends to report such information, specify in the prospectus what information will be reported, where such information can be obtained, and the frequency with which such information will be reported	Category C
	ANNEX XIV	INSTRUCTIONS
1.	Description of the underlying share	
1.1.	Describe the type and the class of the shares	Category A
1.2.	Legislation under which the shares have been or will be created	Category A
1.3.	Indication whether the securities are in registered form or bearer form and whether the securities are in certificated form or book-entry form. In the latter case, name and address of the entity in charge of keeping the records	Category A
1.4.	Indication of the currency of the shares issue	Category A
1.5.	A description of the rights, including any limitations of these, attached to the securities and procedure for the exercise of those rights:	Category A
	- Dividend rights:	
	- fixed date(s) on which the entitlement arises,	
	- time limit after which entitlement to dividend lapses and an indication of the person in whose favour the lapse operates,	
	- dividend restrictions and procedures for non resident holders,	
	- rate of dividend or method of its calculation, periodicity and cumulative or non-cumulative nature of payments.	
	- Voting rights.	
	- Pre-emption rights in offers for subscription of securities of the same class.	
	- Right to share in the issuer's profits.	
	- Rights to share in any surplus in the event of liquidation.	
	- Redemption provisions.	
	- Conversion provisions.	
1.6.	In the case of new issues, a statement of the resolutions, authorisations and approvals by virtue of which the shares have been or will be created and/or issued and indication of the issue date.	Category C
1.7.	Where and when the shares will be or have been admitted to trading	Category C

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1.8.	Description of any restrictions on the free transferability of the shares	Category A
1.9.	Indication of the existence of any mandatory takeover bids/or squeeze-out and sell-out rules in relation to the shares	Category A
1.10.	Indication of public takeover bids by third parties in respect of the issuer's equity, which have occurred during the last financial year and the current financial year. The price or exchange terms attaching to such offers and the outcome thereof must be stated	Category A
1.11.	Impact on the issuer of the underlying share of the exercise of the right and potential dilution ef- fect for the shareholders.	Category C
2.	When the issuer of the underlying is an entity belonging to the same group, the information to provide on this issuer is the one required by the share registration document schedule	Category A
	ANNEX VI	INSTRUCTIONS
1.	Nature of the Guarantee	
	A description of any arrangement intended to ensure that any obligation material to the issue will be duly serviced, whether in the form of guarantee, surety, Keep well Agreement, Mono-line Insurance policy or other equivalent commitment (hereafter referred to generically as 'guarantees' and their provider as 'guarantor' for convenience).	Category B
	Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, such arrangements encompass commitments to ensure obligations to repay debt securities and/or the payment of interest and the description shall set out how the arrangement is intended to ensure that the guaranteed payments will be duly serviced.	
2.	Scope of the Guarantee	
	Details shall be disclosed about the terms and conditions and scope of the guarantee. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, these details should cover any conditionality on the application of the guarantee in the event of any default under the terms of the security and the material terms of any mono-line insurance or keep well agreement between the issuer and the guarantor. Details must also be disclosed of any guarantor's power of veto in relation to changes to the security holder's rights, such as is often found in Mono-line Insurance.	Category B
3.	Information to be disclosed about the guarantor	
	The guarantor must disclose information about itself as if it were the issuer of that same type of security that is the subject of the guarantee.	Category A
4.	Documents on display	
	Indication of the places where the public may have access to the material contracts and other documents relating to the guarantee.	Category A

	ANNEX XXX	
1.	Information to be provided regarding consent by the issuer or person responsible for drawing up the prospectus	
1.1	Express consent by the issuer or person responsible for drawing up the prospectus to the use of the prospectus and statement that it accepts responsibility for the content of the prospectus also with respect to subsequent resale or final placement of securities by any financial intermediary which was given consent to use the prospectus.	Category A
1.2	Indication of the period for which consent to use the prospectus is given.	Category A
1.3	Indication of the offer period upon which subsequent resale or final placement of securities by financial intermediaries can be made.	Category C
1.4	Indication of the Member States in which financial intermediaries may use the prospectus for subsequent resale or final placement of securities.	Category A
1.5	Any other clear and objective conditions attached to the consent which are relevant for the use of the prospectus.	Category C
1.6	Notice in bold informing investors that, in the event of an offer being made by a financial intermediary, this financial intermediary will provide information to investors on the terms and conditions of the offer at the time the offer is made.	Category A
2A	Additional information to be provided where a consent is given to one or more specified financial intermediaries	
2A.1	List and identity (name and address) of the financial intermediary or intermediaries that are allowed to use the prospectus.	Category C
2A.2	Indication how any new information with respect to financial intermediaries unknown at the time of the approval of the prospectus, the base pro- spectus or the filing of the final terms, as the case may be, is to be published and where it can be found.	Category A
2B	Additional information to be provided where a consent is given to all financial intermediaries	
2B.1	Notice in bold informing investors that any financial intermediary using the prospectus has to state on its website that it uses the prospectus in accordance with the consent and the conditions attached thereto.	Category A

ANNEX XXI

List of additional information in final terms

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Example(s) of complex derivatives securities as referred to in recital 18 of the Prospectus Regulation

Additional provisions, not required by the relevant securities note, relating to the

Country(ies) where the offer(s) to the public takes place

Country(ies) where admission to trading on the regulated market(s) is being sought

Country(ies) into which the relevant base prospectus has been notified

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ANNEX XXII

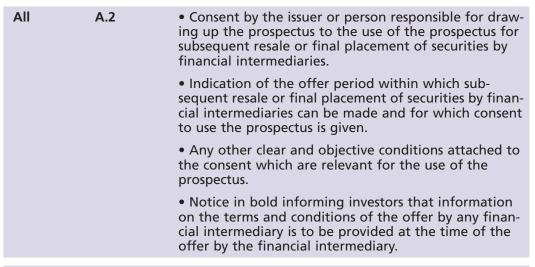
Disclosure requirements in summaries

Guide to using the Tables:

- 1. Summaries are constructed on a modular basis according to the Annexes from this Regulation on which the prospectus has been based. For example, the summary for a share prospectus would disclosure the information required for the Elements for Annexes I and III.
- 2. Each summary will be made up of five tables as detailed below.
- 3. The order of the sections A-E is mandatory. Within each of the sections the elements shall be disclosed in the order they appear in the Tables.
- 4. Where an element is not applicable to a prospectus the element should appear in the summary with the mention "not applicable".
- 5. To the extent required by an element, descriptions should be brief.
- 6. Summaries should not contain cross-references to specific parts of the prospectus.
- 7. Where a prospectus relates to the admission to trading on a regulated market of non-equity securities having a denomination of at least EUR 100 000 in accordance with either or both of Annexes IX or XIII and a summary is required by a Member State in accordance with Articles 5(2) and 19(4) of Directive 2003/71/EC, or is produced on a voluntary basis, the disclosure requirements for the summary in relation to Annexes IX and XIII are as set out in the Tables. Where an issuer is not under an obligation to include a summary in a prospectus but wishes to produce some overview section in the prospectus, it should ensure that it is not titled "summary" unless it complies with all the disclosure requirements for summaries.

Section A - Introduction and warnings

Annexes	Element	Disclosure requirement
All	A.1	Warning that:
		• [this] summary should be read as introduction to the prospectus;
		 any decision to invest in the securities should be based on consideration of the prospectus as a whole by the investor;
		 where a claim relating to the information contained in [the] prospectus is brought before a court, the plaintiff investor might, under the national legislation of the Member States, have to bear the costs of trans- lating the prospectus before the legal proceedings are initiated; and
		• civil liability attaches only to those persons who have tabled the summary including any translation thereof, but only if the summary is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent when read together with the other parts of the prospectus or it does not provide, when read together with the other parts of the prospectus, key information in order to aid investors when considering whether to invest in such securities.



Section B -Issuer and any guarantor

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Annexes	Element	Disclosure requirement
1, 4, 7, 9, 11	B.1	The legal and commercial name of the issuer.
1, 4, 7, 9, 11	B.2	The domicile and legal form of the issuer, the legislation under which the issuer operates and its country of incorporation.
1	B.3	A description of, and key factors relating to, the nature of the issuer's current operations and its principal activities, stating the main categories of products sold and/or services performed and identification of the principal markets in which the issuer competes.
1	B.4a	A description of the most significant recent trends af- fecting the issuer and the industries in which it operates.
4, 11	B.4b	A description of any known trends affecting the issuer and the industries in which it operates.
1, 4, 9, 11	B.5	If the issuer is part of a group, a description of the group and the issuer's position within the group.
1	B.6	In so far as is known to the issuer, the name of any person who, directly or indirectly, has an interest in the issuer's capital or voting rights which is notifiable under the issuer's national law, together with the amount of each such person's interest.
		Whether the issuer's major shareholders have different voting rights if any.
		To the extent known to the issuer, state whether the issuer is directly or indirectly owned or controlled and by whom and describe the nature of such control.
1	В.7	Selected historical key financial information regarding the issuer, presented for each financial year of the period covered by the historical financial information, and any subsequent interim financial period accompanied by comparative data from the same period in the prior financial year except that the requirement for comparative balance sheet information is satisfied by presenting the year end balance sheet information. This should be accompanied by a narrative description of significant change to the issuer's financial condition

		and operating results during or subsequent to the period covered by the historical key financial information.
1, 2	B.8	Selected key pro forma financial information, identified as such.
		The selected key pro forma financial information must clearly state the fact that because of its nature, the pro forma financial information addresses a hypothetical situation and, therefore, does not represent the company's actual financial position or results.
1, 4, 9, 11	B.9	Where a profit forecast or estimate is made, state the figure.
1, 4, 9, 11	B.10	A description of the nature of any qualifications in the audit report on the historical financial information.
3	B.11	If the issuer's working capital is not sufficient for the issuer's present requirements an explanation should be included.
4, 9, 11	B.12	Use only the first paragraph of B.7, plus:
		 A statement that there has been no material adverse change in the prospects of the issuer since the date of its last published audited financial statements or a de- scription of any material adverse change.
		 A description of significant changes in the financial or trading position subsequent to the period covered by the historical financial information.
4, 9, 11	B.13	A description of any recent events particular to the issuer which are to a material extent relevant to the evaluation of the issuer's solvency.
4, 9, 11	B.14	B.5 plus:
		"If the issuer is dependent upon other entities within the group, this must be clearly stated."
4, 9, 11	B.15	A description of the issuer's principal activities.
4, 7, 9, 11	B.16	Use only the final paragraph of B.6
5, 13	B.17	Credit ratings assigned to an issuer or its debt securities at the request or with the co-operation of the issuer in the rating process.
6	B.18	A description of the nature and scope of the guarantee.
6	B.19	Section B information about the guarantor as if it were the issuer of the same type of security that is the subject of the guarantee. Therefore provide such information as required for a summary for the relevant annex.
7	B.20	A statement whether the issuer has been established as a special purpose vehicle or entity for the purpose of issuing asset backed securities.
7	B.21	A description of the issuer's principal activities including a global overview of the parties to the securitisation program including information on the direct or indirect ownership or control between those parties.
7	B.22	Where, since the date of incorporation or establishment, an issuer has not commenced operations and no financial statements have been made up as at the

		date of the registration document, a statement to that effect.
7	B.23	Use only the first paragraph of B.7
7	B.24	A description of any material adverse change in the prospects of the issuer since the date of its last published audited financial statements.
8	B.25	A description of the underlying assets including:
		• confirmation that the securitised assets backing the issue have characteristics that demonstrate capacity to produce funds to service any payments due and payable on the securities
		• a description of the general characteristics of the obligors and in the case of a small number of easily identifiable obligors, a general description of each obligor
		a description of the legal nature of the assets
		loan to value ratio or level of collateralisation
		• Where a valuation report relating to real property is included in the prospectus, a description of the valuation.
8	B.26	In respect of an actively managed pool of assets backing the issue a description of the parameters within which investments can be made, the name and description of the entity responsible for such management including a brief description of that entity's relationship with any other parties to the issue.
8	B.27	Where an issuer proposes to issue further securities backed by the same assets a statement to that effect.
8	B.28	A description of the structure of the transaction, including, if necessary, a structure diagram.
8	B.29	A description of the flow of funds including information on swap counterparties and any other material forms of credit/liquidity enhancements and the providers thereof.
8	B.30	The name and a description of the originators of the securitised assets.
10	B.31	Information about the issuer of the underlying shares:
		• B.1
		• B.2
		• B.3
		• B.4
		• B.5
		• B.6
		• B.7
		• B.9
		• B.10
10	D 22	• D.4
10	B.32	Information about the issuer of the depository receipts:
		 "Name and registered office of the issuer of the depository receipts."

		 "Legislation under which the issuer of the deposit- ory receipts operates and legal form which it has ad- opted under the legislation."
15	B.33	The following information from Annex 1:
		• B.1
		• B.2
		• B.5
		• B.6
		• B.7
		• B.8
		• B.9
		• B.10
		• C.3
		• C.7
		• D.2
15	B.34	A description of the investment objective and policy, including any investment restrictions, which the collective investment undertaking will pursue with a description of the instruments used.
15	B.35	The borrowing and/or leverage limits of the collective investment undertaking. If there are no such limits, include a statement to that effect.
15	B.36	A description of the regulatory status of the collective investment undertaking together with the name of any regulator in its country of incorporation.
15	B.37	A brief profile of a typical investor for whom the collective investment undertaking is designed.
15	B.38	Where the main body of the prospectus discloses that more than 20% of the gross assets of the collective investment undertaking may be:
		(a) invested, directly or indirectly, in a single underlying asset, or
		(b) invested in one or more collective investment undertakings which may in turn invest more than 20% of gross assets in other collective investment undertakings, or
		(c) exposed to the creditworthiness or solvency of any one counterparty
		the identity of the entity should be disclosed together with a description of the exposure (e.g. counter-party) as well as information on the market in which its securities are admitted.
15	B.39	Where a collective investment undertaking may invest in excess of 40% of its gross assets in another collective investment undertaking the summary should briefly explain either:
		(a) the exposure, the identity of the underlying collective investment undertaking, and provide such information as would be required in a summary note by that collective investment undertaking; or

		(b) where the securities issued by an underlying collective investment undertaking have already been admitted to trading on a regulated or equivalent market, the identity of the underlying collective investment undertaking.
15	B.40	A description of the applicant's service providers including the maximum fees payable.
15	B.41	The identity and regulatory status of any investment manager, investment advisor, custodian, trustee or fiduciary (including and delegated custody arrangements).
15	B.42	A description of how often the net asset value of the collective investment undertaking will be determined and how such net asset value will be communicated to investors.
15	B.43	In the case of an umbrella collective investment undertaking, a statement of any cross liability that may occur between classes or investment in other collective investment undertaking.
15	B.44	B.7 plus:
		 "Where a collective investment undertaking has not commenced operations and no financial statements have been made up as at the date of the registration document, a statement to that effect."
15	B.45	A description of the collective investment undertaking's portfolio.
15	B.46	An indication of the most recent net asset value per security (if applicable).
16	B.47	A description of the issuer, including:
		 The legal name of the issuer and a description of the issuer's position within the national government framework.
		The legal form of the issuer.
		 Any recent events relevant to the evaluation of the issuer's solvency.
		 A description of the issuer's economy including its structure with details of its main sectors.
16	B.48	A description/the key facts of public finance and trade information for the two fiscal years prior to the date of the prospectus. With a description of any significant changes to that information since the end of the last fiscal year.
17	B.49	A description of the issuer, including:
		 The legal name of the issuer and a description of the issuer's legal status.
		The legal form of the issuer.
		• A description of the issuer's purpose and functions.
		 The sources of funding, guarantees and other obliga- tions owed to the issuer by its members.
		 Any recent events relevant to the evaluation of the issuer's solvency.

ancial information.

		the issuer's financial position since the last audited fin- ancial information.		
Section C - Securities				
Annexes	Element	Disclosure requirement		
3, 5, 12, 13	C.1	A description of the type and the class of the securities being offered and/or admitted to trading, including any security identification number.		
3, 5, 12, 13	C.2	Currency of the securities issue.		
1	C.3	The number of shares issued and fully paid and issued but not fully paid.		
		The par value per share, or that the shares have not par value.		
3	C.4	A description of the rights attached to the securities.		
3, 5, 12, 13	C.5	A description of any restrictions on the free transferability of the securities.		
3	C.6	An indication as to whether the securities offered are or will be the object of an application for admission to trading on a regulated market and the identity of all the regulated markets where the securities are or are to be traded.		
1	C.7	A description of dividend policy.		
5, 12, 13	C.8	C.4 plus:		
		"including ranking"		
		• "including limitations to those rights"		
5, 13	C.9	C.8 plus:		
		• "the nominal interest rate"		
		 "the date from which interest becomes payable and the due dates for interest" 		
		 "where the rate is not fixed, description of the underlying on which it is based" 		
		 "maturity date and arrangements for the amortis- ation of the loan, including the repayment procedures" 		
		"an indication of yield"		
		• "name of representative of debt security holders"		
5	C.10	C.9 plus:		
		• "if the security has a derivative component in the interest payment, provide a clear and comprehensive explanation to help investors understand how the value of their investment is affected by the value of the underlying instrument(s), especially under the circumstances when the risks are most evident"		
5, 12	C.11	An indication as to whether the securities offered are or will be the object of an application for admission to trading, with a view to their distribution in a regulated market or other equivalent markets with indication of the markets in question.		

8	C.12	The minimum denomination of an issue.
10	C.13	Information about the underlying shares:
		C.1
		C.2
		C.3
		C.4
		C.5
		C.6
		C.7
10	C.14	Information about the depository receipts:
		C.1
		C.2
		C.4
		C.5
		• "Describe the exercise of and benefit from the rights attaching to the underlying shares, in particular voting rights, the conditions on which the issuer of the depository receipts may exercise such rights, and measures envisaged to obtain the instructions of the depository receipt holders - and the right to share in profits and any liquidations surplus which are not passed on to the holder of the depository receipt."
		• "Description of the bank or other guarantee attached to the depository receipt and intended to underwrite the issuer's obligations."
12	C.15	A description of how the value of the investment is affected by the value of the underlying instrument(s), unless the securities have a denomination of at least EUR 100 000.
12	C.16	The expiration or maturity date of the derivative securities - the exercise date or final reference date.
12	C.17	A description of the settlement procedure of the derivative securities.
12	C.18	A description of how the return on derivative securities takes place.
12	C.19	The exercise price or the final reference price of the underlying.
12	C.20	A description of the type of the underlying and where the information on the underlying can be found.
13	C.21	Indication of the market where the securities will be traded and for which prospectus has been published.
14	C.22	Information about the underlying share:
		"A description of the underlying share."
		• C.2
		• C.4 plus the words " and procedure for the exercise of those rights".
		 "Where and when the shares will be or have been admitted to trading."
		• C.5

• "Where the issuer of the underlying is an entity belonging to the same group, the information to provide on this issuer is the information required by the share registration document. Therefore provide such information required for a summary for Annex 1."

or part of it, as the case may be, and/or, if the investor's liability is not limited to the value of his investment, a statement of that fact, together with a description of the circumstances in which such additional

liability arises and the likely financial effect."

		Section D - Kisks
Annexes	Element	Disclosure requirement
1	D.1	Key information on the key risks that are specific to the issuer or its industry
4, 7, 9, 11, 16, 17	D.2	Key information on the key risks that are specific to the issuer.
3, 5, 13	D.3	Key information on the key risks that are specific to the securities.
10	D.4	Information about the issuer of the underlying shares: • D.2
10	D.5	Information about the depository receipts: • D.3
12	D.6	D.3 plus:"This must include a risk warning to the effect that
		investors may lose the value of their entire investment

Section D - Risks

Section E - Offer **Annexes Element** Disclosure requirement 3, 10 E.1 The total net proceeds and an estimate of the total expenses of the issue/offer, including estimated expenses charged to the investor by the issuer or the offeror. 3, 10 E.2a Reasons for the offer, use of proceeds, estimated net amount of the proceeds. Reasons for the offer and use of proceeds when differ-5, 12 E.2b ent from making profit and/or hedging certain risks. 3, 5, 10, 12 **E.3** A description of the terms and conditions of the offer. 3, 5, 10, **E.4** A description of any interest that is material to the 12, 13 issue/offer including conflicting interests. 3, 10 **E.5** Name of the person or entity offering to sell the security. Lock-up agreements: the parties involved; and indication of the period of the lock up. 3, 10 **E.6** The amount and percentage of immediate dilution resulting from the offer. In the case of a subscription offer to existing equity holders, the amount and percentage of immediate dilution if they do not subscribe to the new offer. All **E.7** Estimated expenses charged to the investor by the issuer or the offeror.

ANNEX XXIII

Proportionate Schedule for Minimum Disclosure Requirements for the Share Registration Document for Rights Issues

1. PERSONS RESPONSIBLE

- 1.1. All persons responsible for the information given in the Registration Document and, as the case may be, for certain parts of it, with, in the latter case, an indication of such parts. In the case of natural persons including members of the issuer's administrative, management or supervisory bodies indicate the name and function of the person; in case of legal persons indicate the name and registered office.
- 1.2. A declaration by those responsible for the registration document that, having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case, the information contained in the registration document is, to the best of their knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import. As the case may be, a declaration by those responsible for certain parts of the registration document that, having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case, the information contained in the part of the registration document for which they are responsible is, to the best of their knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import.

STATUTORY AUDITORS 2.

- 2.1. Names and addresses of the issuer's auditors for the period covered by the historical financial information (together with their membership in a professional body).
- 2.2. If auditors have resigned, been removed or not been re-appointed during the period covered by the historical financial information, indicate details if material.

3. **RISK FACTORS**

Prominent disclosure of risk factors that are specific to the issuer or its industry in a section headed "Risk Factors".

INFORMATION ABOUT THE ISSUER 4.

- 4.1. The legal and commercial name of the issuer
- 4.2. Investments
- 4.2.1. A description, (including the amount) of the principal investments made since the end of the period covered by the latest published audited financial statements and up to the date of the registration document.
- 4.2.2. A description of the issuer's principal investments that are in progress, including the geographic distribution of these investments (home and abroad) and the method of financing (internal or external)
- 4.2.3. Information concerning the issuer's principal future investments on which its management bodies have already made firm commitments.

5. **BUSINESS OVERVIEW**

5.1. **Principal Activities**

A brief description of the issuer's operations and principal activities and of any significant changes impacting these operations and activities since the end of the period covered by the latest published audited financial statements, including an indication of any significant new products and services that have been introduced and, to the extent the development of new products or services has been publicly disclosed, the status of development.

5.2. Principal Markets

A brief description of the principal markets in which the issuer competes and of any significant changes impacting these markets since the end of period covered by the latest published audited financial statements.

- 5.3. Where the information given pursuant to items 5.1. and 5.2. has been influenced by extraordinary factors since the end of period covered by the latest published audited financial statements, mention that fact.
- 5.4. If material to the issuer's business or profitability, summary information regarding the extent to which the issuer is dependent, on patents or licenses, industrial, commercial or financial contracts or new manufacturing processes.
- 5.5. The basis for any statements made by the issuer regarding its competitive position.

6. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

6.1. If the issuer is part of a group, a brief description of the group and the issuer's position within the group.

7. TREND INFORMATION

- 7.1. The most significant recent trends in production, sales and inventory, and costs and selling prices since the end of the last financial year to the date of the registration document.
- 7.2. Information on any known trends, uncertainties, demands, commitments or events that are reasonably likely to have a material effect on the issuer's prospects for at least the current financial year.

8. PROFIT FORECASTS OR ESTIMATES

If an issuer chooses to include a profit forecast or a profit estimate the registration document must contain the information set out in items 8.1 and 8.2:

8.1. A statement setting out the principal assumptions upon which the issuer has based its forecast, or estimate.

There must be a clear distinction between assumptions about factors which the members of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies can influence and assumptions about factors which are exclusively outside the influence of the members of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies; the assumptions must be readily understandable by investors, be specific and precise and not relate to the general accuracy of the estimates underlying the forecast.

8.2. A report prepared by independent accountants or auditors stating that in the opinion of the independent accountants or auditors the forecast or estimate has been properly compiled on the basis stated, and that the basis of accounting used for the profit forecast or estimate is consistent with the accounting policies of the issuer.

Where financial information relates to the previous financial year and only contains non misleading figures substantially consistent with the final figures to be published in the next annual audited financial statements for the previous financial year, and the explanatory information necessary to assess the figures, a report shall not be required provided that the prospectus includes all of the following statements:

(a) the person responsible for this financial information, if different from the one which is responsible for the prospectus in general, approves that information;

- (b) independent accountants or auditors have agreed that this information is substantially consistent with the final figures to be published in the next annual audited financial statements;
- (c) this financial information has not been audited.
- 8.3. The profit forecast or estimate must be prepared on a basis comparable with the historical financial information
- 8.4. If a profit forecast in a prospectus has been published which is still outstanding, then provide a statement setting out whether or not that forecast is still correct as at the time of the registration document, and an explanation of why such forecast is no longer valid if that is the case.
- ADMINISTRATIVE, MANAGEMENT, AND SUPERVISORY BODIES AND 9. **SENIOR MANAGEMENT**
- 9.1. Names, business addresses and functions in the issuer of the following persons and an indication of the principal activities performed by them outside that issuer where these are significant with respect to that issuer:
 - (a) members of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies:
 - (b) partners with unlimited liability, in the case of a limited partnership with a share capital;
 - (c) founders, if the issuer has been established for fewer than five years; and
 - (d) any senior manager who is relevant to establishing that the issuer has the appropriate expertise and experience for the management of the issuer's business.

The nature of any family relationship between any of those persons.

In the case of each member of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies of the issuer and of each person mentioned in points (b) and (d) of the first subparagraph, details of that person's relevant management expertise and experience and the following information:

- (a) the names of all companies and partnerships of which such person has been a member of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies or partner at any time in the previous five years, indicating whether or not the individual is still a member of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies or partner. It is not necessary to list all the subsidiaries of an issuer of which the person is also a member of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies:
- (b) any convictions in relation to fraudulent offences for at least the previous five years;
- (c) details of any bankruptcies, receiverships or liquidations with which a person described in (a) and (d) of the first subparagraph who was acting in the capacity of any of the positions set out in (a) and(d) of the first subparagraph was associated for at least the previous five years;
- (d) details of any official public incrimination and/or sanctions of such person by statutory or regulatory authorities (including designated professional bodies) and whether such person has ever been disqualified by a court from acting as a member of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies of an issuer or from acting in the management or conduct of the affairs of any issuer for at least the previous five years.

If there is no such information to be disclosed, a statement to that effect is to be made.

9.2. Administrative, Management, and Supervisory bodies and Senior Management conflicts of interests

Potential conflicts of interests between any duties to the issuer, of the persons referred to in item 9.1., and their private interests and or other duties must be clearly stated. In the event that there are no such conflicts, a statement to that effect must be made.

Any arrangement or understanding with major shareholders, customers, suppliers or others, pursuant to which any person referred to in item 9.1 was selected as a member of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies or member of senior management.

Details of any restrictions agreed by the persons referred to in item 9.1 on the disposal within a certain period of time of their holdings in the issuer's securities.

10. REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

In case of issuers not listed on a regulated market and in relation to the last full financial year for those persons referred to in points (a) and (d) of the first subparagraph of item 9.1.

10.1. The amount of remuneration paid (including any contingent or deferred compensation), and benefits in kind granted to such persons by the issuer and its subsidiaries for services in all capacities to the issuer and its subsidiaries by any person.

That information must be provided on an individual basis unless individual disclosure is not required in the issuer's home country or when the issuer has already publicly disclosed that information.

10.2. The total amounts set aside or accrued by the issuer or its subsidiaries to provide pension, retirement or similar benefits.

11. BOARD PRACTICES

In case of issuers not listed on a regulated market and in relation to the issuer's last completed financial year, and unless otherwise specified, with respect to those persons referred to in point (a) of the first subparagraph of 9.1.

- 11.1. Date of expiration of the current term of office, if applicable, and the period during which the person has served in that office.
- 11.2. Information about members of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies' service contracts with the issuer or any of its subsidiaries providing for benefits upon termination of employment, or an appropriate negative statement.
- 11.3. Information about the issuer's audit committee and remuneration committee, including the names of committee members and a summary of the terms of reference under which the committee operates.
- 11.4. A statement as to whether or not the issuer complies with its country's of incorporation corporate governance regime(s). In the event that the issuer does not comply with such a regime, a statement to that effect must be included together with an explanation regarding why the issuer does not comply with such regime.

12. EMPLOYEES

12.1. Shareholdings and stock options with respect to each person referred to in points (a) and (d) of the first subparagraph of item 9.1. provide information as to their share ownership and any options over such shares in the issuer as of the most recent practicable date.

- 12.2. Description of any arrangements for involving the employees in the capital of the issuer.
- 13. MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS
- 13.1. In so far as is known to the issuer, the name of any person other than a member of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies who, directly or indirectly, has an interest in the issuer's capital or voting rights which is notifiable under the issuer's national law, together with the amount of each such person's interest or, if there are no such persons, an appropriate negative statement.
- 13.2. Whether the issuer's major shareholders have different voting rights, or an appropriate negative statement.
- 13.3. To the extent known to the issuer, state whether the issuer is directly or indirectly owned or controlled and by whom and describe the nature of such control and describe the measures in place to ensure that such control is not abused.
- 13.4. A description of any arrangements, known to the issuer, the operation of which may at a subsequent date result in a change in control of the issuer.

14. **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

If International Financial Reporting Standards adopted according to the Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002 do not apply to the issuer, the following information must be disclosed for the period covered by the historical financial information and up to the date of the registration document:

- (a) The nature and extent of any transactions which are as a single transaction or in their entirety - material to the issuer. Where such related party transactions are not concluded at arm's length provide an explanation of why these transactions were not concluded at arms length. In the case of outstanding loans including guarantees of any kind indicate the amount outstanding.
- (b) The amount or the percentage to which related party transactions form part of the turnover of the issuer.

If international Financial Reporting Standards adopted according to the Regulation (EC) No 1606/200 apply to the issuer, the above information must be disclosed only for the transactions occurred since the end of the last financial period for which audited financial information have been published.

- 15. FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ISSUER'S ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, FINANCIAL POSITION AND PROFITS AND LOSSES
- 15.1. Historical Financial Information

Audited historical financial information covering the last financial year (or such shorter period that the issuer has been in operation and the audit report. If the issuer has changed its accounting reference date during the period for which historical financial information is required, the audited historical information shall cover at least 12 months, or the entire period for which the issuer has been in operation, whichever is the shorter. Such financial information must be prepared according to Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002, or if not applicable to a Member State national accounting standards for issuers from the European Union.

For third country issuers, such financial information must be prepared according to the international accounting standards adopted pursuant to the procedure of Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1606/ 2002 or to a third country's national accounting standards equivalent to these standards. If such financial information is not equiva

lent to these standards, it must be presented in the form of restated financial statements.

The audited historical financial information must be presented and prepared in a form consistent with that which will be adopted in the issuer's next published annual financial statements having regard to accounting standards and policies and legislation applicable to such annual financial statements.

If the issuer has been operating in its current area of economic activity for less than one year, the audited historical financial information covering that period must be prepared in accordance with the standards applicable to annual financial statements under the Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002, or if not applicable to a Member State national accounting standards where the issuer is an issuer from the European Union. For third country issuers, the historical financial information must be prepared according to the international accounting standards adopted pursuant to the procedure of Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002 or to a third country's national accounting standards equivalent to these standards. This historical financial information must be audited.

If the audited financial information is prepared according to national accounting standards, the financial information required under this heading must include at least:(a) balance sheet;

- (b) income statement;
- (c) a statement showing either all changes in equity or changes in equity other than those arising from capital transactions with owners and distributions to owners;
- (d) cash flow statement;
- (e) accounting policies and explanatory notes

The historical annual financial information must be independently audited or reported on as to whether or not, for the purposes of the registration document, it gives a true and fair view, in accordance with auditing standards applicable in a Member State or an equivalent standard.

15.2. Pro forma financial information

In the case of a significant gross change, a description of how the transaction might have affected the assets and liabilities and earnings of the issuer, had the transaction been undertaken at the commencement of the period being reported on or at the date reported.

This requirement will normally be satisfied by the inclusion of proforma financial information.

This pro forma financial information is to be presented as set out in Annex II and must include the information indicated therein.

Pro forma financial information must be accompanied by a report prepared by independent accountants or auditors.

15.3. Financial statements

If the issuer prepares both own and consolidated annual financial statements, include at least the consolidated annual financial statements in the registration document.

- 15.4. Auditing of historical annual financial information
- 15.4.1. A statement that the historical financial information has been audited. If audit reports on the historical financial information have been refused by the statutory auditors or if they contain qualifica-

- tions or disclaimers, such refusal or such qualifications or disclaimers must be reproduced in full and the reasons given.
- 15.4.2. Indication of other information in the registration document which has been audited by the auditors.
- Where financial data in the registration document is not extracted 15.4.3. from the issuer's audited financial statements state the source of the data and state that the data is unaudited.
- 15.5. Age of latest financial information
- The last year of audited financial information may not be older 15.5.1. than one of the following:
 - (a) 18 months from the date of the registration document if the issuer includes audited interim financial statements in the registration document;
 - (b) 15 months from the date of the registration document if the issuer includes unaudited interim financial statements in the registration document.
- 15.6. Interim and other financial information
- 15.6.1. If the issuer has published quarterly or half yearly financial information since the date of its last audited financial statements, these must be included in the registration document. If the quarterly or half yearly financial information has been reviewed or audited, the audit or review report must also be included. If the quarterly or half yearly financial information is unaudited or has not been reviewed state that fact.
- 15.6.2. If the registration document is dated more than nine months after the end of the last audited financial year, it must contain interim financial information, which may be unaudited (in which case that fact must be stated) covering at least the first six months of the financial year.

The interim financial information must include comparative statements for the same period in the prior financial year, except that the requirement for comparative balance sheet information may be satisfied by presenting the years end balance sheet.

- 15.7. Dividend policy
 - A description of the issuer's policy on dividend distributions and any restrictions thereon.
- 15.7.1. The amount of the dividend per share for the period covered by the historical financial information adjusted, where the number of shares in the issuer has changed, to make it comparable.
- 15.8. Legal and arbitration proceedings

Information on any governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings (including any such proceedings which are pending or threatened of which the issuer is aware), during a period covering at least the previous 12 months which may have, or have had in the recent past significant effects on the issuer and/or group's financial position or profitability, or provide an appropriate negative statement.

15.9. Significant change in the issuer's financial or trading position

> A description of any significant change in the financial or trading position of the group which has occurred since the end of the last financial period for which either audited financial information or interim financial information have been published, or provide an appropriate negative statement.

16. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

16.1. Share Capital

The following information as of the date of the most recent balance sheet included in the historical financial information:

- 16.1.1. The amount of issued capital, and for each class of share capital:
 - (a) the number of shares authorised;
 - (b) the number of shares issued and fully paid and issued but not fully paid;
 - (c) the par value per share, or that the shares have no par value; and
 - (d) a reconciliation of the number of shares outstanding at the beginning and end of the year. If more than 10% of capital has been paid for with assets other than cash within the period covered by the historical financial information, state that fact.
- 16.1.2. If there are shares not representing capital, state the number and main characteristics of such shares.
- 16.1.3. The amount of any convertible securities, exchangeable securities or securities with warrants, with an indication of the conditions governing and the procedures for conversion, exchange or subscription.
- 16.1.4. Information about and terms of any acquisition rights and or obligations over authorised but unissued capital or an undertaking to increase the capital.
- 16.1.5. Information about any capital of any member of the group which is under option or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be put under option and details of such options including those persons to whom such options relate.

17. MATERIAL CONTRACTS

A summary of each material contract, other than contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business, to which the issuer or any member of the group is a party, for the last year immediately preceding publication of the registration document.

A summary of any other contract (not being a contract entered into in the ordinary course of business) entered into by any member of the group which contains any provision under which any member of the group has any obligation or entitlement which is material to the group as at the date of the registration document.

18. THIRD PARTY INFORMATION AND STATEMENT BY EXPERTS AND DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTEREST

- 18.1. Where a statement or report attributed to a person as an expert is included in the Registration Document, provide such person's name, business address, qualifications and material interest if any in the issuer. If the report has been produced at the issuer's request a statement to the effect that such statement or report is included, in the form and context in which it is included, with the consent of the person who has authorised the contents of that part of the Registration Document.
- 18.2. Where information has been sourced from a third party, provide a confirmation that this information has been accurately reproduced and that as far as the issuer is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by that third party, no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading. In addition, identify the source(s) of the information.

19. DOCUMENTS ON DISPLAY

A statement that for the life of the registration document the fol-

lowing documents (or copies thereof), where applicable, may be inspected:

- (a) the memorandum and articles of association of the issuer;
- (b) all reports, letters, and other documents, historical financial information, valuations and statements prepared by any expert at the issuer's request any part of which is included or referred to in the registration document.

An indication of where the documents on display may be inspected, by physical or electronic means.

ANNEX XXIV

Proportionate Schedule for Minimum Disclosure Requirements for the Share Securities Note for Rights Issues

1. PERSONS RESPONSIBLE

- 1.1. All persons responsible for the information given in the prospectus and, as the case may be, for certain parts of it, with, in the latter case, an indication of such parts. In the case of natural persons including members of the issuer's administrative, management or supervisory bodies indicate the name and function of the person; in case of legal persons indicate the name and registered office.
- A declaration by those responsible for the prospectus that, having 1.2. taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case the information contained in the prospectus is, to the best of their knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import. As the case may be, declaration by those responsible for certain parts of the prospectus that, having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case the information contained in the part of the prospectus for which they are responsible is, to the best of their knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import.

2. **RISK FACTORS**

Prominent disclosure of risk factors that are material to the securities being offered and/or admitted to trading in order to assess the market risk associated with these securities in a section headed "Risk Factors".

3. **ESSENTIAL INFORMATION**

3.1. Working capital Statement

> Statement by the issuer that, in its opinion, the working capital is sufficient for the issuer's present requirements or, if not, how it proposes to provide the additional working capital needed.

3.2. Capitalisation and indebtedness

> A statement of capitalisation and indebtedness (distinguishing between guaranteed and unguaranteed, secured and unsecured indebtedness) as of a date no earlier than 90 days prior to the date of the document. Indebtedness also includes indirect and contingent indebtedness.

3.3. Interest of natural and legal persons involved in the issue/offer

> A description of any interest, including conflicting ones that is material to the issue/offer, detailing the persons involved and the nature of the interest.

3.4. Reasons for the offer and use of proceeds

> Reasons for the offer and, where applicable, the estimated net amount of the proceeds broken into each principal intended use and presented by order of priority of such uses. If the issuer is aware that the anticipated proceeds will not be sufficient to fund all the proposed uses, state

the amount and sources of other funds needed. Details must be given with regard to the use of the proceeds, in particular when they are being used to acquire assets, other than in the ordinary course of business, to finance announced acquisitions of other business, or to discharge, reduce or retire indebtedness.

4. INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SECURITIES TO BE OFFERED/ ADMITTED TO TRADING

- 4.1. A description of the type and the class of the securities being offered and/or admitted to trading, including the ISIN (International Security Identification Number) or other such security identification code.
- 4.2. Legislation under which the securities have been created.
- 4.3. An indication whether the securities are in registered form or bearer form and whether the securities are in certificated form or book-entry form. In the latter case, name and address of the entity in charge of keeping the records.
- 4.4. Currency of the securities issue.
- 4.5. A description of the rights attached to the securities, including any limitations of those rights, and procedure for the exercise of those rights.

Dividend rights:

- Fixed date(s) on which the entitlement arises,
- Time limit after which entitlement to dividend lapses and an indication of the person in whose favour the lapse operates,
- Dividend restrictions and procedures for non-resident holders,
- Rate of dividend or method of its calculation, periodicity and cumulative or non-cumulative nature of payments.

Voting rights.

Pre-emption rights in offers for subscription of securities of the same class.

Right to share in the issuer's profits.

Rights to share in any surplus in the event of liquidation.

Redemption provisions.

Conversion provisions.

- 4.6. A statement of the resolutions, authorisations and approvals by virtue of which the securities have been or will be created and/or issued.
- 4.7. The expected issue date of the securities
- 4.8. A description of any restrictions on the free transferability of the securities
- 4.9. In respect of the country of registered office of the issuer and the country(ies) where the offer is being made or admission to trading is being sought:
 - Information on taxes on the income from the securities withheld at source,
 - Indication as to whether the issuer assumes responsibility for the withholding of taxes at the source.

5. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE OFFER

- 5.1. Conditions, offer statistics, expected timetable and action required to apply for the offer
- 5.1.1. Conditions to which the offer is subject.
- 5.1.2. Total amount of the issue/offer.

- 5.1.3. The time period, including any possible amendments, during which the offer will be open and description of the application process.
- 5.1.4. An indication of when, and under which circumstances, the offer may be revoked or suspended and whether revocation can occur after dealing has begun.
- 5.1.5. A description of the possibility to reduce subscriptions and the manner for refunding excess amount paid by applicants.
- 5.1.6. Details of the minimum and/or maximum amount of application (whether in number of securities or aggregate amount to invest).
- 5.1.7. An indication of the period during which an application may be withdrawn, provided that investors are allowed to withdraw their subscription.
- Method and time limits for paying up the securities and for delivery of 5.1.8. the securities.
- 5.1.9. A full description of the manner and date in which results of the offer are to be made public.
- The procedure for the exercise of any right of pre-emption, the negoti-5.1.10. ability of subscription rights and the treatment of subscription rights not exercised.
- 5.2. Allotment
- 5.2.1. To the extent known to the issuer, an indication of whether major shareholders or members of the issuer's management, supervisory or administrative bodies intended to subscribe in the offer, or whether any person intends to subscribe for more than five per cent of the offer
- 5.2.2. Process for notification to applicants of the amount allotted and indication whether dealing may begin before notification is made.
- 5.3.
- 5.3.1. An indication of the price at which the securities will be offered. If the price is not known or if there is no established and/or liquid market for the securities, indicate the method for determining the offer price, including a statement as to who has set the criteria or is formally responsible for the determination. Indication of the amount of any expenses and taxes specifically charged to the subscriber or purchaser.
- 5.3.2. Process for the disclosure of the offer price.
- 5.3.3. If the issuer's equity holders have pre-emptive purchase rights and this right is restricted or withdrawn, indication of the basis for the issue price if the issue is for cash, together with the reasons for and beneficiaries of such restriction or withdrawal.
- 5.4. Placing and Underwriting
- Name and address of the co-ordinator(s) of the global offer and of 5.4.1. single parts of the offer and, to the extend known to the issuer or to the offeror, of the placers in the various countries where the offer takes place
- 5.4.2. Name and address of any paying agents and depository agents in each country.
- 5.4.3. Name and address of the entities agreeing to underwrite the issue on a firm commitment basis, and name and address of the entities agreeing to place the issue without a firm commitment or under "best efforts" arrangements. Indication of the material features of the agreements, including the quotas. Where not all of the issue is underwritten, a statement of the portion not covered. Indication of the overall amount of the underwriting commission and of the placing commission.

5.4.4. When the underwriting agreement has been or will be reached.

6. ADMISSION TO TRADING AND DEALING ARRANGEMENTS

- 6.1. An indication as to whether the securities offered are or will be the object of an application for admission to trading, with a view to their distribution in a regulated market or other equivalent markets with indication of the markets in question. This circumstance must be mentioned, without creating the impression that the admission to trading will necessarily be approved. If known, the earliest dates on which the securities will be admitted to trading.
- 6.2. All the regulated markets or equivalent markets on which, to the knowledge of the issuer, securities of the same class of the securities to be offered or admitted to trading are already admitted to trading.
- 6.3. If simultaneously or almost simultaneously with the creation of the securities for which admission to a regulated market is being sought, securities of the same class are subscribed for or placed privately or if securities of other classes are created for public or private placing, give details of the nature of such operations and of the number and characteristics of the securities to which they relate.
- 6.4. Details of the entities which have a firm commitment to act as intermediaries in secondary trading, providing liquidity through bid and offer rates and description of the main terms of their commitment.

7. LOCK-UP AGREEMENTS

7.1. Lock-up agreements

The parties involved.

Content and exceptions of the agreement.

Indication of the period of the lock up.

8. EXPENSE OF THE ISSUE/OFFER

8.1. The total net proceeds and an estimate of the total expenses of the issue/offer.

9. DILUTION

- 9.1. The amount and percentage of immediate dilution resulting from the issue/offer.
- 9.2. The amount and percentage of immediate dilution if they do not subscribe to the new offer.

10. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 10.1 If advisors connected with an issue are mentioned in the Securities Note, a statement of the capacity in which the advisors have acted.
- An indication of other information in the Securities Note which has been audited or reviewed by statutory auditors and where auditors have produced a report. Reproduction of the report or, with permission of the competent authority, a summary of the report.
- 10.3 Where a statement or report attributed to a person as an expert is included in the Securities Note, provide such persons' name, business address, qualifications and material interest if any in the issuer. If the report has been produced at the issuer's request a statement to the effect that such statement or report is included, in the form and context in which it is included, with the consent of the person who has authorised the contents of that part of the Securities Note.
- 10.4 Where information has been sourced from a third party, provide a confirmation that this information has been accurately reproduced and that as far as the issuer is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by that third party, no facts have been omitted which

would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading. In addition, identify the source(s) of the information.

ANNEX XXV

Proportionate Schedule for Minimum Disclosure Requirements for the Share Registration Document for SMEs and companies with reduced market capitalisation

1. PERSONS RESPONSIBLE

- 1.1. All persons responsible for the information given in the Registration Document and, as the case may be, for certain parts of it, with, in the latter case, an indication of such parts. In the case of natural persons including members of the issuer's administrative, management or supervisory bodies indicate the name and function of the person; in case of legal persons indicate the name and registered office.
- 1.2. A declaration by those responsible for the registration document that, having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case, the information contained in the registration document is, to the best of their knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import. As the case may be, a declaration by those responsible for certain parts of the registration document that, having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case, the information contained in the part of the registration document for which they are responsible is, to the best of their knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import.

2. STATUTORY AUDITORS

- 2.1. Names and addresses of the issuer's auditors for the period covered by the historical financial information (together with their membership in a professional body).
- 2.2. If auditors have resigned, been removed or not been re-appointed during the period covered by the historical financial information, indicate details if material.

3. SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

3.1. Selected historical financial information regarding the issuer, presented for each financial year for the period covered by the historical financial information, and any subsequent interim financial period, in the same currency as the financial information.

> The selected historical financial information must provide the key figures that summarise the financial condition of the issuer.

3.2. If selected financial information for interim periods is provided, comparative data from the same period in the prior financial year must also be provided, except that the requirement for comparative balance sheet information is satisfied by presenting the year end balance sheet information.

4. **RISK FACTORS**

4.1. Prominent disclosure of risk factors that are specific to the issuer or its industry in a section headed "Risk Factors".

5. INFORMATION ABOUT THE ISSUER

- 5.1. History and Development of the Issuer
- 5.1.1. the legal and commercial name of the issuer;
- 5.1.2. the place of registration of the issuer and its registration number;
- 5.1.3. the date of incorporation and the length of life of the issuer, except where indefinite

- 5.1.4. the domicile and legal form of the issuer, the legislation under which the issuer operates, its country of incorporation, and the address and telephone number of its registered office (or principal place of business if different from its registered office);
- 5.1.5. the important events in the development of the issuer's business.
- 5.2. Investments
- 5.2.1 A description, (including the amount) of the issuer's principal investments for each financial year for the period covered by the historical financial information up to the date of the registration document.
- 5.2.2. A description of the issuer's principal investments that are in progress, including the geographic distribution of these investments (home and abroad) and the method of financing (internal or external).
- 5.2.3. Information concerning the issuer's principal future investments on which its management bodies have already made firm commitments and the anticipated sources of funds needed to fulfil these commitments.

6. BUSINESS OVERVIEW

6.1. Principal Activities

A brief description of the issuer's operations and principal activities and of any significant changes impacting these operations and activities since latest two published audited financial statements, including an indication of any significant new products and services that have been introduced and, to the extent the development of new products or services has been publicly disclosed, the status of development.

6.2. Principal Markets

A brief description of the principal markets in which the issuer competes and of any significant changes impacting these markets since latest two published audited financial statements.

- 6.3. Where the information given pursuant to items 6.1. and 6.2. has been influenced by extraordinary factors, mention that fact.
- 6.4. If material to the issuer's business or profitability, summary information regarding the extent to which the issuer is dependent, on patents or licenses, industrial, commercial or financial contracts or new manufacturing processes.
- 6.5. The basis for any statements made by the issuer regarding its competitive position.

7. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

- 7.1 If the issuer is part of a group, a brief description of the group and the issuer's position within the group.
- 7.2 If not included in the financial statements, a list of the issuer's significant subsidiaries, including name, country of incorporation or residence, proportion of ownership interest and, if different, proportion of voting power held.

8. PROPERTY, PLANTS AND EQUIPMENT

8.1. A description of any environmental issues that may affect the issuer's utilisation of the tangible fixed assets.

9. OPERATING AND FINANCIAL REVIEW

The issuer must disclose the following information if the Annual Reports, presented and prepared in accordance with Article 46 of Directive 78/660/EEC and Article 36 of Directive 83/349/EEC for the periods covered by the historical financial information, are not included in or annexed to the prospectus:

9.1. **Financial Condition**

To the extent not covered elsewhere in the registration document, provide a description of the issuer's financial condition, changes in financial condition and results of operations for each year and interim period, for which historical financial information is required, including the causes of material changes from year to year in the financial information to the extent necessary for an understanding of the issuer's business as a whole.

9.2. **Operating Results**

- 9.2.1. Information regarding significant factors, including unusual or infrequent events or new developments, materially affecting the issuer's income from operations, indicating the extent to which income was so affected.
- 9.2.2. Where the financial statements disclose material changes in net sales or revenues, provide a narrative discussion of the reasons for such changes.
- 9.2.3. Information regarding any governmental, economic, fiscal, monetary or political policies or factors that have materially affected, or could materially affect, directly or indirectly, the issuer's operations.

10. **CAPITAL RESOURCES**

- 10.1. An explanation of the sources and amounts of and a narrative description of the issuer's cash flows:
- 10.2. Information regarding any restrictions on the use of capital resources that have materially affected, or could materially affect, directly or indirectly, the issuer's operations.

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Where material, provide a description of the issuer's research and development policies for each financial year for the period covered by the historical financial information, including the amount spent on issuer-sponsored research and development activities.

12. TREND INFORMATION

- 12.1 The most significant recent trends in production, sales and inventory, and costs and selling prices since the end of the last financial year to the date of the registration document.
- 12.2 Information on any known trends, uncertainties, demands, commitments or events that are reasonably likely to have a material effect on the issuer's prospects for at least the current financial year.

13. **PROFIT FORECASTS OR ESTIMATES**

If an issuer chooses to include a profit forecast or a profit estimate the registration document must contain the information set out in items 13.1 and 13.2:

13.1. A statement setting out the principal assumptions upon which the issuer has based its forecast, or estimate.

> There must be a clear distinction between assumptions about factors which the members of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies can influence and assumptions about factors which are exclusively outside the influence of the members of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies; the assumptions must be readily understandable by investors, be specific and precise and not relate to the general accuracy of the estimates underlying the forecast.

13.2. A report prepared by independent accountants or auditors stating that in the opinion of the independent accountants or auditors the forecast or estimate has been properly compiled on the basis stated and that

the basis of accounting used for the profit forecast or estimate is consistent with the accounting policies of the issuer.

Where financial information relates to the previous financial year and only contains non misleading figures substantially consistent with the final figures to be published in the next annual audited financial statements for the previous financial year, and the explanatory information necessary to assess the figures, a report shall not be required provided that the prospectus includes all of the following statements:

- (a) the person responsible for this financial information, if different from the one which is responsible for the prospectus in general, approves that information;
- (b) independent accountants or auditors have agreed that this information is substantially consistent with the final figures to be published in the next annual audited financial statements;
- (c) this financial information has not been audited.
- 13.3. The profit forecast or estimate must be prepared on a basis comparable with the historical financial information
- 13.4. If a profit forecast in a prospectus has been published which is still outstanding, then provide a statement setting out whether or not that forecast is still correct as at the time of the registration document, and an explanation of why such forecast is no longer valid if that is the case.
- 14. ADMINISTRATIVE, MANAGEMENT, AND SUPERVISORY BODIES AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT
- 14.1. Names, business addresses and functions in the issuer of the following persons and an indication of the principal activities performed by them outside that issuer where these are significant with respect to that issuer:
 - (a) members of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies;
 - (b) partners with unlimited liability, in the case of a limited partnership with a share capital;
 - (c) founders, if the issuer has been established for fewer than five years: and
 - (d) any senior manager who is relevant to establishing that the issuer has the appropriate expertise and experience for the management of the issuer's business.

The nature of any family relationship between any of those persons.

In the case of each member of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies of the issuer and of each person mentioned in points (b) and (d) of the first subparagraph, details of that person's relevant management expertise and experience and the following information:

- (a) the names of all companies and partnerships of which such person has been a member of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies or partner at any time in the previous five years, indicating whether or not the individual is still a member of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies or partner. It is not necessary to list all the subsidiaries of an issuer of which the person is also a member of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies;
- (b) any convictions in relation to fraudulent offences for at least the previous five years;
- (c) details of any bankruptcies, receiverships or liquidations with which a person described in (a) and (d) of the first subparagraph who was acting in the capacity of any of the positions set out in (a) and (d) of the first subparagraph was associated for at least the previous five years;

(d) details of any official public incrimination and/or sanctions of such person by statutory or regulatory authorities (including designated professional bodies) and whether such person has ever been disqualified by a court from acting as a member of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies of an issuer or from acting in the management or conduct of the affairs of any issuer for at least the previous five years.

If there is no such information to be disclosed, a statement to that effect is to be made.

14.2. Administrative, Management, and Supervisory bodies and Senior Management conflicts of interests

> Potential conflicts of interests between any duties to the issuer, of the persons referred to in item 14.1., and their private interests and or other duties must be clearly stated. In the event that there are no such conflicts, a statement to that effect must be made.

Any arrangement or understanding with major shareholders, customers, suppliers or others, pursuant to which any person referred to in item 14.1 was selected as a member of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies or member of senior management.

Details of any restrictions agreed by the persons referred to in item 14.1 on the disposal within a certain period of time of their holdings in the issuer's securities.

15. **REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

In relation to the last full financial year for those persons referred to in points (a) and (d) of the first subparagraph of item 14.1.

15.1. The amount of remuneration paid (including any contingent or deferred compensation), and benefits in kind granted to such persons by the issuer and its subsidiaries for services in all capacities to the issuer and its subsidiaries by any person.

> That information must be provided on an individual basis unless individual disclosure is not required in the issuer's home country or when the issuer has already publicly disclosed that information.

15.2. The total amounts set aside or accrued by the issuer or its subsidiaries to provide pension, retirement or similar benefits.

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In relation to the issuer's last completed financial year, and unless otherwise specified, with respect to those persons referred to in point (a) of the first subparagraph of item 14.1.

- 16.1. Date of expiration of the current term of office, if applicable, and the period during which the person has served in that office.
- 16.2. Information about members of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies' service contracts with the issuer or any of its subsidiaries providing for benefits upon termination of employment, or an appropriate negative statement.
- Information about the issuer's audit committee and remuneration com-16.3. mittee, including the names of committee members and a summary of the terms of reference under which the committee operates.
- 16.4. A statement as to whether or not the issuer complies with its country of incorporation corporate governnce regime(s). In the event that the issuer does not comply with such a regime, a statement to that effect must be included together with an explanation regarding why the issuer does not comply with such regime.

17. **EMPLOYEES**

- 17.1. Either the number of employees at the end of the period or the average for each financial year for the period covered by the historical financial information up to the date of the registration document (and changes in such numbers, if material) and, if possible and material, a breakdown of persons employed by main category of activity and geographic location. If the issuer employs a significant number of temporary employees, include disclosure of the number of temporary employees on average during the most recent financial year.
- 17.2. Shareholdings and stock options with respect to each person referred to in points (a) and (d) of the first subparagraph of item 14.1. provide information as to their share ownership and any options over such shares in the issuer as of the most recent practicable date.
- 17.3. Description of any arrangements for involving the employees in the capital of the issuer.

18. MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS

- 18.1. In so far as is known to the issuer, the name of any person other than a member of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies who, directly or indirectly, has an interest in the issuer's capital or voting rights which is notifiable under the issuer's national law, together with the amount of each such person's interest or, if there are no such persons, an appropriate negative statement.
- 18.2. Whether the issuer's major shareholders have different voting rights, or an appropriate negative statement.
- 18.3. To the extent known to the issuer, state whether the issuer is directly or indirectly owned or controlled and by whom and describe the nature of such control and describe the measures in place to ensure that such control is not abused.
- 18.4. A description of any arrangements, known to the issuer, the operation of which may at a subsequent date result in a change in control of the issuer.

19. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

If International Financial Reporting Standards adopted according to the Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002 do not apply to the issuer, the following information must be disclosed for the period covered by the historical financial information and up to the date of the registration document:

- (a) The nature and extent of any transactions which are as a single transaction or in their entirety material to the issuer. Where such related party transactions are not concluded at arm's length provide an explanation of why these transactions were not concluded at arms length. In the case of outstanding loans including guarantees of any kind indicate the amount outstanding.
- (b) The amount or the percentage to which related party transactions form part of the turnover of the issuer.

If international Financial Reporting Standards adopted according to the Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002 apply to the issuer, the above information must be disclosed only for the transactions occurred since the end of the last financial period for which audited financial information have been published.

- 20. FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ISSUER'S ASSETS AND LI-ABILITIES, FINANCIAL POSITION AND PROFITS AND LOSSES
- 20.1. Historical Financial Information

A statement that audited historical financial information covering the latest two financial years (or such shorter period that the issuer has been in operation) have been prepared according to Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002, or, if not applicable, to a Member State national ac-

counting standards for issuers from the European Union, and where own and consolidated financial statements as the case may be can be obtained.

The audit report in respect of each year must be included.

For third country issuers, a statement that such financial information have been prepared and audited according to the international accounting standards adopted pursuant to the procedure of Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002 or to a third country's national accounting standards equivalent to these standards, and where it can be obtained. If such financial information is not equivalent to these standards, a statement that it has been prepared in the form of restated financial statements, and where it can be obtained.

20.2. Pro forma financial information

> In the case of a significant gross change, a description of how the transaction might have affected the assets and liabilities and earnings of the issuer, had the transaction been undertaken at the commencement of the period being reported on or at the date reported.

This requirement will normally be satisfied by the inclusion of pro forma financial information.

This pro forma financial information is to be presented as set out in Annex II and must include the information indicated therein.

Pro forma financial information must be accompanied by a report prepared by independent accountants or auditors.

- Auditing of historical annual financial information 20.3.
- 20.3.1. A statement that the historical financial information has been audited. If audit reports on the historical financial information have been refused by the statutory auditors or if they contain qualifications or disclaimers, such refusal or such qualifications or disclaimers must be reproduced in full and the reasons given.
- 20.3.2. Indication of other information in the registration document which has been audited by the auditors.
- Where financial data in the registration document is not extracted 20.3.3. from the issuer's audited financial statements state the source of the data and state that the data is unaudited.
- 20.4. Age of latest financial information
- 20.4.1. The last year of audited financial information may not be older than one of the following:
 - (a) 18 months from the date of the registration document if the issuer includes audited interim financial statements in the registration document:
 - (b) 15 months from the date of the registration document if the issuer includes unaudited interim financial statements in the registration document.
- 20.5. Interim and other financial information
- 20.5.1. If the issuer has published quarterly or half yearly financial information since the date of its last audited financial statements, a statement in that respect must be included in the registration document, and where it can be obtained. If the quarterly or half yearly financial information has been reviewed or audited, the audit or review report must be included. If the quarterly or half yearly financial information is unaudited or has not been reviewed state that fact.

20.6. Dividend policy

A description of the issuer's policy on dividend distributions and any restrictions thereon.

- 20.6.1. The amount of the dividend per share for each financial year for the period covered by the historical financial information adjusted, where the number of shares in the issuer has changed, to make it comparable.
- 20.7. Legal and arbitration proceedings

Information on any governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings (including any such proceedings which are pending or threatened of which the issuer is aware), during a period covering at least the previous 12 months which may have, or have had in the recent past significant effects on the issuer and/or group's financial position or profitability, or provide an appropriate negative statement.

20.8. Significant change in the issuer's financial or trading position

A description of any significant change in the financial or trading position of the group which has occurred since the end of the last financial period for which either audited financial information or interim financial information have been published, or provide an appropriate negative statement.

21. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

21.1. Share Capital

The following information as of the date of the most recent balance sheet included in the historical financial information:

- 21.1.1. The amount of issued capital, and for each class of share capital:
 - (a) the number of shares authorised;
 - (b) the number of shares issued and fully paid and issued but not fully paid;
 - (c) the par value per share, or that the shares have no par value; and
 - (d) a reconciliation of the number of shares outstanding at the beginning and end of the year. If more than 10% of capital has been paid for with assets other than cash within the period covered by the historical financial information, state that fact.
- 21.1.2. If there are shares not representing capital, state the number and main characteristics of such shares.
- 21.1.3. The number, book value and face value of shares in the issuer held by or on behalf of the issuer itself or by subsidiaries of the issuer.
- 21.1.4. The amount of any convertible securities, exchangeable securities or securities with warrants, with an indication of the conditions governing and the procedures for conversion, exchange or subscription.
- 21.1.5. Information about and terms of any acquisition rights and or obligations over authorised but unissued capital or an undertaking to increase the capital.
- 21.1.6. Information about any capital of any member of the group which is under option or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be put under option and details of such options including those persons to whom such options relate.
- 21.1.7. A history of share capital, highlighting information about any changes, for the period covered by the historical financial information.
- 21.2. Memorandum and Articles of Association
- 21.2.1. A description of the issuer's objects and purposes and where they can be found in the memorandum and articles of association.

- 21.2.2. A summary of any provisions of the issuer's articles of association, statutes, charter or bylaws with respect to the members of the administrative, management and supervisory bodies.
- A description of the rights, preferences and restrictions attaching to 21.2.3. each class of the existing shares.
- 21.2.4. A description of what action is necessary to change the rights of holders of the shares, indicating where the conditions are more significant than is required by law.
- 21.2.5. A description of the conditions governing the manner in which annual general meetings and extraordinary general meetings of shareholders are called including the conditions of admission.
- A brief description of any provision of the issuer's articles of associ-21.2.6. ation, statutes, charter or bylaws that would have an effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change in control of the issuer.
- 21.2.7. An indication of the articles of association, statutes, charter or bylaw provisions, if any, governing the ownership threshold above which shareholder ownership must be disclosed.
- 21.2.8. A description of the conditions imposed by the memorandum and articles of association statutes, charter or bylaw governing changes in the capital, where such conditions are more stringent than is required by law.

22. **MATERIAL CONTRACTS**

A summary of each material contract, other than contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business, to which the issuer or any member of the group is a party, for the two years immediately preceding publication of the registration document.

A summary of any other contract (not being a contract entered into in the ordinary course of business) entered into by any member of the group which contains any provision under which any member of the group has any obligation or entitlement which is material to the group as at the date of the registration document.

23. THIRD PARTY INFORMATION AND STATEMENT BY EXPERTS AND DE-**CLARATIONS OF ANY INTEREST**

- 23.1. Where a statement or report attributed to a person as an expert is included in the Registration Document, provide such person's name, business address, qualifications and material interest if any in the issuer. If the report has been produced at the issuer's request a statement to the effect that such statement or report is included, in the form and context in which it is included, with the consent of the person who has authorised the contents of that part of the Registration Document.
- 23.2. Where information has been sourced from a third party, provide a confirmation that this information has been accurately reproduced and that as far as the issuer is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by that third party, no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading. In addition, identify the source(s) of the information.

24. **DOCUMENTS ON DISPLAY**

A statement that for the life of the registration document the following documents (or copies thereof), where applicable, may be inspected:

- (a) the memorandum and articles of association of the issuer;
- (b) all reports, letters, and other documents, historical financial information, valuations and statements prepared by any expert at the issuer's request any part of which is included or referred to in the registration document;

(c) the historical financial information of the issuer or, in the case of a group, the historical financial information for the issuer and its subsidiary undertakings for each of the two financial years preceding the publication of the registration document.

An indication of where the documents on display may be inspected, by physical or electronic means.

25. INFORMATION ON HOLDINGS

Information relating to the undertakings in which the issuer holds a proportion of the capital likely to have a significant effect on the assessment of its own assets and liabilities, financial position or profits and losses

ANNEX XXVI

Proportionate Schedule for Minimum Disclosure Requirements for the Debt and Derivative Securities <100 000 EUR Registration Document for SMEs and companies with reduced market capitalisation [see footnote in Regulation (EU) No 486/2012]

- 1. PERSONS RESPONSIBLE
- 2. STATUTORY AUDITORS
- 3. SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION
- 4. RISK FACTORS
- 5. INFORMATION ABOUT THE ISSUER
- 6. BUSINESS OVERVIEW
- 7. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE
- 8. TREND INFORMATION
- 9. PROFIT FORECASTS OR ESTIMATES
- 10. ADMINISTRATIVE, MANAGEMENT, AND SUPERVISORY BODIES
- 11. BOARD PRACTICES
- 12. MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS
- 13. FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ISSUER'S ASSETS AND LI-ABILITIES, FINANCIAL POSITION AND PROFITS AND LOSSES
- 13.1. Historical Financial Information

A statement that audited historical financial information covering the last financial year (or such shorter period that the issuer has been in operation) have been prepared according to Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002, or, if not applicable, to a Member State national accounting standards for issuers from the European Union, and where own and consolidated financial statements as the case may be can be obtained.

The audit report must be included.

For third country issuers, a statement that such financial information have been prepared and audited according to the international accounting standards adopted pursuant to the procedure of Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002 or to a third country's national accounting standards equivalent to these standards, and where it can be obtained. If such financial information is not equivalent to these standards, a statement that it has been prepared in the form of restated financial statements, and where it can be obtained.

- 13.2. Auditing of historical annual financial information
- 13.2.1. A statement that the historical financial information has been audited. If audit reports on the historical financial information have been refused by the statutory auditors or if they contain qualifications or disclaimers, such refusal or such qualifications or disclaimers must be reproduced in full and the reasons given.

- 13.2.2. Indication of other information in the registration document which has been audited by the auditors.
- Where financial data in the registration document is not extracted 13.2.3. from the issuer's audited financial statements state the source of the data and state that the data is unaudited.
- 13.3. Interim and other financial information

If the issuer has published quarterly or half yearly financial information since the date of its last audited financial statements, a statement in that respect must be included in the registration document and where it can be obtained. If the quarterly or half yearly financial information has been reviewed or audited, the audit or review report must be included. If the quarterly or half yearly financial information is unaudited or has not been reviewed state that fact.

13.4. Legal and arbitration proceedings

> Information on any governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings (including any such proceedings which are pending or threatened of which the issuer is aware), during a period covering at least the previous 12 months which may have, or have had in the recent past significant effects on the issuer and/or group's financial position or profitability, or provide an appropriate negative statement.

13.5. Significant change in the issuer's financial or trading position

> A description of any significant change in the financial or trading position of the group which has occurred since the end of the last financial period for which either audited financial information or interim financial information have been published, or provide an appropriate negative statement.

- 14. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
- 15. MATERIAL CONTRACTS
- THIRD PARTY INFORMATION AND STATEMENT BY EXPERTS AND DE-16. **CLARATIONS OF ANY INTEREST**
- **DOCUMENTS ON DISPLAY** 17.

ANNEX XXVII

Proportionate Schedule for Minimum Disclosure Requirements for the Debt and Derivative Securities ≥100 000 EUR Registration Document for SMEs and companies with reduced market capitalisation (schedule) [see footnote in Regulation (EU) No 486/2012]

- 1. PERSONS RESPONSIBLE
- 2. **STATUTORY AUDITORS**
- 3. **RISK FACTORS**
- 4. INFORMATION ABOUT THE ISSUER
- 5. **BUSINESS OVERVIEW**
- 6. **ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE**
- 7. TREND INFORMATION
- 8. PROFIT FORECASTS OR ESTIMATES
- 9. ADMINISTRATIVE, MANAGEMENT, AND SUPERVISORY BODIES
- 10. MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS
- FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ISSUER'S ASSETS AND LI-11. ABILITIES, FINANCIAL POSITION AND PROFITS AND LOSSES

11.1. Historical Financial Information

A statement that audited historical financial information covering the last financial year (or such shorter period that the issuer has been in operation) have been prepared according to Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002, or, if not applicable, to a Member State national accounting standards for issuers from the European Union, and where own and consolidated financial statements as the case may be can be obtained.

The audit report must be included.

For third country issuers, a statement that such financial information have been prepared and audited according to the international accounting standards adopted pursuant to the procedure of Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002 or to a third country's national accounting standards equivalent to these standards, and where it can be obtained. If such financial information is not equivalent to these standards, a statement that it has been prepared in the form of restated financial statements, and where it can be obtained.

- 11.2. Auditing of historical annual financial information
- 11.2.1. A statement that the historical financial information has been audited. If audit reports on the historical financial information have been refused by the statutory auditors or if they contain qualifications or disclaimers, such refusal or such qualifications or disclaimers must be reproduced in full and the reasons given.
- **11.2.2.** Indication of other information in the registration document which has been audited by the auditors.
- **11.2.3.** Where financial data in the registration document is not extracted from the issuer's audited financial statements state the source of the data and state that the data is unaudited.
- 11.3. Interim and other financial information

If the issuer has published quarterly or half yearly financial information since the date of its last audited financial statements, a statement in that respect must be included in the registration document and where it can be obtained. If the quarterly or half yearly financial information has been reviewed or audited, the audit or review report must be included. If the quarterly or half yearly financial information is unaudited or has not been reviewed state that fact.

11.4. Legal and arbitration proceedings

Information on any governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings (including any such proceedings which are pending or threatened of which the issuer is aware), during a period covering at least the previous 12 months which may have, or have had in the recent past significant effects on the issuer and/or group's financial position or profitability, or provide an appropriate negative statement.

11.5. Significant change in the issuer's financial or trading position

A description of any significant change in the financial or trading position of the group which has occurred since the end of the last financial period for which either audited financial information or interim financial information have been published, or provide an appropriate negative statement.

- 12. MATERIAL CONTRACTS
- 13. THIRD PARTY INFORMATION AND STATEMENT BY EXPERTS AND DE-CLARATIONS OF ANY INTEREST
- 14. DOCUMENTS ON DISPLAY

ANNEX XXVIII

Proportionate Schedule for Minimum Disclosure Requirements for the Depositary Receipts issued over shares for SMEs and companies with reduced market capitalisation [see footnote in Regulation (EU) No 486/2012]

1. PERSONS RESPONSIBLE

- 1.1. All persons responsible for the information given in the Registration Document and, as the case may be, for certain parts of it, with, in the latter case, an indication of such parts. In the case of natural persons including members of the issuer's administrative, management or supervisory bodies indicate the name and function of the person; in case of legal persons indicate the name and registered office.
- 1.2. A declaration by those responsible for the registration document that, having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case, the information contained in the registration document is, to the best of their knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import. As the case may be, a declaration by those responsible for certain parts of the registration document that, having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case, the information contained in the part of the registration document for which they are responsible is, to the best of their knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import.

2. STATUTORY AUDITORS

- 2.1. Names and addresses of the issuer's auditors for the period covered by the historical financial information (together with their membership in a professional body).
- 2.2. If auditors have resigned, been removed or not been re-appointed during the period covered by the historical financial information, indicate details if material.

3. SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

3.1. Selected historical financial information regarding the issuer, presented for each financial year for the period covered by the historical financial information, and any subsequent interim financial period, in the same currency as the financial information.

> The selected historical financial information must provide the key figures that summarise the financial condition of the issuer.

3.2. If selected financial information for interim periods is provided, comparative data from the same period in the prior financial year shall also be provided, except that the requirement for comparative balance sheet information is satisfied by presenting the year end balance sheet information.

4. **RISK FACTORS**

Prominent disclosure of risk factors that are specific to the issuer or its industry in a section headed "Risk Factors".

5. INFORMATION ABOUT THE ISSUER

- 5.1. History and Development of the Issuer
- 5.1.1. the legal and commercial name of the issuer;
- 5.1.2. the place of registration of the issuer and its registration number;
- 5.1.3. the date of incorporation and the length of life of the issuer, except where indefinite
- 5.1.4. the domicile and legal form of the issuer, the legislation under which the issuer operates, its country of incorporation, and the address and telephone number of its registered office (or principal place of business if different from its registered office);
- the important events in the development of the issuer's business. 5.1.5.

- 5.2. Investments
- 5.2.1. A description, (including the amount) of the issuer's principal investments for each financial year for the period covered by the historical financial information up to the date of the prospectus.
- 5.2.2. A description of the issuer's principal investments that are currently in progress, including the distribution of these investments geographically (home and abroad) and the method of financing (internal or external);
- 5.2.3. "Information concerning the issuer's principal future investments on which its management bodies have already made firm commitments and the anticipated sources of funds needed to fulfil these commitments."

6. BUSINESS OVERVIEW

- 6.1. Principal Activities
- 6.1.1. A brief description of the issuer's operations and principal activities and of any significant changes impacting these operations and activities since latest two published audited financial statements, including an indication of any significant new products and services that have been introduced and, to the extent the development of new products or services has been publicly disclosed, the status of development.
- 6.2. Principal Markets

A brief description of the principal markets in which the issuer competes and of any significant changes impacting these markets since latest two published audited financial statements.

- 6.3. Where the information given pursuant to items 6.1. and 6.2. has been influenced by extraordinary factors, mention that fact.
- 6.4. If material to the issuer's business or profitability, summary information regarding the extent to which the issuer is dependent, on patents or licenses, industrial, commercial or financial contracts or new manufacturing processes.
- 6.5. The basis for any statements made by the issuer regarding its competitive position.

7. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

7.1. If the issuer is part of a group, a brief description of the group and the issuer's position within the group.

8. PROPERTY, PLANTS AND EQUIPMENT

8.1. A description of any environmental issues that may affect the issuer's utilisation of the tangible fixed assets.

9. OPERATING AND FINANCIAL REVIEW

The issuer must disclose the following information if the Annual Reports, presented and prepared in accordance with Article 46 of Directive 78/660/EEC and Article 36 of Directive 83/349/EEC for the periods covered by the historical financial information, are not included in or annexed to the prospectus:

9.1. Financial Condition

To the extent not covered elsewhere in the registration document, provide a description of the issuer's financial condition, changes in financial condition and results of operations for each year and interim period, for which historical financial information is required, including the causes of material changes from year to year in the financial information to the extent necessary for an understanding of the issuer's business as a whole.

9.2. Operating Results

- 9.2.1. Information regarding significant factors, including unusual or infrequent events or new developments, materially affecting the issuer's income from operations, indicating the extent to which income was so
- Where the financial statements disclose material changes in net sales 9.2.2. or revenues, provide a narrative discussion of the reasons for such changes.
- 9.2.3. Information regarding any governmental, economic, fiscal, monetary or political policies or factors that have materially affected, or could materially affect, directly or indirectly, the issuer's operations.

10. **CAPITAL RESOURCES**

- 10.1. An explanation of the sources and amounts of and a narrative description of the issuer's cash flows;
- Information regarding any restrictions on the use of capital resources 10.2. that have materially affected, or could materially affect, directly or indirectly, the issuer's operations.

11. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, PATENTS AND LICENCES

Where material, provide a description of the issuer's research and development policies for each financial year for the period covered by the historical financial information, including the amount spent on issuer-sponsored research and development activities.

12. TREND INFORMATION

- 12.1. The most significant recent trends in production, sales and inventory, and costs and selling prices since the end of the last financial year to the date of the registration document.
- 12.2. Information on any known trends, uncertainties, demands, commitments or events that are reasonably likely to have a material effect on the issuer's prospects for at least the current financial year.

13. **PROFIT FORECASTS OR ESTIMATES**

If an issuer chooses to include a profit forecast or a profit estimate the registration document must contain the information set out in items 13.1 and 13.2:

A statement setting out the principal assumptions upon which the 13.1. issuer has based its forecast, or estimate.

> There must be a clear distinction between assumptions about factors which the members of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies can influence and assumptions about factors which are exclusively outside the influence of the members of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies; the assumptions must be readily understandable by investors, be specific and precise and not relate to the general accuracy of the estimates underlying the forecast.

13.2. A report prepared by independent accountants or auditors stating that in the opinion of the independent accountants or auditors the forecast or estimate has been properly compiled on the basis stated and that the basis of accounting used for the profit forecast or estimate is consistent with the accounting policies of the issuer.

> Where financial information relates to the previous financial year and only contains non misleading figures substantially consistent with the final figures to be published in the next annual audited financial statements for the previous financial year, and the explanatory information necessary to assess the figures, a report shall not be required provided that the prospectus includes all of the following statements:

(a) the person responsible for this financial information, if different from the one which is responsible for the prospectus in general, approves that information;

- (b) independent accountants or auditors have agreed that this information is substantially consistent with the final figures to be published in the next annual audited financial statements;
- (c) this financial information has not been audited.
- 13.3. The profit forecast or estimate must be prepared on a basis comparable with the historical financial information
- 13.4. If a profit forecast in a prospectus has been published which is still outstanding, then provide a statement setting out whether or not that forecast is still correct as at the time of the registration document, and an explanation of why such forecast is no longer valid if that is the case.

14. ADMINISTRATIVE, MANAGEMENT, AND SUPERVISORY BODIES AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT

- 14.1 Names, business addresses and functions in the issuer of the following persons and an indication of the principal activities performed by them outside that issuer where these are significant with respect to that issuer:
 - (a) members of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies;
 - (b) partners with unlimited liability, in the case of a limited partnership with a share capital;
 - (c) founders, if the issuer has been established for fewer than five years: and
 - (d) any senior manager who is relevant to establishing that the issuer has the appropriate expertise and experience for the management of the issuer's business.

The nature of any family relationship between any of those persons.

In the case of each member of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies of the issuer and of each person mentioned in points (b) and (d) of the first subparagraph, details of that person's relevant management expertise and experience and the following information:

- (a) the names of all companies and partnerships of which such person has been a member of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies or partner at any time in the previous five years, indicating whether or not the individual is still a member of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies or partner. It is not necessary to list all the subsidiaries of an issuer of which the person is also a member of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies;
- (b) any convictions in relation to fraudulent offences for at least the previous five years;
- (c) details of any bankruptcies, receiverships or liquidations with which a person described in (a) and (d) of the first subparagraph who was acting in the capacity of any of the positions set out in (a) and(d) of the first subparagraph was associated for at least the previous five years;
- (d) details of any official public incrimination and/or sanctions of such person by statutory or regulatory authorities (including designated professional bodies) and whether such person has ever been disqualified by a court from acting as a member of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies of an issuer or from acting in the management or conduct of the affairs of any issuer for at least the previous five years.

If there is no such information to be disclosed, a statement to that effect is to be made.

14.2. Administrative, Management, and Supervisory bodies and Senior Management conflicts of interests

> Potential conflicts of interests between any duties to the issuer, of the persons referred to in item 14.1, and their private interests and or other duties must be clearly stated. In the event that there are no such conflicts, a statement to that effect must be made.

Any arrangement or understanding with major shareholders, customers, suppliers or others, pursuant to which any person referred to in item 14.1 was selected as a member of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies or member of senior management.

15. **REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

In relation to the last full financial year for those persons referred to in points (a) and (d) of the first subparagraph of item 14.1.

The amount of remuneration paid (including any contingent or de-15.1. ferred compensation), and benefits in kind granted to such persons by the issuer and its subsidiaries for services in all capacities to the issuer and its subsidiaries by any person.

> This information must be provided on an individual basis unless individual disclosure is not required in the issuer's home country or when the issuer has already publicly disclosed that information.

15.2. The total amounts set aside or accrued by the issuer or its subsidiaries to provide pension, retirement or similar benefits.

16. **BOARD PRACTICES**

In relation to the issuer's last completed financial year, and unless otherwise specified, with respect to those persons referred to in point (a) of the first subparagraph of item 14.1:

- 16.1. Date of expiration of the current term of office, if applicable, and the period during which the person has served in that office.
- 16.2. Information about members of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies' service contracts with the issuer or any of its subsidiaries providing for benefits upon termination of employment, or an appropriate negative statement.
- 16.3. Information about the issuer's audit committee and remuneration committee, including the names of committee members and a summary of the terms of reference under which the committee operates.
- 16.4. A statement as to whether or not the issuer complies with its country's of incorporation corporate governance regime(s). In the event that the issuer does not comply with such a regime, a statement to that effect must be included together with an explanation regarding why the issuer does not comply with such regime.

17. **EMPLOYEES**

- 17.1. Either the number of employees at the end of the period or the average for each financial year for the period covered by the historical financial information up to the date of the registration document (and changes in such numbers, if material) and, if possible and material, a breakdown of persons employed by main category of activity and geographic location. If the issuer employs a significant number of temporary employees, include disclosure of the number of temporary employees on average during the most recent financial year.
- 17.2. Shareholdings and stock options with respect to each person referred to in points (a) and (d) of the first subparagraph of item 14.1. provide information as to their share ownership and any options over such shares in the issuer as of the most recent practicable date.
- 17.3. Description of any arrangements for involving the employees in the capital of the issuer.

18. MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS

- 18.1. In so far as is known to the issuer, the name of any person other than a member of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies who, directly or indirectly, has an interest in the issuer's capital or voting rights which is notifiable under the issuer's national law, together with the amount of each such person's interest or, if there are no such persons, an appropriate negative statement.
- 18.2. Whether the issuer's major shareholders have different voting rights, or an appropriate negative statement.
- 18.3. To the extent known to the issuer, state whether the issuer is directly or indirectly owned or controlled and by whom and describe the nature of such control and describe the measures in place to ensure that such control is not abused.
- 18.4. A description of any arrangements, known to the issuer, the operation of which may at a subsequent date result in a change in control of the issuer.

19. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

"If International Financial Reporting Standards adopted according to the Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002 do not apply to the issuer, the following information must be disclosed for the period covered by the historical financial information and up to the date of the registration document:

- (a) The nature and extent of any transactions which are as a single transaction or in their entirety material to the issuer. Where such related party transactions are not concluded at arm's length provide an explanation of why these transactions were not concluded at arms length. In the case of outstanding loans including guarantees of any kind indicate the amount outstanding.
- (b) The amount or the percentage to which related party transactions form part of the turnover of the issuer."

If international Financial Reporting Standards adopted according to the Regulation (EC) N° 1606/200 apply to the issuer, the above information must be disclosed only for the transactions occurred since the end of the last financial period for which audited financial information have been published.

20. FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ISSUER'S ASSETS AND LI-ABILITIES, FINANCIAL POSITION AND PROFITS AND LOSSES

20.1. Historical Financial Information

A statement that audited historical financial information covering the latest two financial years (or such shorter period that the issuer has been in operation) have been prepared according to Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002, or, if not applicable, to a Member State national accounting standards for issuers from the European Union, and where own and consolidated financial statements as the case may be can be obtained.

The audit report in respect of each year must be included.

For third country issuers, a statement that such financial information have been prepared and audited according to the international accounting standards adopted pursuant to the procedure of Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002 or to a third country's national accounting standards equivalent to these standards, and where it can be obtained. If such financial information is not equivalent to these standards, a statement that it has been prepared in the form of restated financial statements, and where it can be obtained.

20.2. Auditing of historical annual financial information

- 20.2.1. A statement that the historical financial information has been audited. If audit reports on the historical financial information have been refused by the statutory auditors or if they contain qualifications or disclaimers, such refusal or such qualifications or disclaimers must be reproduced in full and the reasons given.
- Indication of other information in the registration document which has 20.2.2. been audited by the auditors.
- Where financial data in the registration document is not extracted 20.2.3. from the issuer's audited financial statements state the source of the data and state that the data is unaudited.
- 20.3. Age of latest financial information
- 20.3.1. The last year of audited financial information may not be older than one of the following:
 - (a) 18 months from the date of the registration document if the issuer includes audited interim financial statements in the registration document:
 - (b) 15 months from the date of the registration document if the issuer includes unaudited interim financial statements in the registration document.
- 20.4. Interim and other financial information
- If the issuer has published quarterly or half yearly financial information 20.4.1. since the date of its last audited financial statements, a statement in that respect must be included in the registration document and where it can be obtained. If the quarterly or half yearly financial information has been reviewed or audited, the audit or review report must be included. If the quarterly or half yearly financial information is unaudited or has not been reviewed state that fact.
- 20.5. Dividend policy

A description of the issuer's policy on dividend distributions and any restrictions thereon.

- The amount of the dividend per share for each financial year for the 20.5.1. period covered by the historical financial information adjusted, where the number of shares in the issuer has changed, to make it comparable.
- 20.6. Legal and arbitration proceedings

Information on any governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings (including any such proceedings which are pending or threatened of which the issuer is aware), during a period covering at least the previous 12 months which may have, or have had in the recent past significant effects on the issuer and/or group's financial position or profitability, or provide an appropriate negative statement.

20.7. Significant change in the issuer's financial or trading position

> A description of any significant change in the financial or trading position of the group which has occurred since the end of the last financial period for which either audited financial information or interim financial information have been published, or provide an appropriate negative statement.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION 21.

21.1. **Share Capital**

> The following information as of the date of the most recent balance sheet included in the historical financial information:

- 21.1.1. The amount of issued capital, and for each class of share capital:
 - (a) the number of shares authorised;
 - (b) the number of shares issued and fully paid and issued but not fully paid;
 - (c) the par value per share, or that the shares have no par value; and
 - (d) a reconciliation of the number of shares outstanding at the beginning and end of the year. If more than 10% of capital has been paid for with assets other than cash within the period covered by the historical financial information, state that fact.
- 21.1.2. If there are shares not representing capital, state the number and main characteristics of such shares.
- 21.1.3. The number, book value and face value of shares in the issuer held by or on behalf of the issuer itself or by subsidiaries of the issuer.
- 21.1.4. The amount of any convertible securities, exchangeable securities or securities with warrants, with an indication of the conditions governing and the procedures for conversion, exchange or subscription.
- 21.1.5. Information about and terms of any acquisition rights and or obligations over authorised but unissued capital or an undertaking to increase the capital.
- 21.1.6. Information about any capital of any member of the group which is under option or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be put under option and details of such options including those persons to whom such options relate.
- 21.1.7. A history of share capital, highlighting information about any changes, for the period covered by the historical financial information.
- 21.2. Memorandum and Articles of Association
- 21.2.1. A description of the issuer's objects and purposes and where they can be found in the memorandum and articles of association.
- 21.2.2. A summary of any provisions of the issuer's articles of association, statutes, charter or bylaws with respect to the members of the administrative, management and supervisory bodies.
- 21.2.3. A description of the rights, preferences and restrictions attaching to each class of the existing shares.
- 21.2.4. A description of what action is necessary to change the rights of holders of the shares, indicating where the conditions are more significant than is required by law.
- 21.2.5. A description of the conditions governing the manner in which annual general meetings and extraordinary general meetings of shareholders are called including the conditions of admission.
- 21.2.6. A brief description of any provision of the issuer's articles of association, statutes, charter or bylaws that would have an effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change in control of the issuer.
- 21.2.7. An indication of the articles of association, statutes, charter or bylaw provisions, if any, governing the ownership threshold above which shareholder ownership must be disclosed.
- 21.2.8. A description of the conditions imposed by the memorandum and articles of association statutes, charter or bylaw governing changes in the capital, where such conditions are more stringent than is required by law.
- 22. MATERIAL CONTRACTS

A summary of each material contract, other than contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business, to which the issuer or any mem-

ber of the group is a party, for the two years immediately preceding publication of the registration document.

A summary of any other contract (not being a contract entered into in the ordinary course of business) entered into by any member of the group which contains any provision under which any member of the group has any obligation or entitlement which is material to the group as at the date of the registration document.

THIRD PARTY INFORMATION AND STATEMENT BY EXPERTS AND DE-23. **CLARATIONS OF ANY INTEREST**

- 23.1. Where a statement or report attributed to a person as an expert is included in the Registration Document, provide such person's name, business address, qualifications and material interest if any in the issuer. If the report has been produced at the issuer's request a statement to the effect that such statement or report is included, in the form and context in which it is included, with the consent of the person who has authorised the contents of that part of the Registration Document.
- 23.2. Where information has been sourced from a third party, provide a confirmation that this information has been accurately reproduced and that as far as the issuer is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by that third party, no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading. In addition, identify the source(s) of the information.

DOCUMENTS ON DISPLAY 24.

A statement that for the life of the registration document the following documents (or copies thereof), where applicable, may be inspected:

- (a) the memorandum and articles of association of the issuer;
- (b) all reports, letters, and other documents, historical financial information, valuations and statements prepared by any expert at the issuer's request any part of which is included or referred to in the registration document:
- (c) the historical financial information of the issuer or, in the case of a group, the historical financial information for the issuer and its subsidiary undertakings for each of the two financial years preceding the publication of the registration document.

An indication of where the documents on display may be inspected, by physical or electronic means.

25. INFORMATION ON HOLDINGS

Information relating to the undertakings in which the issuer holds a proportion of the capital likely to have a significant effect on the assessment of its own assets and liabilities, financial position or profits

- 26. INFORMATION ABOUT THE ISSUER OF THE DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS
- INFORMATION ABOUT THE UNDERLYING SHARES 27.
- 28. INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS
- INFORMATION ABOUT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE OFFER OF 29. THE DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS
- 30. ADMISSION TO TRADING AND DEALING ARRANGEMENTS IN THE DE-**POSITARY RECEIPTS**
- 31. **ESSENTIAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE ISSUE OF THE DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS**
- 32. **EXPENSE OF THE ISSUE/OFFER OF THE DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS**

ANNEX XXIX

Proportionate Schedule for Minimum Disclosure Requirements for Issues by Credit Institutions referred to in Article 1(2)(j) of Directive 2003/71/EC

Minimum Disclosure Requirements for issues by credit institutions referred to in Article 1(2)(j) of Directive 2003/71/EC [see footnote in Regulation (EU) No 486/2012]

- 1. PERSONS RESPONSIBLE
- 2. STATUTORY AUDITORS
- 3. RISK FACTORS
- 4. INFORMATION ABOUT THE ISSUER
- 5. BUSINESS OVERVIEW
- 6. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE
- 7. TREND INFORMATION
- 8. PROFIT FORECASTS OR ESTIMATES
- 9. ADMINISTRATIVE, MANAGEMENT, AND SUPERVISORY BODIES
- 10. MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS
- 11. FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ISSUER'S ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, FINANCIAL POSITION AND PROFITS AND LOSSES

Audited historical financial information covering the **last financial year** (or such shorter period that the issuer has been in operation), and the audit report. If the issuer has changed its accounting reference date during the period for which historical financial information is required, the audited historical information shall cover at least 12 months, or the entire period for which the issuer has been in operation, whichever is the shorter. Such financial information must be prepared according to Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002, or if not applicable to a Member States national accounting standards for issuers from the European Union.

- 12. MATERIAL CONTRACTS
- 13. THIRD PARTY INFORMATION AND STATEMENT BY EXPERTS AND DE-CLARATIONS OF ANY INTEREST
- 14. DOCUMENTS ON DISPLAY

ANNEX XXX

Additional information regarding consent as referred to in Article 20a (Additional building block)

- 1 Information to be provided regarding consent by the issuer or person responsible for drawing up the prospectus
- 1.1 Express consent by the issuer or person responsible for drawing up the prospectus to the use of the prospectus and statement that it accepts responsibility for the content of the prospectus also with respect to subsequent resale or final placement of securities by any financial intermediary which was given consent to use the prospectus.
- 1.2 Indication of the period for which consent to use the prospectus is given.
- 1.3 Indication of the offer period upon which subsequent resale or final placement of securities by financial intermediaries can be made.
- 1.4 Indication of the Member States in which financial intermediaries may use the prospectus for subsequent resale or final placement of securities.
- 1.5 Any other clear and objective conditions attached to the consent which are relevant for the use of the prospectus.

- 1.6 Notice in bold informing investors that, in the event of an offer being made by a financial intermediary, the financial intermediary will provide information to investors on the terms and conditions of the offer at the time the offer is made.
- 2A Additional information to be provided where a consent is given to one or more specified financial intermediaries
- 2A.1 List and identity (name and address) of the financial intermediary or intermediaries that are allowed to use the prospectus.
- Indication how any new information with respect to financial interme-2A.2 diaries unknown at the time of the approval of the prospectus, the base prospectus or the filing of the final terms, as the case may be, is to be published and where it can be found.
- 2B Additional information to be provided where a consent is given to all financial intermediaries
- [2B.1] Notice in bold informing investors that any financial intermediary using the prospectus has to state on its website that it uses the prospectus in accordance with the consent and the conditions attached thereto.

PR TR Transitional Provisions

Transitional Provisions

(1)	(2) Material to which the transitional provision applies	(3)	(4) Transitional provision	(5) Transitional provision: dates in force	(6) Handbook provision: coming into force
1.	PR provisions referring to Companies Acts 1985, 2006 or related provisions.	R	(1) To the extent that the whole or part of a provision of the Companies Act 2006 is yet to come into force, any reference to that provision or part of it should be read as a reference to the corresponding provision of the Companies Act 1985 currently in force (subject to the application of any relevant transitional provisions in the Companies Act 2006 or the <i>rules</i>). (2) To the extent that the whole or part of a provision of the Companies of	6 October 2007	20 January 2007
2.	PR 2.2.9 R (1)		provision of the Companies Act 1985 is no longer in force it shall be read as a reference to the corresponding provision of the Companies Act 2006 or relevant <i>DTR rule</i> that has superseded it (subject to the application of any relevant transitional provisions). [expired]		
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Schedule 1 [to follow]

Sch 1 [to follow]

Schedule 2 [to follow]

Sch 2 [to follow]

Schedule 3 [to follow]

Sch 3 [to follow]

Schedule 4 Powers exercised

Sch 4.1 G [deleted]

Sch 4.2 G [deleted]

Schedule 5 [to follow]

Sch 5 [to follow]

Schedule 6 Rules that can be waived

Sch 6.1G G

As a result of section 138A of the *Act* (Modification or waiver of rules) the *FCA* has power to waive all its *rules*, other than *rules* made under section 137O (Threshold condition code), section 247 (Trust scheme rules), section 248 (Scheme particular rules), section 261I (Contractual scheme rules) or section 261J (Contractual scheme particulars rules) of the *Act*. However, if the *rules* incorporate requirements laid down in European directives, it will not be possible for the *FCA* to grant a waiver that would be incompatible with the *United Kingdom*'s responsibilities under those directives.

Sch 6.2G G

In addition section 87B (Exemptions from disclosure) of the *Act* provides the *FCA* with discretion to authorise omissions from disclosure requirements derived from the *Prospectus Directive* in the circumstances specified in that section.