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SCHEDULES

^{F1}SCHEDULE 3

MANDATORY CONTENTS OF PROSPECTUS

Textual Amendments

F1 Schs. 1-15B repealed (prosp.) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, **Sch. 16** and the repeal being partly in force, as to which see individual provisions

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Sch. 3 applied with modifications by S.I. 1985/680, regs. 4–6, **Sch.**

C1 Sch. 3 modified by S.I. 1991/823, reg. 2(1), **Sch.1**

[^{F1}PART I

MATTERS TO BE STATED

Textual Amendments

F1 Sch. 3 repealed by Financial Services Act 1986 (c. 60, SIF 69), s. 212(3), **Sch. 17 Pt. I** (the repeal being or coming into force as mentioned in S.I. 1986/2246, art. 5, Sch. 4, **1988/1960**, art. 4 (as amended) and S.I. 1988/2285, **art. 5** and being otherwise *prosp.*)

The company's proprietorship, management and its capital requirement

- 1 (1) The prospectus must state—
 - (a) the number of founders or management or deferred shares (if any) and the nature and extent of the interest of the holders in the property and profits of the company;
 - (b) the number of shares (if any) fixed by the company's articles as the qualification of a director, and any provision in the articles as to the remuneration of directors; and
 - (c) the names, descriptions and addresses of the directors or proposed directors.
- (2) As this paragraph applies for the purposes of section 72(3), sub-paragraph (1)(b) is to be read with the substitution for the reference to the company's articles of a reference to its constitution.
- (3) Sub-paragraphs (1)(b) and (1)(c) do not apply in the case of a prospectus issued more than 2 years after the date at which the company is entitled to commence business.

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Textual Amendments

- F2** Schs. 3 para. 2 repealed (1.10.2009 so far as not previously repealed) by Companies Act 2006 (c. 46), ss. 1295, 1300, Sch. 16; S.I. 2008/2860, art. 4, Sch. 1 (with arts. 5, 7, 8, Sch. 2 (as amended by S.I. 2009/1802, art. 18, Sch.))

Details relating to the offer

- 3 (1) The prospectus must state—
- (a) the time of the opening of the subscription lists, and
 - (b) the amount payable on application and allotment on each share (including the amount, if any, payable by way of premium).
- (2) In the case of a second or subsequent offer of shares, there must also be stated the amount offered for subscription on each previous allotment made within the 2 preceding years, the amount actually allotted and the amount (if any) paid on the shares so allotted, including the amount (if any) paid by way of premium.
- 4 (1) There must be stated the number, description and amount of any shares in or debentures of the company which any person has, or is entitled to be given, an option to subscribe for.
- (2) The following particulars of the option must be given—
- (a) the period during which it is exercisable,
 - (b) the price to be paid for shares or debentures subscribed for under it,
 - (c) the consideration (if any) given or to be given for it or the right to it,
 - (d) the names and addresses of the persons to whom it or the right to it was given or, if given to existing shareholders or debenture holders as such, the relevant shares or debentures.
- (3) References in this paragraph to subscribing for shares or debentures include acquiring them from a person to whom they have been allotted or agreed to be allotted with a view to his offering them for sale.
- 5 The prospectus must state the number and amount of shares and debentures which within the 2 preceding years have been issued, or agreed to be issued, as fully or partly paid up otherwise than in cash; and—
- (a) in the latter case the extent to which they are so paid up, and
 - (b) in either case the consideration for which those shares or debentures have been issued or are proposed or intended to be issued.

Property acquired or to be acquired by the company

- 6 (1) For purposes of the following two paragraphs, “relevant property” is property purchased or acquired by the company, or proposed so to be purchased or acquired,
- (a) which is to be paid for wholly or partly out of the proceeds of the issue offered for subscription by the prospectus, or
 - (b) the purchase or acquisition of which has not been completed at the date of the issue of the prospectus.
- (2) But those two paragraphs do not apply to property—

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- (a) the contract for whose purchase or acquisition was entered into in the ordinary course of the company's business, the contract not being made in contemplation of the issue nor the issue in consequence of the contract, or
 - (b) as respects which the amount of the purchase money is not material.
- 7 As respects any relevant property, the prospectus must state—
- (a) the names and addresses of the vendors,
 - (b) the amount payable in cash, shares or debentures to the vendor and, where there is more than one separate vendor, or the company is a sub-purchaser, the amount so payable to each vendor,
 - (c) short particulars of any transaction relating to the property completed within the 2 preceding years in which any vendor of the property to the company or any person who is, or was at the time of the transaction, a promoter or a director or proposed director of the company had any interest direct or indirect.
- 8 There must be stated the amount (if any) paid or payable as purchase money in cash, shares or debentures for any relevant property, specifying the amount (if any) payable for goodwill.
- 9 (1) The following applies for the interpretation of paragraphs 6, 7 and 8.
- (2) Every person is deemed a vendor who has entered into any contract (absolute or conditional) for the sale or purchase, or for any option of purchase, of any property to be acquired by the company, in any case where—
 - (a) the purchase money is not fully paid at the date of the issue of the prospectus,
 - (b) the purchase money is to be paid or satisfied wholly or in part out of the proceeds of the issue offered for subscription by the prospectus,
 - (c) the contract depends for its validity or fulfilment on the result of that issue.
 - (3) Where any property to be acquired by the company is to be taken on lease, paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 apply as if “vendor” included the lessor, “purchase money” included the consideration for the lease, and “sub-purchaser” included a sub-lessee.
 - (4) For purposes of paragraph 7, where the vendors or any of them are a firm, the members of the firm are not to be treated as separate vendors.

Commissions, preliminary expenses, etc.

- 10 (1) The prospectus must state—
- (a) the amount (if any) paid within the 2 preceding years, or payable, as commission (but not including commission to sub-underwriters) for subscribing or agreeing to subscribe, or procuring or agreeing to procure subscriptions, for any shares in or debentures of the company, or the rate of any such commission,
 - (b) the amount or estimated amount of any preliminary expenses and the persons by whom any of those expenses have been paid or are payable, and the amount or estimated amount of the expenses of the issue and the persons by whom any of those expenses have been paid or are payable,
 - (c) any amount or benefit paid or given within the 2 preceding years or intended to be paid or given to any promoter, and the consideration for the payment or the giving of the benefit.

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- (2) Sub-paragraph (1)(b) above, so far as it relates to preliminary expenses, does not apply in the case of a prospectus issued more than 2 years after the date at which the company is entitled to commence business.

Contracts

- 11 (1) The prospectus must give the dates of, parties to and general nature of every material contract.
- (2) This does not apply to a contract entered into in the ordinary course of the business carried on or intended to be carried on by the company, or a contract entered into more than 2 years before the date of issue of the prospectus.

Auditors

- 12 The prospectus must state the names and addresses of the company's auditors (if any).

Interests of directors

- 13 (1) The prospectus must give full particulars of—
- (a) the nature and extent of the interest (if any) of every director in the promotion of, or in the property proposed to be acquired by, the company, or
 - (b) where the interest of such a director consists in being a partner in a firm, the nature and extent of the interest of the firm.
- (2) With the particulars under sub-paragraph (1)(b) must be provided a statement of all sums paid or agreed to be paid to the director or the firm in cash or shares or otherwise by any person either to induce him to become, or to qualify him as, a director, or otherwise for services rendered by him or the firm in connection with the promotion or formation of the company.
- (3) This paragraph does not apply in the case of a prospectus issued more than 2 years after the date at which the company is entitled to commence business.

Other matters

- 14 If the prospectus invites the public to subscribe for shares in the company and the company's share capital is divided into different classes of shares, the prospectus must state the right of voting at meetings of the company conferred by, and the rights in respect of capital and dividends attached to, the several classes of shares respectively.
- 15 In the case of a company which has been carrying on business, or of a business which has been carried on for less than 3 years, the prospectus must state the length of time during which the business of the company (or the business to be acquired, as the case may be) has been carried on.]

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