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THE ELECTRONIC MONEY REGULATIONS 2011

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- 8. In relation to each person holding, directly or indirectly, a...
- 9. (1) The identity of directors and persons who are or...
- 10. The identity of the auditors of the applicant, if any...
- 11. (1) The legal status of the applicant and, where the...
- 12. The address of the head office of the applicant.
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- 5. The items specified in paragraph 4(a) to (d) must be—...
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- 7. The deductions from own funds are— (a) own shares at...
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21. (1) “Method B” means the calculation method set out in...

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