SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1
TO
FORM S-8
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
Under
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

HUDSON HIGHLAND GROUP, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 59-3547281 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

622 Third Avenue New York, New York (Address of principal executive offices)

10017 (Zip Code)

Hudson Highland Group, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan Hudson Global Resources Share Incentive Plan (Full title of the plans)

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PART I

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

The document or documents containing the information specified in Part I are not required to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") as part of this Registration Statement on Form S-8.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The following documents filed with the Commission by Hudson Highland Group, Inc. (the "Company") are hereby incorporated herein by reference:

- 1. The Company's Registration Statement on Form 10 (File No. 0-50129), as filed with the Commission on March 14, 2003 and declared effective by the Commission on March 17, 2003 (the "Form 10").
- 2. The Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2003 (File No. 0-50129).
- 3. The description of the Company's common stock contained in the Company's Form 10, including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description.

All documents subsequently filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, after the date of filing of this Registration Statement and prior to such time as the Company files a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement which indicates that all securities offered hereby have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents.

Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not applicable.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

None.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Under the provisions of Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, the Company is required to indemnify any present or former officer or director against expenses arising out of legal proceedings in which the director or officer becomes involved by reason of being a director

or officer if the director or officer is successful in the defense of such proceedings. Section 145 also provides that the Company may indemnify a director or officer in connection with a proceeding in which he is not successful in defending if it is determined that he acted in good faith and in a manner reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Company or, in the case of a criminal action, if it is determined that he had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. Liabilities for which a director or officer may be indemnified include amounts paid in satisfaction of settlements, judgments, fines and other expenses (including attorneys' fees incurred in connection with such proceedings). In a stockholder derivative action, no indemnification may be paid in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which the director or officer has been adjudged to be liable to the Company (except for expenses allowed by a court).

Article XIII of the Company's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation provides for indemnification of directors and officers of the Company to the full extent permitted by applicable law. Under the provisions of Article VII of the Company's Amended and Restated By-Laws, the Company is required to indemnify officers or directors to a greater extent than under the current provisions of Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law. Except with respect to stockholder derivative actions, the By-Law provisions generally state that the director or officer will be indemnified against expenses, amounts paid in settlement and judgments, fines, penalties and/or other amounts incurred with respect to any threatened, pending or completed proceeding, provided that (i) such person acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Company, and (ii) with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, such person had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful.

The foregoing standards also apply with respect to the indemnification of expenses incurred in a stockholder derivative suit. However, a director or officer may only be indemnified for settlement amounts or judgments incurred in a derivative suit to the extent that the Court of Chancery or the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the Court of Chancery or such other court shall deem proper.

In accordance with the Delaware General Corporation Law, Article XII of the Company's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation contains a provision to limit the personal liability of the directors of the Company for violations of their fiduciary duty. This provision eliminates each director's liability to the Company or its stockholders, for monetary damages except (i) for breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the Company or its stockholders, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) under Section 174 of the Delaware General Corporation Law providing for liability of directors for unlawful payment of dividends or unlawful stock purchases or redemptions or (iv) for any transaction from which a director derived an improper personal benefit. The effect of this provision is to eliminate the personal liability of directors for monetary damages for actions involving a breach of their fiduciary duty of are, including any such actions involving gross negligence.

The Company maintains insurance policies that provide coverage to its directors and officers against certain liabilities.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits.

The exhibits filed herewith or incorporated herein by reference are set forth in the attached Exhibit Index.

Item 9. Undertakings.

- (a) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:
- (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:
 - (i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;
 - (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the Registration Statement;
 - (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the Registration Statement or any material change to such information in the Registration Statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement.

- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered herein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
- (b) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that is incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating

to the securities offered herein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant has duly caused this Amendment to the Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of New York, State of New York, on this 16th day of May, 2003.

HUDSON HIGHLAND GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ Jon F. Chait

Jon F. Chait Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Amendment to the Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature 	Title 	D -	ate
/s/ Jon F. Chait Jon F. Chait	Chairman of the Board, President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	May 1	.6, 2003
/s/ Richard W. Pehlke 	Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Director (Principal Financial Officer)	May 1	.6, 2003
* John J. Haley	Director	May 1	6, 2003
*	Director	May 1	6, 2003
Nicholas G. Moore *	Director	May 1	6, 2003
*Rene Schuster	Director	May 1	.6, 2003

* By: /s/ Jon F. Chait

Jon F. Chait

Attorney-in-fact

${\tt EXHIBIT\ INDEX}$

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description	
(4.1)	Hudson Highland Group, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan.*	
(4.2)	Hudson Global Resources Share Incentive Plan.	
(4.3)	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Hudson Highland Group, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Hudson Highland Group, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form 10 (File No. 0-50129)).	
(5)	Opinion of Foley & Lardner.	
(23.1)	Consent of BDO Seidman, LLP.	
(23.2)	Consent of Foley & Lardner (contained in Exhibit (5)).	
(24)	Powers of attorney.	

^{*} Previously filed.

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DATED 2003

(1) HUDSON GLOBAL RESOURCES LIMITED

(2)

HALIFAX CORPORATE TRUSTEES LIMITED

TRUST DEED AND RULES

of

THE HUDSON GLOBAL RESOURCES SHARE INCENTIVE PLAN

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Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company on 28 April 2003 and approved by the Inland Revenue under the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003 on under reference A1767

HEWITT BACON & WOODROW LIMITED Actuaries and Consultants

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THIS DEED is made the day of 2003 BETWEEN:

- (1) HUDSON GLOBAL RESOURCES LIMITED whose registered office is at Chancery House, 53-64 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1QS (hereinafter called "the Company")
- (2) HALIFAX CORPORATE TRUSTEES LIMITED whose registered office is at Trinity Road, Halifax, West Yorkshire HX1 2RG ("the Trustees")

RECITALS:

- (A) The Company was incorporated on 31 May 1996 with limited liability under the Companies Act 1985 under registration number 3206355
- (B) The Company wishes to establish a share incentive plan to be approved in accordance with the provisions of the Schedule and constituting an employees' share scheme as defined in Section 743 of the Companies Act 1985 (hereinafter called "the Plan") for the purposes of providing funds to the Trustees to enable Shares in the capital of the

Parent to be acquired by the Trustees and to be appropriated to employees of the Participating Companies (as hereinafter defined) and to enable the Trustees to acquire further Shares in the capital of the Parent on behalf of Participants using Partnership Share Money (as defined in Schedule One) and dividends in accordance with the rules of the Plan

- (C) The Board of Directors of the Company have by a resolution passed on 28 April 2003 approved the establishment of the Plan.
- (D) The Trustees have agreed to be the first Trustees of the Plan $\,$

THIS DEED PROVIDES as follows:

1 DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 Unless the context otherwise requires words and expressions defined in Schedule One shall have the same meaning in the other parts of this Deed and references to "Clauses" shall mean clauses of this Deed and references to "Rules" in this Deed and in Schedule One shall mean the rules set out in Schedule One.
- 1.2 References to the Plan shall mean the Plan constituted by this Deed and Schedule One.
- 1.3 References to any statutory provision are to that provision as amended or re- enacted from time to time and unless the context otherwise requires words in the singular shall include the plural (and vice versa) and words importing the masculine shall include the feminine (and vice versa).

2 TRUSTS OF THE PLAN

- 2.1 The Company hereby covenants with the Trustees to pay and to procure that each Participating Company pays to the Trustees in accordance with and subject to the provisions of the Plan the amounts due from it or them for the purposes of the subscription for or purchase of Shares by the Trustees to be appropriated under the Plan as Free Shares and/or Matching Shares to prospective Participants employed by it or them (as appropriate) together with any other amounts required to cover any costs charges and expenses incurred in such subscription or purchase and any other expenses and charges incurred by the Trustees in the establishment operation and determination of the Plan.
- 2.2 The Company hereby covenants with the Trustees to pay and procure that each Participating Company pays to the Trustees as soon as practicable in accordance with and subject to the provisions of the Plan the amounts due from Participants

under deduction from salary for the purposes of the subscription for or purchase of Shares by the Trustees to be acquired under the Plan as Partnership Shares for Participants employed by it or them (as appropriate).

- 2.3 The Trustees shall keep any Partnership Share Money in an account with:
 - a) a person falling within Section 840A(1)(b) of ICTA;
 - b) a building society; or
 - c) a firm falling within Section 840A(1)(c) of ICTA.
- 2.4 The Company hereby covenants with the Trustees to pay and procure that each Participating Company pays to the Trustees in accordance with and subject to the provisions of the Plan any cash dividends in respect of Plan Shares held on behalf of Participants for the purposes of the subscription for or purchase of further Shares by the Trustees as Dividend Shares for Participants in accordance with Rule 12.1
- 2.5 Subject as hereinafter provided the Trustees hereby covenant with the Company, each Participating Company and each Participant to apply the monies received pursuant to Clauses 2.1, 2.2 and 2.4 in the subscription for or purchase of Shares and to hold the same once appropriated and all other trust property deriving therefrom UPON TRUST for the Participants respectively entitled thereto subject to the Rules of the Plan and shall appropriate the Shares so acquired to the Participants in accordance with the Rules of the Plan.
- 2.6 The Trustees shall be entitled to rely on information supplied by the Company in respect of the eligibility of any person to become or remain a Participant in the Plan.
- 2.7 The Trustees shall on at least two occasions in a Year of Assessment notify each Participant of the following:
 - 2.7.1 where Shares are purchased or subscribed for in accordance with Clauses 2.1 and 2.4:
 - the number and description of Shares appropriated;

- the Market Value of those Shares on the Appropriation Day;
- the Holding Period in respect of those Shares; and
- in relation to Clause 2.4, the amount carried forward under the provisions of paragraph 68 of the Schedule; and
- 2.7.2 where Shares are purchased or subscribed for in accordance with Clause 2.2:
 - the number and description of Shares so acquired;
 - the amount of the contributions made by the Participant in acquiring the Shares and the basis on which the number of Shares was determined;
 - the Market Value of the Shares on the Acquisition Date

except where the Directors have decided that an Accumulation Period shall apply, such notice need be given on only one occasion in a Year of Assessment following the appropriation of Shares.

- 2.8 If prior to the appropriation of any Shares under the Plan the Trustees become entitled in respect of those Shares to any rights to be allotted or to subscribe for further securities (other than an issue of bonus shares of the same class as Shares then held by the Trustees pending any such appropriation which bonus shares shall be retained by the Trustees and shall form part of the Shares to be appropriated among the Participants on the relevant Appropriation Day) the Trustees may exercise those rights or sell those rights for the best consideration in money reasonably obtainable at the time.
- 2.9 The Trustees shall hold:
 - 2.9.1 the net proceeds of any sale made pursuant to Clause 2.13;
 - 2.9.2 any income therefrom; and
 - 2.9.3 any Capital Receipt of less than(pound)3 otherwise
 distributable to a particular Participant;

UPON TRUST to apply the same in or towards any reasonable expenses of administering and determining the Plan (including any provision for taxation for which the Trustees are liable) and the Trustees shall notify the Company on request of the amounts so held by them and the Trustees shall not be under any duty to invest any monies of which they stand possessed under this Clause.

- 2.10 The Trustees may, with the agreement of the Participant, carry forward any surplus Partnership Share Money remaining after the acquisition of Shares pursuant to Clause 2.2 for the Participant but in any other case must pay the surplus Partnership Share Money to the Participant. However, where a Participant withdraws from a Partnership Share Agreement, any Partnership Share Money held on his behalf shall be paid over to him in accordance with Rule 7.
- 2.11 The Trustees shall, to the extent that cash dividends have been retained for the acquisition of Dividend Shares but are not reinvested pursuant to Clause 2.4, because:
 - 2.11.1 the amount of the cash dividend to which the Participant is entitled is not sufficient to acquire a Share; or
 - 2.11.2 there is an amount remaining after acquiring one or more Dividend Shares on the Participant's behalf

retain with the agreement of the Participant any amount not reinvested and carry this forward to be added to the amount of the next cash dividend to be reinvested.

However, notwithstanding Clauses 2.11.1 and 2.11.2, any amount retained under this Clause 2.11 shall be paid over to the Participant as soon as practicable:

- 2.11.3 if or to the extent that it has not been reinvested by the third anniversary of the date on which the dividend was paid; or
- 2.11.4 the date on which the Participant ceases to be in Relevant Employment or terminates his participation in the Plan or if the Plan is terminated in accordance with Rule 24.1.

For the purposes of this Clause 2.11 an amount carried forward derived from an earlier cash dividend is treated as reinvested before an amount from a later cash dividend.

- 2.12 Every Free Share Agreement and Partnership Share Agreement shall provide that if the Participant;
 - ceases to hold Relevant Employment (otherwise than in any of the circumstances mentioned in Rules 4.1, or 11.1);
 - b) withdraws the Free or Matching Shares from the Plan; or
 - c) in the case of Matching Shares, withdraws the corresponding Partnership Shares from the Plan;

at any time within a period not exceeding three years beginning with an Appropriation Date, he shall thereupon forfeit his beneficial interest in:

- a) such Free or Matching Shares, as the case may be, appropriated to him on that Appropriation Date; and
- b) all other shares or other securities acquired by such Participant for no consideration by virtue or in consequence of his holding of such Free and Matching Shares.
- 2.13 Upon the termination of the Plan for whatever reason the Trustees shall sell all unappropriated Shares and thereupon account (so far as practicable) to the Company and to any Participating Companies for any monies held by them so far as practicable in the same proportions as they were provided or as may otherwise be appropriate and shall pay any cash balances held under Clauses 2.10 and 2.11 to which a Participant may be entitled to him as soon as practicable and in any event within 60 days of termination of the Plan (subject to Clause 14).

3 DIVIDENDS AND OTHER DISTRIBUTIONS

As soon as practicable following their receipt of any dividends or other distributions in respect of Plan Shares the Trustees shall deal with them in accordance with the Rules of the Plan.

4 GROUP COMPANIES

- 4.1 The Plan may with the consent of the Directors and after notification to the Inland Revenue be extended to any Subsidiary not a party to this Deed by the adherence of such Subsidiary to the provisions of the Plan by a deed supplemental hereto in the form of Schedule Eight amended as may be thought necessary by the Company and the Trustees and thereupon the provisions of the Plan and of this Deed shall apply to such Subsidiary as though it were a party to this Deed.
- 4.2 The Plan shall cease to apply to any Participating Company other than the Company at any time when:
 - 4.2.1 such company ceases to be a Subsidiary; or
 - 4.2.2 a notice is served by the Company upon the Trustees that the Plan shall cease to apply to such company provided that the conditions specified in paragraphs 25-33 of the Schedule continue to be satisfied.
- 4.3 If and so long as the Plan applies to any Subsidiary such Subsidiary shall provide the Trustees with all information required from it for the purposes of the administration and determination of the Plan and shall do so in such form as the Trustees shall reasonably require and the Trustees shall in good faith rely on such information without further enquiry.
- 4.4 If and so long as the Plan applies to any Subsidiary the powers and discretions exercisable by such Subsidiary in relation to the Plan shall be exercisable by resolution of its board of directors or a duly appointed committee of such board and a minute of any resolution of such board signed by the secretary or a director of such Subsidiary shall be sufficient authority for the Trustees to act.

ACQUISITION OF SHARES

- 5.1 Shares to be used pursuant to the Plan may be acquired by the Trustees by way of:
 - 5.1.1 subscription; or
 - 5.1.2 purchase (including from Participants and any other trust);
 or
 - 5.1.3 a rights or capitalisation issue in respect of Shares which have been acquired by the Trustees and have not been appropriated under the Plan; or
 - 5.1.4 forfeiture under the provisions of Clause 2.12;

and any Shares acquired in accordance with Clauses 5.1.1 and 5.1.2 above may also be acquired for an amount which is below the market value as defined in Part VIII of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992.

- 5.2 The Trustees shall have the power to borrow funds to acquire Shares for the purposes of the Plan so long as the Shares are readily convertible assets within the meaning of Section 696 of the Act.
- 5.3 Any sums paid by a Participating Company to the Trustees pursuant to Clause 2.1 shall if not applied for the purposes of the Plan within nine months from the date of such payment be used to cover the Trustees' incidental costs and expenses or be repaid promptly to that company.

6 ISSUE OF SHARES

6.1 All Shares subscribed for by the Trustees pursuant to the Plan shall as to voting, dividend, transfer and other rights (including those arising on a liquidation) rank pari passu with the Shares then in issue except that they will not rank for any dividend or other rights declared by reference to a record date preceding the date of such subscription. 6.2 If and so long as the Shares which are to be issued are of the same class as shares which are listed on NASDAQ the Company shall use its best endeavours to procure that as soon as practicable after the allotment of any Shares to the Trustees pursuant to the Plan application shall be made to NASDAQ for the Shares to be listed.

7 RETENTION OF SHARES

- 7.1 The Trustees shall not dispose of any Plan Shares held on behalf of a Participant during the applicable Holding Period except:
 - 7.1.1 in accordance with a direction of such Participant (or his personal representatives) in the event of a Reconstruction or Take-over affecting such Shares;
 - 7.1.2 to raise funds to subscribe for rights issues (subject to Clause 10);
 - 7.1.3 to dispose of Shares to meet PAYE obligations under paragraph 79 of the Schedule.
- 7.2 After the applicable Holding Period nothing shall prevent a Participant from instructing the Trustees to sell his beneficial interest in his Plan Shares, including a sale to the Trustees for the same consideration as would be required to be obtained on a sale of such Shares to a third party.
- 7.3 Subject to Rule 22, when a Participant ceases to be in Relevant Employment the Trustees must within 30 days remove any Shares of his from the Trust by:
 - 7.3.1 transferring the Plan Shares to the Participant or to another person at his direction; or
 - 7.3.2 disposing of the Plan Shares and accounting (or holding themselves ready to account) for the proceeds to the Participant or to another person at his direction.

Where the Participant has died the references in Clauses 7.3.1 and 7.3.2 to the Participant shall be read as references to his personal representatives.

8 VOTING RIGHTS

- 8.1 In respect of any Plan Shares the Trustees shall upon any matter in relation to which at a general meeting of the Relevant Company or at any class meeting they are entitled to exercise any voting rights attaching thereto invite the relevant Participants to direct them as to such exercise. The Trustees shall not be entitled in respect of any Plan Shares to vote on a show of hands unless all directions received from the Participants concerned in respect of the particular resolution are identical and shall not in any circumstances be under an obligation to call for a poll. In the event of any poll the Trustees shall vote only in accordance with the directions of Participants who have given such directions. The Trustees shall not exercise any voting rights in respect of any unappropriated Shares acquired by them pursuant to the Plan.
- 8.2 The Trustees shall not be bound to act upon any instructions given by a Participant in respect of Plan Shares unless such instructions are received by the Trustees in writing signed by the Participant.

NOTICES AND CIRCULARS

- 9.1 Notices or documents which the Trustees are required or may desire to give to any Eligible Employee or Participant shall be delivered to him by hand or electronically or sent to him by first-class post pre-paid at his last known home or business address according to information provided by him to the relevant Participating Company. Notices sent by first class post shall be deemed to have been given on the day following the date of posting.
- 9.2 The Parent shall send or make available to Participants copies of all circulars and documents sent by it to the holders of its Shares and if and for so long as the Parent

is not the Relevant Company shall use all reasonable endeavours to procure that all circulars and documents sent by the Relevant Company to its ordinary shareholders shall be sent or made available to Participants.

10 RIGHTS ISSUES

- 10.1 Whenever any rights to acquire shares or other securities or other rights of any nature are granted by the Relevant Company in respect of Plan Shares each Participant shall be notified by the Trustees of the rights (determined in accordance with Clause 13) attaching to his Plan Shares and he may instruct the Trustees
 - 10.1.1 (subject to the provision by him of funds) to take up the rights; or
 - 10.1.2 to sell the rights (in whole or in part); or
 - 10.1.3 to allow the rights to lapse.
- 10.2 The Trustees shall act upon such instructions received by them not less than five Dealing Days before the expiry of the period allowed for the exercise of any such rights. If any Participant has not prior to five Dealing Days before the expiry of the period allowed for the exercise of any such rights given instructions to the Trustees with regard thereto and provided any funds necessary for the purpose the Trustees shall allow such rights to lapse. The Trustees shall deal with any payment received in consequence of allowing any rights to lapse in respect of any Plan Shares as a Capital Receipt (provided that any Capital Receipt of less than(pound)3 otherwise distributable to a particular Participant may be retained by the Trustees).
- 10.3 Any Plan Shares (within the meaning of paragraph 88(2) of the Schedule) taken up by the Trustees on behalf of any Participant under this Clause shall, subject to Clause 13, form part of the Participant's Plan Shares and shall be deemed to have been acquired or appropriated at the same time as the Plan Shares to which they relate.
- 10.4 Nothing in this Clause shall require the Trustees to act in any manner whereby they would be involved in any liability unless indemnified to their satisfaction by the

Participant in question against such liability. In the exercise of any discretion conferred upon them the Trustees shall not be liable for any loss to any Participant arising by reason of any matter or thing other than wilful fraud or wrongdoing or in the case of Trustees engaged in the business of providing a trustee service for a fee negligence on the part of the relevant trustee sought to be made liable.

11 CAPITALISATION ISSUES

Where the Relevant Company allots any new shares (within the meaning of paragraph 87(7) of the Schedule) by way of capitalisation to the Trustees in respect of any Plan Shares held by them such new shares shall subject to and in accordance with Clause 13 form part of such Plan Shares and shall be deemed to have been acquired or appropriated at the same time as the Plan Shares in respect of which they are allotted.

12 RECONSTRUCTIONS AND TAKE-OVERS

- 12.1 Participants shall be notified of any Reconstruction or Take-over and any Participant may give notice in writing to the Trustees instructing them in respect of any of his Plan Shares (and where appropriate exercising any right to elect to receive any particular form of consideration available thereunder).
- 12.2 To the extent the consideration received by virtue of any Reconstruction or Take-over consists of cash it shall be treated as the proceeds of a disposal under Clause 7.1 and so far as it consists of new shares (within the meaning of paragraph 87(7) of the Schedule) it shall be held by the Trustees as Plan Shares subject to the terms of this Deed and the Rules mutatis mutandis as if the same were the Plan Shares in respect of which they are issued or which they otherwise represent.

13 ENTITLEMENTS

13.1 Where in respect of Shares of the same class as the Plan Shares an offer or invitation is made conferring rights to acquire against payment additional securities in the Relevant Company or where new securities by way of capitalisation are to

be allotted by such company the Trustees shall allocate such rights or securities amongst the Participants concerned on a proportionate basis and if such allocation shall give rise to a fraction of a right or a security shall round such allocation down to the next whole right or security and the Trustees shall use their best endeavours to sell any rights or securities which are not allocated and distribute the net proceeds of sale (after deducting therefrom any expenses of sale and any taxation which may be payable by the Trustees in respect thereof) among the Participants whose allocation was rounded down such proceeds which derive from Plan Shares being treated as a Capital Receipt in accordance with section 502(1) of the Act provided that any sum of less than (pound)3 otherwise distributable to a particular Participant may be retained by the Trustees.

13.2 In any circumstances in which the Trustees receive new securities which are deemed to form part of a holding of Plan Shares the Trustees shall allocate the securities to the Participant by reference to the relevant dates of appropriation of the Plan Shares to which they relate and if any such allocation should give rise to a fraction of a security the Trustees shall subject to the Schedule round such allocation up or down to the next whole security.

INFORMATION AND ACCOUNTING FOR INCOME TAX

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- 14.1 The Trustees and the Company must maintain such records as may be necessary for the purposes of:
 - 14.1.1 informing Participants of their PAYE and National Insurance liabilities under the Plan; and
 - enabling the Participating Company to make and account for a PAYE (and National Insurance Contributions) deduction in respect of any asset transferred to a Participant when a liability to Schedule E income tax arises and the asset is a readily convertible asset within the meaning of Section 696 of the Act.

14.2 If the Trustees are obliged to operate PAYE in accordance with the provisions of section 510 of the Act, they may dispose of the asset or part thereof on behalf of the Company and account to the Inland Revenue for so much of the proceeds of disposal as would be required if there had in fact been a payment of assessable income, and to the Participant for the balance.

15 TRUSTEES' POWERS OF DELEGATION

- 15.1 In the exercise of their discretions and the performance of their duties hereunder the Trustees may employ and pay a registrar solicitor broker actuary accountant banker or other adviser and may appoint any such person as their agent to transact all or any business and may act on the advice or opinion of any such solicitor, broker, actuary, accountant, banker or other adviser and shall not be responsible for anything done or omitted to be done or suffered in good faith in reliance on such advice or opinion.
- 15.2 Except as otherwise provided by Part 9 of the Schedule the Trustees may delegate any of their powers and duties hereunder or any business including the exercise of any discretion to any person or company including the Company or any Subsidiary.
- 15.3 The Trustees may at any time and shall if so directed by the Company revoke any delegation or arrangement made under this Clause and require any trust property held by another person to be returned to the Trustees.
- 15.4 The Trustees may execute or sign and (if and so long as there is more than one Trustee) may authorise the execution or signature by any one of their number as their agent (and any corporate trustee may similarly authorise any of its directors officers or employees on its behalf) to effect the execution or signature of any deeds documents cheques or other instruments by the impression of any signature on behalf of or as witness of any sealing by the Trustees in writing printing lithography photocopying or any other mode of representing or reproducing words in a visible form. Any such signature or sealing shall be as valid as if given by all the Trustees.

15.5 The Trustees may at any time cause any part of the trust property to be deposited for safekeeping with any Trustee or any other person on behalf of the Trustees and may pay any expenses in connection therewith.

16 ADMINISTRATION

- 16.1 Subject to and in accordance with the provisions of this Deed including Schedule One the Trustees may make such regulations as they consider appropriate relating to the administration of the Plan.
- 16.2 If and so long as there is more than one Trustee the Trustees shall meet together as may be necessary for the administration of the trusts hereof and all decisions taken by a majority (or as a result of the casting vote of any chairman appointed by the Trustees present at the meeting) of the Trustees present at any meeting of the Trustees of which notice has been given to all of them present in the United Kingdom (provided at least two Trustees shall be present) shall be as effective for all purposes as if such decisions had been unanimous decisions of all the Trustees. A written resolution signed by all the Trustees arrived at without any meeting shall be effective for all purposes. Nothing herein shall preclude a sole corporate trustee from acting on its own.
- 16.3 The Trustees shall arrange for the relevant Participating Companies to account to the Inland Revenue or other authority concerned for any amounts deducted from payments made pursuant to the Plan in respect of PAYE or any other deductions required in accordance with paragraph 79 of the Schedule.

17 PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE TRUSTEES

17.1 The Company shall pay to or reimburse the Trustees upon demand for all charges and expenses reasonably incurred by them in the course of the administration and determination of the trusts of this Deed and of the Plan and shall keep their estates and effects fully indemnified and saved harmless against all actions, claims, losses,

demands, proceedings, charges, expenses, costs, damages, taxes, duties and other liabilities arising out of anything done or caused to be done by them or suffered or incurred by them in the exercise or purported exercise of any of the powers and discretions vested in them by this Deed and the Plan or otherwise howsoever arising out of or in connection with the preparation administration operation or termination of the Plan but so that no Trustee shall be indemnified or exonerated in respect of any fraud or wilful default or in the case of Trustees engaged in the business of providing a trustee service for a fee negligence on his part and in addition the Trustees shall have the benefit of all indemnities conferred upon trustees generally by law and by the Trustee Act 1925.

- 17.2 A person shall not be disqualified from acting as a Trustee hereof or exercising any power vested in the Trustees by reason of the fact that he is or has been a director or employee of any Participating Company or any Subsidiary or is participating in or has participated in the Plan or for any remuneration or other benefit received thereby or in connection therewith.
- 17.3 Any bank which is banker to the Company or any Subsidiary may act as Trustee without being required to account for any profit resulting therefrom.
- 17.4 Any person acting as a Trustee in the course of any profession or business carried on by him may charge and be paid such reasonable remuneration charges or disbursements whether in connection with the Plan or otherwise as shall from time to time be agreed between him and the Company.
- 17.5 No Trustee (and no director or officer of a body corporate or a trust corporation acting as a Trustee) shall on his own account be precluded from acquiring, holding or dealing with any debentures, debenture stock shares or securities whatsoever of the Company or any Subsidiary or any other company in the shares of which the Company or any Subsidiary may be interested or from entering into any contract or other transaction with the Company or any Subsidiary or any such other company or from being interested in any such contract or transaction and nor shall he be in any way liable to account to the Company or any Subsidiary or any Participant in the Plan for any profits made, fees, commissions, shares of brokerage discounts allowed or advantages obtained by him from or in connection with such

acquisition, holding, dealing contract or transaction whether or not in connection with his duties hereunder.

17.6 The Trustees shall be entitled in the absence of manifest error to rely without further enquiry on information supplied to them by the Company for the purposes of the Plan and shall also be entitled to rely in the absence of manifest error on any direction notice or document purporting to be given or executed by or with the authority of the Company or by any Participant in the Plan as having been so given or executed.

18 APPOINTMENT REMOVAL AND RETIREMENT OF TRUSTEES

- 18.1 The Company may at any time by writing under the hand of a person duly authorised by a resolution of the Directors:
 - 18.1.1 appoint a new Trustee including a corporate Trustee; and
 - 18.1.2 remove a Trustee from office (but not so as to leave in office less than two Trustees unless a corporate Trustee) without assigning any reason therefore and such removal shall (in the absence of any other date specified in the notice) take place forthwith.
- 18.2 All powers of appointment and removal shall be vested in the Trustees in the event that the Company ceases to exist otherwise than in consequence of a reconstruction or amalgamation.
- 18.3 A Trustee may retire by giving to the Company written notice of his desire to retire and such notice shall take effect at the expiry of three months (or such other period as may be agreed with the Company) from the date of such notice. The Trustee shall not be obliged to pay and shall not be responsible for any costs occasioned by such retirement but shall execute all such documents and do all such things as may be necessary to give proper effect to such retirement.

- 18.4 Forthwith upon his removal or retirement a Trustee shall transfer all trust property held by him and deliver all documents in his possession relating to the Plan to the remaining Trustees (if any) or otherwise as the Company may direct.
- 18.5 The provisions of Sections 37 and 39 of the Trustee Act 1925 shall apply hereto as if any references therein to a trust corporation were references to any corporation.

19 RESIDENCE AND NUMBER OF TRUSTEES

The number of Trustees should be not less than two persons unless a company is appointed as sole Trustee. The Trustees shall at all times be resident in the United Kingdom for United Kingdom tax purposes. If there is only one Trustee it shall be a body corporate (which in accordance with Clause 18.5 above need not be a trust corporation) at all times resident in the United Kingdom for United Kingdom tax purposes.

20 ALTERATIONS

The Company may at any time (with the concurrence of the Trustees) by deed supplemental hereto alter any of the provisions of this Deed (including the Schedules hereto) subject to the provisions of Rule 23.

21 TERMINATION

The trusts established by this Trust Deed shall (subject to the power of the Directors to terminate the Plan under Rule 24.1) continue for a period of eighty years commencing on the date of this Trust Deed and shall thereupon be wound up in accordance with Rule 24.3.

22 GENERAL

- 22.2 Schedule One shall have effect as part of this <code>Deed.</code>

Executed as a Deed by
HUDSON
GLOBAL RESOURCES LIMITED
Acting by

Authorised signatory

Executed as a Deed by
HALIFAX CORPORATE TRUSTEES LIMITED
Acting by

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IN WITNESS whereof the parties hereto have caused this $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Deed}}$ to be executed the day and year first before written

Schedule One Rules of the Hudson Global Resources Share Incentive Plan

1 Definitions

In these Rules the following words and expressions shall, where the context so permits, have the meanings set forth below:

"Accumulation Period"

such period as the Directors shall determine under Rule 5.1.4 which shall begin no later than the date on which the first deduction of Partnership Share Money is made from a Participant's salary and end no later than twelve months after it began and which shall be the same for all Participants in the Plan;

"the Act"

the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003;

"Acquisition Date"

the date on which Partnership Shares are acquired on behalf of Participants in accordance with Rule 6 of the Plan;

"Appropriation Date"

- (1) in relation to Free Shares, a date determined by the Directors (and agreed in advance with the Trustees) as the date on which Free Shares are to be appropriated to Participants in accordance with Rule 2 of the Plan; and
- (2) in relation to Matching Shares, the date on which Matching Shares are to be appropriated to Participants in accordance with Rule 9 of the Plan; and

(3) in relation to Dividend Shares, the date on which the Dividend Shares are appropriated to Participants in accordance with Rule 12 of the Plan;

"Associated Company" has the meaning in paragraph 94 of the Schedule;

"the Auditors" the auditors for the time being of the Company acting

as experts and not as arbitrators;

"Capital Receipt" in relation to Plan Shares held on behalf of a

Participant, any money or money's worth which the Trustees or the Participant become entitled to receive, save to the extent that it is disregarded pursuant to

the provisions of Section 502(4) of the Act;

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{HUDSON}}$ GLOBAL RESOURCES LIMITED registered in England under number 3206355; "the Company"

"Connected Company" has the same meaning as in paragraph 18(3) of the

Schedule;

the meaning ascribed by Chapter I of Part XIV of the "Continuous Employment"

Employment Rights Act 1996;

"Control" the meaning ascribed by Section 840 of ICTA;

"Dealing Day" a day on which NASDAQ is open for the transaction of

business;

the Trust Deed constituting, inter alia, the Plan as "the Deed"

amended from time to time;

"the Directors"

the board of Directors of the Company, or a duly authorised committee thereof;

"Dividend Shares"

Shares which satisfy the requirements of paragraph 65 of the Schedule and are appropriated to Participants under Rule 12 and held by the Trustees upon the terms of the Plan:

"Dividend Share Limit"

the limit specified in paragraph 64 of the Schedule from time to time;

"Eligible Employee"

any person who on the applicable Appropriation Date or the date of the deduction of Partnership Share Money relating to the award or where an Accumulation Period applies the date of the first deduction of Partnership Share Money relating to the award is an employee of the Company (or any Participating Company); and

- (1) is chargeable to tax in respect of his employment under paragraph 8(2) of the Schedule; and
- (2) has such period of Continuous Employment with any one or more Qualifying Companies (taken consecutively) as the Directors may determine being a period not exceeding 18 months save that where an Accumulation Period applies this period shall not exceed 6 months ending with the start of such Accumulation Period; and

(3) any other such employee who satisfies (2) above and who the Directors in their absolute discretion may permit to participate in the Plan

PROVIDED THAT

- (1) a person who is ineligible to participate by virtue of paragraph 19 of the Schedule shall not be treated as an Eligible Employee; and
- (2) a person shall not be eligible to receive an appropriation of Free Shares in a Year of Assessment if in that Year of Assessment he has participated or is to participate or would have participated but for his failure to obtain an appropriation based on a Performance Related Formula in another share incentive plan established by the Company or a Connected Company and approved under the Schedule

and

(3) a person shall not be eligible to participate in an award of Partnership Shares or Matching Shares in a Year of Assessment if in that Year of Assessment he has participated or is to participate in an award of shares under another employee share incentive plan established by the Company or a Connected Company and approved under the Schedule or if he would have participated but for his failure to obtain an award based on a Performance Related Formula;

"Forfeiture Period" in relation

in relation to Free Shares and Matching Shares the period beginning on the applicable Appropriation Date and ending on such date as the Directors shall determine being no later than the third anniversary of such Appropriation Date which shall apply to all Free Shares and Matching Shares in the same appropriation;

"Free Shares"

Shares which are appropriated to an Eligible Employee under Rule 2 and held by the Trustees upon the terms of the Plan;

"Free Share Agreement"

An agreement in the form (or substantially in the form) of Schedule Three, adapted as appropriate;

"Free Share Limit"

(pound)3,000 or such other amount as may be specified in paragraph 35 of the Schedule from time to time;

"Group"

the Company, any Subsidiary and any Associated Company of the Company from time to time;

"Holding Period"

in relation to Free Shares, Matching Shares and Dividend Shares the period beginning on the applicable Appropriation Date and ending on:

- (1) in the case of Free Shares and Matching Shares such date as the Directors shall determine being no earlier than the third anniversary nor later than the fifth anniversary of such date; and
- (2) in the case of Dividend Shares the third anniversary of such date;

and which period shall not be increased in respect of Free Shares, Matching Shares and Dividend Shares already awarded under the Plan.

"ICTA"

Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988;

"Initial Market Value"

in relation to a Share:

- (1) save as mentioned in (2) below, its Market Value (determined as if there were no restrictions or risk of forfeiture) on the Appropriation Date, Acquisition Date or where the Directors have determined that an Accumulation Period applies the first day of the Accumulation Period or the Acquisition Date in accordance with Rule 6.2 (as appropriate); or
- (2) if and so long as the Shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange, its Market Value

(determined as if there were no restrictions or risk of forfeiture) on the Appropriation Date, Acquisition Date or where the Directors have determined that an Accumulation Period applies the first day of the Accumulation Period or the Acquisition Date in accordance with Rule 6.2;

"Key Feature"

a feature of the Plan which is a provision which is necessary in order to meet the requirements of the Schedule;

"Letter of Offer"

a letter in the form (or substantially in the form) of Schedule Two, adapted as appropriate;

"Market Value"

in relation to a Share on any date:

- (1) save as mentioned in (2) below, its market value as determined in accordance with Part VIII of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 and agreed in advance with Inland Revenue Shares Valuation; or
- (2) if and so long as the Shares are fully listed on the New York Stock Exchange:
 - (a) if, and only if, all the Shares acquired for allocation to

Participants on an Acquisition Date or an Appropriation Date are purchased and allocated to all Participants on the same day, the average of the prices paid by the Trustees for those Shares

or

(b) if all the Shares acquired for Participants are not purchased and awarded to all Participants on the same day, its closing price on the New York Stock Exchange on the immediately preceding Dealing Day.

"Matching Shares"

Shares which satisfy the requirements of paragraph 59 of the Schedule and are appropriated to an Eligible Employee under Rule 9 and held by the Trustees upon the terms of the Plan;

"Notice of Acquisition"

a notice in the form (or substantially in the form) of Schedule Seven, adapted as appropriate;

"Notice of Appropriation"

a notice in the form (or substantially in the form) of Schedule Five, adapted as appropriate;

"Parent" Hudson Highland Group Inc. a corporation registered in the state of Delaware USA; "Participant" an Eligible Employee who has entered into a Free Share Agreement or Partnership Share Agreement to participate in the Plan; "Participating Company" the Company and any Subsidiary which is under the Control of the Company designated by the Directors as a Participating Company which has executed a suitable deed of adherence; "Partnership Shares" Shares which are acquired by or on behalf of Eligible Employees under Rule 6 and held by the Trustees upon the terms of the Plan; "Partnership Share Agreement" an agreement in the form (or substantially in the form) of Schedule Four, adapted as appropriate;

"Partnership Share Limit" the lower of (pound)125 per month (or an equivalent weekly amount) and 10% of an Eligible

Employee's Salary (or such other amounts as may be specified from time to time in paragraph 46 of the

Schedule);

"Partnership Share Money" if the Directors determine that an Accumulation

Period will apply the aggregate amount of all

deductions,

otherwise the deduction made from a

Participant's Salary in accordance with the Partnership Share Agreement before it is used to acquire Partnership Shares on his behalf;

"Plan"

the Hudson Global Resources Share Incentive Plan in its present form, or as from time to time altered in accordance with its Rules;

"Plan Shares"

Shares held by the Trustees upon the terms of the Plan on behalf of the Participants comprising Free, Partnership, Matching and Dividend Shares and shares in relation to which paragraph 87(2) of the Schedule applies;

"Qualifying Company"

the same meaning as in paragraph 17 of the Schedule;

"Reconstruction or Take-over" a transaction affecting any Plan Shares which:

- (1) is an offer for those Plan Shares which, if accepted, would result in a new holding of shares being equated with such Plan Shares for the purposes of capital gains tax; or
- (2) is a transaction mentioned in Chapter II of Part V of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains

Act 1992 which would result in a new holding being equated with such Plan Shares for the purposes of capital gains tax were it not for the fact that what would be the new holding consists of or includes a qualifying corporate bond (within the meaning of Section 117 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992); or

- (3) is entered into pursuant to a scheme of arrangement or a compromise applicable to or affecting:
 - (a) all the issued ordinary share capital of the Relevant Company or, as the case may be, all of it that is of the class in question; or
 - (b) all the shares, or shares of the class in question, which are held by a class of shareholders identified otherwise than by reference to their employment or their participation in an employee share incentive plan approved by the

or

(4) is an offer of cash (with or without other assets) where the offer forms part of a general offer which is made to the holders of shares of the same class in the Relevant Company and which is made in the first instance on a condition such that if it is satisfied the offeror will have Control of the Relevant Company;

"the Release Date"

- (1) in relation to Free Shares, Matching Shares and Dividend Shares, the day following the last day of the applicable Holding Period;
- (2) in relation to Partnership Shares, the period beginning on the applicable Acquisition Date and ending on the third anniversary of such date;

"Relevant Company"

the Parent or any other company whose shares are, as a result of a Reconstruction or Take-over, Plan Shares;

"Relevant Employment" employment by the Company, a Participating Company or any Associated Company of the Company; "Retirement Age" age 50; "Rules" the rules of the Plan (and "Rule" shall be construed accordingly); "Salary" the meaning ascribed by paragraph 48 of the Schedule; Schedule 2 to the Income Tax (Earnings and "the Schedule" Pensions) Act 2003; "Share" a share of common stock in the Parent satisfying $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) +\left(1\right) +\left$ paragraphs 25 to 33 inclusive of the Schedule; "Subsidiary"

the meaning ascribed by Section 736 of the Companies Act 1985;

- (1) In relation to Free Shares, Partnership Shares and Matching Shares, the fifth anniversary of their Appropriation Date or Acquisition Date (as appropriate); and
- (2) in relation to Dividend Shares, the third anniversary of their Appropriation Date;

"Tax Free Date"

"Termination Period" the period of three months commencing on the day

on which a plan termination notice is sent out

under Rule 24.2;

"Trustees" the Trustees referred to in the Deed, or such

other person or persons who is or are the trustee

or trustees from time to time of the Plan;

"T.U.P.E transfer" a transfer to which the Transfer of Undertakings

(Protection of Employment) Regulations 1981

applies;

"Year of Assessment" a year beginning on any 6 April and ending on the

following 5 April.

References to any statutory provision are to that provision as amended or re-enacted from time to time and, unless the context otherwise requires, words in the singular include the plural (and vice versa) and words importing the masculine shall include the feminine (and vice versa).

- 2 Appropriation of Free Shares
 - 2.1 When the Directors have determined to operate the Plan by offering Free Shares on the same terms to Eligible Employees, a Letter of Offer shall be issued to each Eligible Employee asking him to consent to the appropriation of Free Shares on the proposed Appropriation Date by signing and returning as directed the accompanying Free Share Agreement duly completed and signed by such date at least 14 days after the date of the Letter of Offer as shall be specified in the Letter of Offer (but in any event prior to the relevant Appropriation Date). The Letter of Offer shall specify the Holding Period which the Directors have determined will apply to the Free Shares appropriated on the Appropriation Date and any Forfeiture Period that will apply to the Free Shares.
 - 2.2 A Free Share Agreement entered into in accordance with this Rule 2 shall bind the relevant Eligible Employee in contract with the Company:
 - 2.2.1 to permit the Free Shares appropriated to him to remain in the hands of the Trustees throughout the applicable Holding Period; and
 - 2.2.2 not to assign, charge or otherwise dispose of his beneficial interest in those Free Shares during the applicable Holding Period; and
 - 2.2.3 if the Company in accordance with Rule 4.2 directs the Trustees to transfer the legal ownership of any Free Shares to the Eligible Employee at any time before the applicable Release Date, to pay to the Trustees before such transfer takes place, or to allow the Trustees to sell some or all of his Free

Shares in order to raise, a sum equal to income tax at the appropriate rate on the Market Value of such Free Shares at the time of such transfer together with any Primary Class I National Insurance liability which may arise; and

- if he or the Company in accordance with Rule 4.2 directs the Trustees to transfer the legal ownership of any Free Shares to the Eligible Employee at any time after the applicable Release Date but before the applicable Tax Free Date, to pay to the Trustees before such transfer takes place or to allow the Trustees to sell some or all of his Free Shares in order to raise a sum equal to income tax at the appropriate rate on the lesser of:
 - (a) the Initial Market Value of the Free Shares; and
 - (b) the Market Value of the Free Shares at the time of such transfer

together with any Primary Class I National Insurance liability which may arise.

- 2.3 Free Shares shall be appropriated on an Appropriation Date amongst Eligible Employees who have entered into a Free Share Agreement in accordance with such one or more of the methods set out in Rules 2.3.1, 2.3.2, 2.3.3, 2.3.4 or 2.3.5 as the Directors shall determine. Every Eligible Employee who does participate must do so on the same terms.
 - 2.3.1 Eligible Employees shall receive Free Shares having an Initial Market Value equal to such percentage of their annual Salary as the Directors shall determine; and/or
 - 2.3.2 Eligible Employees shall receive a number of Free Shares per year of Continuous Employment with one or more Participating Companies and/or Subsidiaries; and/or

- 2.3.3 Eligible Employees shall receive a number of Free Shares according to the number of hours worked per week with their employing company; and/or
- 2.3.4 Eligible Employees shall receive a fixed number of Shares or a number of Shares with a Market Value equal to a fixed sum;
- 2.3.5 such other formula relating to the performance of the Eligible Employee, the Company or the Eligible Employee's business unit to be determined by the Directors (the "Performance Related Formula") PROVIDED THAT if a Performance Related Formula is selected, either 2.3.5.1 or 2.3.5.2 will apply;
 - 2.3.5.1 (a) at least 20% of the Free Shares appropriated on the Appropriation Date must be appropriated in accordance with Rules 2.3.1, 2.3.2, 2.3.3 and/or 2.3.4 without reference to the Performance Related Formula; and
 - (b) the appropriation of Free Shares with the highest Initial Market Value to any Eligible Employee on any Appropriation Date under the Performance Related Formula may not exceed four times the highest Initial Market Value of Free Shares appropriated to any Eligible Employee under any of the formulae set out under Rules 2.3.1, 2.3.2, 2.3.3 and 2.3.4; or
 - 2.3.5.2 (a) some or all of the Free Shares must be appropriated according to a Performance Related Formula which must be comparable in terms of the likelihood of being met by each of the performance units to which it applies; and

- (b) Free Shares appropriated to members of the same performance unit must satisfy Rules 2.3.1, 2.3.2, 2.3.3 or 2.3.4.
- 2.4 Where a Performance Related Formula is selected:
 - 2.4.1 the same method as set out in either Rule 2.3.5.1 or Rule 2.3.5.2 shall be used for all Eligible Employees who take part in an appropriation;
 - 2.4.2 the Letter of Offer issued to Eligible Employees under Rule 2.1 shall include notification of the Performance Related Formula as it applies to each Eligible Employee; and
 - 2.4.3 a notice describing the Performance Related Formula in general terms must be put on display for all employees of Participating Companies before the beginning of the period to which the Performance Related Formula will relate.
- 2.5 Where Free Shares have been appropriated under this Rule 2 the Trustees will send a Notice of Appropriation to each Participant to whom such Shares have been appropriated in accordance with Clause 2.7 of the Deed.
- 2.6 The aggregate of the Market Value of all Free Shares which may be appropriated to any Participant in any Year of Assessment shall not exceed the Free Share Limit.
- 3 Transfer of Free Shares
 - 3.1 In accordance with the Free Share Agreement entered into between a Participant and the Company under Rule 2, a Participant may direct the Trustees to transfer the legal ownership of his Free Shares to him at any time on or after the Release Date that applies to them.

- 3.2 Any direction given by a Participant under Rule 3.1 must be in the form (or substantially in the form) of Schedule Six, adapted as appropriate. The Trustees will transfer the relevant Free Shares as soon as practicable after receipt of the direction.
- 4 Cessation of Employment and withdrawal of Free Shares from the Plan
 - 4.1 In the event of a Participant ceasing to be employed by the Group at any time by reason of:
 - 4.1.1 injury, disability, redundancy (within the meaning of the Employment Rights Act 1996); or
 - 4.1.2 a T.U.P.E transfer; or
 - 4.1.3 a change of Control or other circumstances ending the Associated Company status of the company by which he is employed; or
 - 4.1.4 retirement on or after reaching Retirement Age; or
 - 4.1.5 death

the Directors shall procure that his Free Shares are transferred to him by the Trustees as soon as practicable after such cessation.

- 4.2 In the event of a Participant ceasing to be employed by the Group in any circumstances other than those set out in Rule 4.1 or otherwise instructing the Trustees to transfer his Free Shares to him:
 - 4.2.1 on or after the applicable Release Date but before the applicable Tax Free Date, the Directors shall procure that his Free Shares are transferred to him by the Trustees, subject to the disposal by the Trustees of sufficient Plan Shares to enable them to meet their PAYE liabilities or payment to the Trustees

by the Participant of a sum equal to income tax at the appropriate rate on the lesser of:

- a) the Initial Market Value of such Free Shares; and
- b) the Market Value of such Free Shares on the date of his cessation of employment;

together with any Primary Class I National Insurance liability that may arise in accordance with the Free Share Agreement that relates to them, as soon as practicable after such cessation; or

- in relation to cessation of employment only, after the Forfeiture Period and before the applicable Release Date, the Directors shall procure that his Free Shares are transferred to him by the Trustees, subject to the disposal by the Trustees of sufficient Plan Shares to enable them to meet their PAYE liabilities or payment to the Trustees by the Participant of a sum equal to income tax at the appropriate rate on the Market Value of such Free Shares together with any Primary Class I National Insurance liability that may arise, in accordance with the Free Share Agreement that relates to them, as soon as practicable (and in any event within 30 days) after such cessation.
- 4.3 In the event of a Participant ceasing to be employed by the Group in any circumstances other than those set out in Rule 4.1 before the end of the applicable Forfeiture Period he will forfeit his Free Shares and thereafter have no further entitlement to them.

4.4 Takeovers

4.4.1 A Participant may during the Holding Period direct the Trustees:

- 4.4.1.1 to accept an offer for any of his Free Shares if the acceptance or agreement will result in a new holding being equated with those Shares for the purposes of capital gains tax; or
- 4.4.1.2 to accept an offer of a qualifying corporate bond (whether alone or with other assets or cash or both) for his Free Shares if the offer forms part of such a general offer as is mentioned in paragraph 37(5) of the Schedule; or
- 4.4.1.3 to accept an offer of cash, with or without other assets, for his Free Shares if the offer forms part of a general offer which is made to holders of shares of the same class as his Shares, or to holders of shares in the same company and which is made in the first instance on a condition such that if it is satisfied the person making the offer shall have control of that company, within the meaning of section 416 of ICTA; or
- 4.4.1.4 to agree to a transaction affecting his Free Shares or such of them as are of a particular class, if the transaction would be entered into pursuant to a compromise, arrangement or scheme applicable to or affecting:
 - (a) all of the ordinary share capital of the Parent or, as the case may be, all the shares of the class in question; or
 - (b) all the shares, or all the shares of the class in question, which are held by a class of shareholders identified otherwise than by reference to their employment or their

participation in a plan approved under the Schedule.

PART TWO - PARTNERSHIP SHARES

- 5 Invitations to acquire Partnership Shares
 - 5.1 When the Directors have determined to operate the Plan by inviting Eligible Employees to acquire Partnership Shares on the same terms, a Letter of Offer shall be issued to each Eligible Employee inviting him to enter into an agreement with the Company by signing and returning as directed the accompanying Partnership Share Agreement duly completed and signed by such date at least 14 days after the date of the Letter of Offer as shall be specified in the Letter of Offer. The Letter of Offer shall specify:
 - 5.1.1 whether the Directors have determined to offer Matching Shares to Eligible Employees who enter into a Partnership Share Agreement; and
 - 5.1.2 the basis on which such Matching Shares will be appropriated; and
 - 5.1.3 any Forfeiture Period that will apply to the Matching Shares; and
 - 5.1.4 the starting date and length of the Accumulation Period (as determined by the Directors).
 - 5.2 The Company may specify the maximum number of Shares to be included in an offer of Partnership Shares.
 - 5.2.1 The Partnership Share Agreement shall contain an undertaking by the Company to notify each Eligible Employee of any restriction on the number of Shares to be included in an offer.
 - 5.2.2 The notification in Rule 5.2.1 shall be given:

- a) If there is no Accumulation Period, before the first deduction of the Partnership Share Money relating to the offer; and
- b) If there is an Accumulation Period, before the beginning of the Accumulation Period relating to the offer.
- 5.3 A Partnership Share Agreement entered into in accordance with this Rule 5 shall bind the relevant Eligible Employee in contract with the Company:
 - 5.3.1 to permit the Participating Company to deduct from his Salary each month an amount neither less than (pound)10 nor exceeding the Partnership Share Limit or an equivalent amount if the salary is paid weekly; and
 - 5.3.2 to permit the Company to use the amount deducted under Rule 5.3.1 above to acquire (or to arrange the acquisition of) Partnership Shares on behalf of the Eligible Employee and to hold them in accordance with the Rules of the Plan; and
 - 5.3.3 if he directs the Trustees to transfer the legal ownership of any Partnership Shares to him at any time before the applicable Release Date, to pay to the Trustees before such transfer takes place or to allow the Trustees to sell some or all of his Plan Shares in order to raise a sum equal to income tax at the appropriate rate on the Market Value of such Partnership Shares at the time of such transfer together with any Primary Class I National Insurance liability that may arise; and
 - if he directs the Trustees to transfer the legal ownership of any Partnership Shares to him at any time on or after the applicable Release Date but before the applicable Tax Free Date, to pay to the Trustees before such transfer takes place or to allow the Trustees to sell some or all of his Plan Shares in order to raise a sum equal to income tax at the appropriate rate on the lesser of:

- a) the Partnership Share Money used to acquire the Partnership Shares; and
- b) the Market Value of the relevant Partnership Shares at the time of such transfer

together with any Primary Class I National Insurance liability that may arise.

- 5.4 A Partnership Share Agreement entered into under Rule 5.1 above will not be valid unless it contains a notice as prescribed by paragraph 48 of the Schedule;
- 5.5 Where Partnership Shares have been acquired on behalf of Participants the Trustees will send a Notice of Acquisition to each Participant on whose behalf such Shares have been acquired in accordance with the provisions of Clause 2.7 of the Deed.
- 5.6 A Partnership Share Agreement shall include a provision allowing the Participant, by written notice to the Company, to stop the deductions from his Salary with effect from a date specified in the notice. Following such a notice, the Participant may, by further notice in writing, direct the Company to re-start the deductions from his Salary, provided that the deductions that have been missed in the interim period may not be made up.
- 5.7 A Partnership Share Agreement shall include a provision allowing the Participant, on no more than two occasions in a calendar year, to change the amount of deductions from Salary.
- 5.8 A Partnership Share Agreement shall include a provision allowing the Participant, by written notice to the Company, to withdraw from the Partnership Share Agreement at any time.

The Directors shall determine whether an Accumulation Period shall apply.

- 6.1 Where the Directors have determined that an Accumulation Period shall not apply to an offer of Partnership Shares:
 - 6.1.1 All Partnership Share Money deducted by the Participating Company in accordance with the Partnership Share Agreement entered into under Rule 5.1 shall be transferred directly to the Trustees. Within 30 days after the last deduction of Partnership Share Money from Participants' Salaries the Trustees shall use it in the acquisition of Partnership Shares on behalf of Participants. For the purpose of this Rule 6.1 'acquisition' shall mean subscription for, purchase of or allocation of Shares already held by the Trustees which are not Free Shares, Partnership Shares, Matching Shares or Dividend Shares.
 - 6.1.2 The number of Partnership Shares to be acquired on behalf of each Participant shall be determined in accordance with the Market Value of the Partnership Shares on the Acquisition Date.
- 6.2 Where the Directors have determined that an Accumulation Period shall apply:
 - 6.2.1 All Partnership Share Money deducted by the Participating Company during the Accumulation Period shall be transferred to the Trustees within 30 days of its deduction from Participants' Salaries. The Trustees will then hold the Partnership Share Money until the end of the Accumulation Period. Within 30 days after the end of the Accumulation Period the Trustees shall use the Partnership Share Money in the acquisition of Partnership Shares on behalf of Participants.

- 6.2.2 The number of Partnership Shares to be acquired on behalf of each Participant shall be determined by reference to the lower of:
 - a) the Market Value of Shares on the first day of the Accumulation Period; and
 - b) the Market Value of Shares on the Acquisition Date.
- 6.3 Any Partnership Share Money remaining in the Trustees' hands after Partnership Shares have been acquired shall be paid to each Participant as soon as practicable UNLESS the Participant agrees in writing that the remaining Partnership Share Money may be retained by the Trustees and added to the next amount of Partnership Share Money deducted from his Salary.
- 6.4 Any amount deducted in excess of that allowed by rule 6.1.1 or 6.2.1 shall be paid over to the employee subject to the deduction of income tax under PAYE and in addition any liability to Primary National Insurance Contributions which may arise.
- 6.5 If the account opened under Clause 2.3 of the Deed earns interest, the Trustees must pay any interest earned to the Participant.
- 6.6 If the Company receives applications for Partnership Shares exceeding the maximum determined by the Directors on that occasion then the following steps shall be taken in sequence until the excess is eliminated.
 - 6.6.1 the excess of the monthly deduction chosen by each application over (pound)10 shall be reduced pro rata;
 - 6.6.2 all monthly deductions shall be reduced to (pound)10;
 - 6.6.3 applications shall be selected by lot, each based on a monthly deduction of (pound)10.

Each application shall be deemed to have been modified or withdrawn in accordance with the foregoing provisions, and each Eligible Employee who has applied for Partnership Shares shall be notified of the change.

7 Transfer of Partnership Shares

- 7.1 In accordance with a Partnership Share Agreement entered into between a Participant and the Company under Rule 5, a Participant may withdraw from the Partnership Share Agreement at any time by notice in writing to the Company, which notice shall take effect 30 days after its receipt, or on such later date as may be specified in the notice. The Participant may then:
 - a) direct the Trustees to transfer to him any Partnership Share Money held on his behalf at any time; and/or
 - b) direct the Trustees to transfer the legal ownership of his Partnership Shares at any time.
- 7.2 A Participant may withdraw any or all of his Partnership Shares from the Plan at any time.
- 7.3 The transfer of the Partnership Share Money and/or Partnership Shares shall be subject to the withholding of the amount necessary to pay income tax at the appropriate rate together with any Primary Class I National Insurance liability that may arise in accordance with the Partnership Share Agreement relating to them. The Trustees will transfer the relevant Partnership Share Money and/or Partnership Shares to the Participant as soon as practicable after receipt of the direction and in any event within 30 days thereof.
- 7.4 If Matching Shares have been appropriated to a Participant in relation to Partnership Shares that have been acquired on his behalf in accordance with a Partnership Share Agreement, any request to the Trustees to transfer those Partnership Shares to him under Rule 7.1 or

any transfer of those Partnership Shares to him under Rule 8 before the end of the Forfeiture Period for the Matching Shares will subject to rule 11.1 cause him to forfeit the corresponding Matching Shares and he will thereafter have no further entitlement to them.

7.5 Where an Accumulation Period applies, in accordance with a Partnership Share Agreement entered into between a Participant and the Company under Rule 5, a Participant may by notice in writing to the Company (which notice shall take effect 30 days after its receipt unless a later date is specified in the notice) direct the Company to stop making deductions from his Salary under the terms of the Partnership Share Agreement. Where such notice is given by a Participant he may at a later date during the Accumulation Period by notice in writing to the Company, which notice shall take effect within 30 days after its receipt (unless a later date is specified in the notice) direct the Company to resume making deductions from his Salary under the terms of the Partnership Share Agreement until the end of the Accumulation Period.

8 Cessation of Employment

- 8.1 In the event of a Participant ceasing to be employed by the Group in any circumstances the Directors shall, subject to Rule 8.2, procure that his Partnership Shares and any Partnership Share Money held by the Trustees on his behalf are transferred to him by the Trustees as soon as practicable after such cessation.
- 8.2 Unless Rule 8.3 applies, if the cessation of the Participant's employment occurs before the Tax Free Date applicable to his Partnership Shares or while Partnership Share Money is held on his behalf, the transfer of those Partnership Shares and that Partnership Share Money to him by the Trustees shall be subject both to the withholding of the amount necessary to pay income tax at the appropriate rate in accordance with the provisions of Rules 5.3.3 and/or 5.3.4 and to the withholding of the amount necessary to pay

income tax at the appropriate rate on such Partnership Share Money, in each case in accordance with the Partnership Share Agreement that relates to them and together with any Primary Class I National Insurance liability that may arise.

- 8.3 In the event of a Participant ceasing to be employed by the Group at any time by reason of:
 - 8.3.1 injury, disability, redundancy (within the meaning of the Employment Rights Act 1996); or
 - 8.3.2 a T.U.P.E transfer; or
 - 8.3.3 a change of Control or other circumstances ending the Associated Company status of the company by which he is employed; or
 - 8.3.4 retirement on or after reaching Retirement Age; or
 - 8.3.5 death

the Directors shall procure that his Partnership Shares and Partnership Share Money are transferred to him as soon as practicable after such cessation.

PART THREE - MATCHING SHARES

- Appropriation of Matching Shares
 - 9.1 When the Directors have determined to operate the Plan by appropriating Matching Shares on the same terms to Eligible Employees who enter into a Partnership Share Agreement under Rule 5, the Letter of Offer issued to each Eligible Employee under Rule 5 shall contain information about such determination, including the

number of Matching Shares that will be appropriated for each Partnership Share (being not more than two for one).

- 9.2 Where the Directors have determined to appropriate Matching Shares to Eligible Employees who enter into a Partnership Share Agreement under Rule 5, the Partnership Share Agreement will bind the relevant Eligible Employee in contract with the Company:
 - 9.2.1 to permit the Matching Shares appropriated to him to remain in the hands of the Trustees throughout the applicable Holding Period; and
 - 9.2.2 not to assign, charge or otherwise dispose of his beneficial interest in those Matching Shares during the applicable Holding Period; and
 - 9.2.3 if the Company in accordance with Rule 11.2 directs the Trustees to transfer the legal ownership of any Matching Shares to the Participant before the applicable Release Date, to pay to the Trustees before such transfer takes place or to allow the Trustees to sell some or all of his Plan Shares in order to raise a sum equal to income tax at the appropriate rate on the Market Value of such Matching Shares at the time of such transfer together with any Primary Class I National Insurance liability that may arise; and
 - 9.2.4 if he or the Company in accordance with Rule 11.2 directs the Trustees to transfer the legal ownership of any Matching Shares to him at any time on or after the applicable Release Date but before the applicable Tax Free Date, to pay to the Trustees before such transfer takes place or to allow the Trustees to sell some or all of his Plan Shares in order to raise a sum equal to income tax at the appropriate rate on the lesser of:
 - a) the Initial Market Value of the Matching Shares; and

b) the Market Value of the Matching Shares at the time of such transfer

together with any Primary Class I National Insurance liability that may arise.

- 9.3 Where Matching Shares are appropriated under this Rule 9 the Trustees will send a Notice of Acquisition/Appropriation to each Participant to whom such Shares have been appropriated in accordance with the provisions of Clause 2.7 of the Deed.
- 9.4 Where Matching Shares are appropriated under this Rule 9 the Shares so appropriated must be:
 - 9.4.1 Shares of the same class and carrying the same rights as the Partnership Shares to which they relate; and
 - 9.4.2 appropriated to Participants on the same day as the Partnership Shares to which they relate are acquired; and
 - 9.4.3 appropriated to all Participants on exactly the same basis.

10 Transfer of Matching Shares

- 10.1 In accordance with the Partnership Share Agreement entered into between a Participant and the Company under Rule 5, a Participant may direct the Trustees to transfer the legal ownership of his Matching Shares to him at any date on or after the Release Date that applies to them.
- 10.2 Any direction given by a Participant under Rule 10.1 must be in the form (or substantially the form) of Schedule Six, adapted as appropriate. The Trustees will transfer the relevant Matching Shares as soon as practicable after the receipt of the direction.

- 11 Cessation of Employment and withdrawal of Matching Shares from the Plan
 - 11.1 In the event of a Participant ceasing to be employed by the Group at any time by reason of:
 - 11.1.1 injury, disability, redundancy (within the meaning of the Employment Rights Act 1996); or
 - 11.1.2 a T.U.P.E. transfer or;
 - 11.1.3 a change of Control or other circumstances ending the Associated Company status of the company by which he is employed; or
 - 11.1.4 retirement on or after reaching Retirement Age; or
 - 11.1.5 death

the Directors shall procure that his Matching Shares are transferred to him by the Trustees as soon as practicable after such cessation.

- 11.2 In the event of a Participant ceasing to be employed by the Group in any circumstances other than those set out in Rule 11.1 or otherwise instructing the Trustees to transfer his Matching Shares to him:
 - on or after the applicable Release Date but before the applicable Tax Free Date the Directors shall procure that his Matching Shares are transferred to him by the Trustees, subject to the disposal by the Trustees of sufficient Plan Shares to enable them to meet their PAYE liabilities or payment to the Trustees by the Participant of a sum equal to income tax at the appropriate rate on the lesser of:
 - a) the Initial Market Value of such Matching Shares; and
 - b) the Market Value of such Matching Shares on the date of his cessation of employment

together with any Primary Class I National Insurance liability that may arise in accordance with the Partnership Share Agreement that relates to them, as soon as practicable after such cessation; or

- in relation to cessation of employment only, after the Forfeiture Period and before the applicable Release Date the Directors shall procure that his Matching Shares are transferred to him by the Trustees, subject to the disposal by the Trustees of sufficient Plan Shares to enable them to meet their PAYE liabilities or payment to the Trustees by the Participant of a sum equal to income tax at the appropriate rate on the Market Value of such Matching Shares together with any Primary Class I National Insurance liability that may arise, in accordance with the Partnership Share Agreement that relates to them.
- 11.2.3 In the event of a Participant ceasing to be employed by the Group in any circumstances other than those set out in Rule 11.1 before the end of the Forfeiture Period he will forfeit his Matching Shares and thereafter have no further entitlement to them.

11.3 Takeovers:

- 11.3.1 A Participant may during the Holding Period direct the Trustees:
 - 11.3.1.1 to accept an offer for any of his Matching Shares if the acceptance or agreement will result in a new holding being equated with those Shares for the purposes of capital gains tax; or
 - 11.3.1.2 to accept an offer of a qualifying corporate bond (whether alone or with other assets or cash or both)

for his Matching Shares if the offer forms part of such a general offer as is mentioned in paragraph 37(5) of the Schedule; or

- 11.3.1.3 to accept an offer of cash, with or without other assets, for his Matching Shares if the offer forms part of a general offer which is made to holders of shares of the same class as his Shares, or to holders of shares in the same company and which is made in the first instance on a condition such that if it is satisfied the person making the offer shall have control of that company, within the meaning of section 416 of ICTA; or
- 11.3.1.4 to agree to a transaction affecting his Matching Shares or such of them as are of a particular class, if the transaction would be entered into pursuant to a compromise, arrangement or scheme applicable to or affecting:
 - (a) all of the ordinary share capital of the Parent or, as the case may be, all the shares of the class in question; or
 - (b) all the shares, or all the shares of the class in question, which are held by a class of shareholders identified otherwise than by reference to their employment or their participation in a plan approved under the Schedule.

12 Reinvestment of Dividends

- 12.1 If the Directors have so determined and a Participant has agreed all dividends payable in respect of Plan Shares shall be paid by the Company directly to the Trustees. The Trustees shall, within 30 days of their receipt of such dividends, use them to acquire further Shares for appropriation to Participants as Dividend Shares. In exercising their powers to acquire Dividend Shares the Trustees must treat Participants fairly and equally.
- 12.2 For the purposes of Rule 12.1 'acquire' shall mean subscribe for purchase or allocate Shares already held by the Trustees which are not Free Shares, Partnership Shares, Matching Shares or Dividend Shares.
- 12.3 The number of Dividend Shares to be appropriated to each Participant shall be determined in accordance with the Market Value of the Shares on the Appropriation Date.
- 12.4 The Free Share Agreement and/or Partnership Share Agreement entered into by each Participant in accordance with Rules 2 and/or 5 shall bind the relevant Participant in contract with the Company:-
 - 12.4.1 to permit the Dividend Shares appropriated to him to remain in the hands of the Trustees throughout the applicable Holding Period; and
 - 12.4.2 not to assign, charge or otherwise dispose of his beneficial interest in the Dividend Shares during the applicable Holding Period.
- 12.5 Where Dividend Shares have been appropriated under Rule 12.1 the Trustees will send a Notice of Appropriation to each Participant to whom such Dividend Shares have been appropriated as soon as

practicable after the Appropriation Date.

- 12.6 The cash amount used by the Trustees to acquire Dividend Shares for appropriation to any Participant must not exceed the Dividend Share Limit. Any cash amount remaining in the Trustees' hands after the Dividend Share Limit has been applied shall be paid by the Trustees to the Participant as soon as practicable (and in any event within 30 days of the applicable Appropriation Date).
- 12.7 Where Dividend Shares have been appropriated under Rule 12.1, the Shares so appropriated must be Shares of the same class and carrying the same rights as the Plan Shares in respect of which the dividend was paid.

13 Transfer of Dividend Shares

- 13.1 In accordance with the Free Share Agreement and/or Partnership Share Agreement entered into between a Participant and the Company under Rules 2 and/or 5 a Participant may direct the Trustees to transfer the legal ownership of his Dividend Shares to him at any time on or after the Release Date that applies to them.
- 13.2 Any direction given by a Participant under Rule 13.1 must be in the form (or substantially in the form) of Schedule Six, adapted as appropriate. The Trustees will transfer the relevant Dividend Shares as soon as practicable after receipt of the direction.

14 Cessation of Employment

- 14.1 In the event of a Participant ceasing to be employed by the Group at any time by reason of:
 - 14.1.1 injury, disability, redundancy (within the meaning of the Employment Rights Act 1996); or

- 14.1.2 a T.U.P.E transfer; or
- 14.1.3 a change of control or other circumstances ending the Associated Company status of the company by which he is employed; or
- 14.1.4 retirement on or after reaching Retirement Age; or
- 14.1.5 death

the Directors shall procure that his Dividend Shares are transferred to him by the Trustees as soon as practicable after such cessation.

14.2 In the event of a Participant ceasing to be employed by the Group in any circumstances other than those set out in Rule 14.1 before the applicable Tax Free Date the Directors shall procure that his Dividend Shares are transferred to him by the Trustees.

14.3 Takeovers

A Participant may during the Holding Period direct the Trustees:

- 14.3.1 to accept an offer for any of his Dividend Shares if the acceptance or agreement will result in a new holding being equated with those Shares for the purposes of capital gains tax; or
- 14.3.2 to accept an offer of a qualifying corporate bond (whether alone or with other assets or cash or both) for his Dividend Shares if the offer forms part of such a general offer as is mentioned in paragraph 37(5) of the Schedule; or
- 14.3.3 to accept an offer of cash, with or without other assets, for his Free Shares if the offer forms part of a general offer which is made to holders of shares of the same class as his Shares, or to holders of shares in the same company and which is made in

the first instance on a condition such that if it is satisfied the person making the offer shall have control of that company, within the meaning of section 416 of ICTA; or

- 14.3.4 to agree to a transaction affecting their Dividend Shares or such of them as are of a particular class, if the transaction would be entered into pursuant to a compromise, arrangement or scheme applicable to or affecting:
 - a) all of the ordinary share capital of the Parent or, as the case may be, all the shares of the class in question; or
 - b) all the shares, or all the shares of the class in question, which are held by a class of shareholders identified otherwise than by reference to their employment or their participation in a plan approved under the Schedule.

PART FIVE - GENERAL

- L5 Acquisition of Shares for appropriation
 - 15.1 The Trustees may upon the direction of the Directors, purchase Shares from time to time up to and including the Dealing Day of the relevant Appropriation Date/Acquisition Date. Such Shares may be purchased on NASDAQ or privately.
 - 15.2 The Trustees, at the direction of the Directors, may subscribe for Shares for appropriation/acquisition on behalf of Eligible Employees under the Plan on the relevant Appropriation Date or Acquisition Date as appropriate, and the price per Share at which the Trustees subscribe for such Shares shall be the greater of:
 - 15.2.1 the nominal value of a Share on the date of subscription; and
 - 15.2.2 the Market Value of a Share.

- 15.3 Contributions to be made by the Company and each Participating Company to the Trustees to support any purchase of or subscription for Shares to be made by the Trustees for appropriation on any Appropriation Date shall be paid to the Trustees in accordance with an agreed settlement period.
- 15.4 Where the Trustees on an Appropriation Date/Acquisition Date appropriate/acquire on behalf of Eligible Employees Shares a proportion of which rank for any dividend or other rights by reference to a record date preceding the relevant Appropriation Date/Acquisition Date and a proportion of which do not, then the Shares to be appropriated to each Eligible Employee/acquired on behalf of each Eligible Employee shall as far as practicable be in the same proportions thereto.
- 15.5 Where Shares are transferred to the Trustees:
 - a. by the trustees of an employee share ownership trust; and
 - b. the transfer qualifies under S.69 (3AA) Finance Act 1989;

those Shares

- 15.5.1 must not be awarded to Participants as Partnership Shares;
 and
- 15.5.2 must be included in any appropriation of Free Shares or Matching Shares in precedence to any other Shares.

16 Limitations

If and so long as the Parent's shares are listed on NASDAQ the maximum number of Shares which may be allocated for appropriation by way of subscription under the Plan, when added to the number of Shares issued or placed under option for subscription in the preceding ten years under any other employees' share scheme approved in general meeting by the Company or any

other company when it is under the Company's Control, shall not exceed 10 % of the Parent's issued ordinary share capital for the time being.

17 Issue of Shares and Dividends

- 17.1 All Shares issued under the Plan shall as to voting, dividend, transfer and other rights (including those arising on a liquidation) rank pari passu in all respects with the Shares then in issue.
- 17.2 Unless the Directors have determined that dividends shall be reinvested in accordance with Rule 12.1 and Participants have so elected all dividends payable in respect of Plan Shares shall be paid in cash by the Company to the Trustees who will then distribute such dividends to each Participant according to the number of Plan Shares held by the Trustees on his behalf.
- 17.3 Where the value of dividends paid in respect of the Plan Shares held on behalf of any Participant in any Year of Assessment exceeds the Dividend Share Limit such dividends in excess of the Dividend Share Limit shall be paid in accordance with Rule 17.2 notwithstanding any election by a Participant.
- 17.4 If the Trustees receive any foreign cash dividend in respect of Plan Shares, they shall give the Participant notice of the amount of any foreign tax already deducted.

18 Disposals and payment

- 18.1 The Trustees shall not dispose of any Plan Shares which have been appropriated to a Participant (whether to the Participant concerned or otherwise) except in accordance with Clause 7 of the Deed.
- 18.2 Upon receipt of a sum of money being (or being part of) the proceeds of any disposal or Capital Receipt in respect of any Plan Shares, the Trustees shall (subject to compliance with the provisions of the Act) account to the Participant for any balance remaining in their hands and relating to such Plan Shares, provided that any Capital Receipt of less

than (pound)3 distributable to a particular Participant may be retained by the Trustees.

18.3 Upon receipt of any money or money's worth in respect of or by reference to any Plan Shares, the Trustees shall pay it over to the Participant as soon as possible.

19 Stamp Duty

- 19.1 No stamp duty on any transfer of shares by the Trustees shall be payable in the case of a transfer into the name of the Participant.
- 19.2 In the case of any other transfer stamp duty shall be payable by the Participant or the purchaser from the Participant.

20 Disputes

The decision of the Directors in any dispute or question affecting any Eligible Employee or Participant under the Plan shall be final and conclusive subject to the concurrence of the Auditors whenever required under the provisions hereof.

21 Rights on termination of employment

In no circumstances shall any person who has ceased to be an employee of the Company or any Subsidiary by reason of dismissal or otherwise howsoever or who is under notice of termination of his employment be entitled to claim as against any Participating Company or Subsidiary or the Trustees any compensation for or in respect of any consequential loss he may suffer by reason of the operation of the terms of the Plan or of the provisions of the Schedule, including in respect of any liability to Income Tax or National Insurance Contributions

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- 22.1 Where the Trustees receive a sum of money which constitutes (or forms part of):
 - 22.1.1 the proceeds of a disposal of Shares; or
 - 22.1.2 a Capital Receipt; or

then, if required by and in accordance with the provisions of Sections 509-513 of the Act they shall pay to the relevant Participating Company out of that sum of money an amount equal to that on which income tax is payable and the relevant Participating Company shall then pay over that amount to the Participant in question but in so doing shall make a PAYE deduction unless such Participant shall have ceased to be employed by the Participating Company when the Trustees receive such sum as referred to in Rule 18.2, in which case the Trustees shall pay over the amount to the Participant but in so doing shall deduct United Kingdom income tax at the appropriate rate for the time being in force on an amount equal to that on which income tax is payable together with a deduction of any Primary Class I National Insurance liability which may arise.

- 22.2 Where the Trustees receive from a Participant who has directed them to transfer the ownership of his Plan Shares to him at any time before the Tax Free Date the sum calculated in accordance with either Rule 4.2 or Rule 8.2 or Rule 11.2 that sum shall be treated as a PAYE deduction by the Trustees as well as a deduction of any Primary Class I National Insurance liability required.
- 22.3 The Trustees shall maintain such records as may be necessary to enable them to carry out their obligations under Sections 510-514 of

the Act, including records of all payments to the Company and all sums deducted by the Trustees falling within Rule 22.1 and all sums received from Participants falling within Rule 22.2.

22.4 The Trustees shall inform each Participant in writing of any facts relevant to determining the liability (if any) of that Participant to income tax under Schedule E or F or Case V of Schedule D or to Primary Class I National Insurance by reason of an occurrence of an event under the Plan in relation to his Plan Shares.

23 Alterations

Subject to the concurrence of the Trustees evidenced in a deed supplemental hereto, the Rules of the Plan may be altered in accordance with the following provisions of this Rule PROVIDED that no purported alteration shall be effective if, as a result, the Plan would cease to be an employees' share scheme. Any such alterations shall be binding on all Participating Companies.

- 23.1 The Directors may, prior to the approval of the Plan under the provisions of the Schedule by the Inland Revenue, alter the Rules of the Plan as may be necessary in order to obtain such approval.
- 23.2 Subject to Rule 23.3, after the date on which the Plan is approved by the Inland Revenue under the provisions of the Schedule, the Directors may in their discretion alter the Rules provided that so long as the Plan remains approved by the Inland Revenue no such alteration of a Key Feature shall be effective until approved by the Inland Revenue.
- 23.3 Where any alteration under Rule 23.2 is to the advantage of Participants (present or future), it will not be effective unless either:
 - 23.3.1 it is made with the prior sanction of an ordinary resolution of the Company in general meeting; or

- 23.3.2 it is a minor amendment which the Directors consider necessary or desirable in order to benefit the administration of the Plan; or
- 23.3.3 it is an amendment which the Directors consider necessary or desirable to take account or advantage of a change in the Act, the Schedule or any other legislation or to obtain or maintain favourable tax, exchange control, or regulatory treatment for Participants (present or future) or any Participating Company.
- 23.4 No alteration which purports to enlarge the obligations or restrict the rights of any Participant in respect of Plan Shares already appropriated to him or acquired on his behalf shall be effective.

24 General

- 24.1 The plan shall continue for a period of eighty years commencing on the date of the Trust Deed unless terminated earlier by resolution of the Directors, in which case Rule 24.2 shall apply.
- 24.2 In the event of the termination of the Plan by resolution of the Directors in accordance with Rule 24.1 the Directors shall ensure that a plan termination notice is sent without delay to:
 - 24.2.1 the Inland Revenue;
 - 24.2.2 the Trustees; and
 - 24.2.3 each Participant,

and the date on which such plan termination notice is sent shall be the first day of the Termination Period.

- 24.3 Once the Termination Period has begun;
 - 24.3.1 no further shares may be awarded to Eligible Employees;
 - the Trustees must (as soon as is practicable after the later of the end of the Termination Period or the first date on which the shares may be removed from the Plan without giving rise to a charge to Income Tax on the Participant on whose behalf they are held) either transfer all Plan Shares held by them to the Participant on whose behalf they are held (or, at his direction, to another person or, if appropriate to his personal representatives) or dispose of such Plan Shares and account to each such Participant (or, at his direction, to another person or, if appropriate to his personal representatives) for the proceeds;
 - 24.3.3 the Trustees must, as soon as practicable, ensure that any Partnership Share Money (or other money) held on behalf of a Participant is paid to him;
 - 24.3.4 the Trustees must ensure that any cash dividend that has not been reinvested pursuant to Clause 2.4 of the Trust Deed is paid over to each Participant in accordance with Clause 2.11 of the Trust Deed.

25 Governing Law

The Plan is governed by and shall be construed in accordance with the laws of England.

Schedule Two HUDSON GLOBAL RESOURCES SHARE INCENTIVE PLAN

Letter of Offer

		[Date]
Dear []	

The Hudson Global Resources Share Incentive Plan ("the Plan")

The Directors of the Company would like to offer you the opportunity to participate in the Plan. The basis of your participation on this occasion is as follows:

- You are entitled to be appropriated Free Shares in the Parent with a value of [(pound)] in accordance with the terms set out in Part A of the appendix to this letter[; and]
- 2. You are entitled to be appropriated Free Shares in the Parent in accordance with the terms set out in Part A of the appendix to this letter. The value of the Free Shares that will be appropriated to you depends on the satisfaction of the Performance Related Formula. This formula applies to you as part of the [division/team] and is as follows [insert formula applicable to participant].
- 3. You are also entitled to acquire Partnership Shares in the Parent up to the value of [(pound)125 per month] [which will be matched by the Company on a [] basis as described in Part C of the appendix to this letter] in accordance with Part B of the appendix to this letter.]

In order to consent to being included in this appropriation you must complete the Agreement which is enclosed and return it to [] no later than [date: dependent on type of shares being offered. See Rules 2.1and 5.1].

Yours faithfully

Appendix to Letter of Offer

PART A

This offer is the offer of Free Shares to Eligible Employees in accordance with the Rules of the Plan. The terms of the offer are as follows:

- The offer is made to all employees of the Participating Companies [who had been so employed on [] for a period of []];
- An Eligible Employee must have returned the completed Free Share Agreement as directed by [];
- B. The terms upon which the Free Shares are held will be as follows:
 - (a) Free Shares will be registered in the name of the Trustees;
 - (b) the Trustees shall not dispose of any Free Shares (except in accordance with the terms of the Plan);
 - (c) the Holding Period applicable to the Free Shares is [] years from [Appropriation Date]. After being held by the Trustees until the Release Date, [], the Trustees shall, if the Participant so requests, transfer the Free Shares to him or any other person of whom they have received notice in writing that the beneficial ownership of the Free Shares is vested. If no such request is made the Free Shares shall remain held by the Trustees until the Participant ceases to be employed in the Group;
 - (d) if the Participant ceases to be employed by the Group the Free Shares will be dealt with according to Rule 4 of the Plan.

[PART B

This offer is the offer to Eligible Employees to purchase Partnership Shares in accordance with the Rules of the Plan. The terms of the offer are as follows:

- The offer is made to all employees of the Participating Companies [who had been so employed on [] for a period of [];
- 2. An Eligible Employee may apply to purchase Partnership Shares by returning the completed Agreement as directed by []:
- 3. Eligible Employees may purchase Partnership Shares up to a maximum of [(pound)] [but not more than 10% of their salary] and a minimum value of [(pound)] by authorising the Company to make deductions from their salary each [week/month];
- 4. The terms upon which the Partnership Shares are held will be as follows:
 - (a) Partnership Shares will be purchased using the deductions from Eligible Employees' salaries; [timing of purchase; accumulation period]
 - (b) Partnership Shares will be registered in the name of the Trustees;
 - (c) the Trustees shall not dispose of any Partnership Shares (except in accordance with the terms of the Plan);
 - (d) the Trustees shall, if the Participant so requests at any time transfer the Partnership Shares to him or any other person of whom they have received notice in writing that the beneficial ownership of the Partnership Shares is vested;
 - (e) [if the Participant requests the Trustees to transfer his Partnership Shares to him or any other person before the Release Date , [], the Matching Shares appropriated to the Participant that relate to those Partnership Shares shall be forfeited in accordance with the Rules of the Plan.]

[PART C

This offer is the offer of Matching Shares to Eligible Employees in accordance with the Rules of the Plan. The terms of the offer are as follows:

- The offer is made to all employees of the Participating Companies [who had been so employed on [] for a period of []];
- 2. Eligible Employees must have applied to purchase Partnership Shares by returning the completed Partnership Share Agreement as directed by [];
- The Trustees will appropriate to each such Eligible Employee/Participant one Matching Share for each two Partnership Shares purchased by the Eligible Employee;
 - The terms upon which the Matching Shares are held will be as follows:
 - (a) Matching Shares will be registered in the name of the Trustees;
 - (b) the Trustees shall not dispose of any Matching Shares (except in accordance with the terms of the Plan);
 - (c) the Holding Period applicable to the Matching Shares is [] years from [Appropriation Date]. After being held by the Trustees until the Release Date, [], the Trustees shall, if the Participant so requests, transfer the Matching Shares to him or any other person of which they have received notice in writing that the beneficial ownership of the Matching Shares is vested. If no such request is made the Matching Shares shall remain held by the Trustees until the Participant ceases to be employed by [the Company];
 - (d) if the Participant ceases to be employed by [the Group] the Matching Shares will be dealt with according to the Rule [10] of the Plan;
 - [(e) if the Participant requests the Trustees to transfer his Partnership Shares to him or to any other person before [] he will forfeit his Matching Shares in accordance with the Rules of the Plan:]]

NOTE: Defined Terms have the same meanings as in the Trust Deed and Rules relating to the Plan.

Schedule Three

HUDSON GLOBAL RESOURCES SHARE INCENTIVE PLAN

Free Share Agreement

PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS AND READ THE WHOLE OF THE AGREEMENT BEFORE SIGNING BELOW

Participant ("the Participant")	Company ("the Company")	Trustees ("the Trustees")
Name: Home Address:	Name: Registered Address:	Name: Registered Address:
Payroll Number:	Registered Number:	Registered Number:

This Free Share Agreement sets out the terms on which the Participant agrees to take part in the Hudson Global Resources Share Incentive Plan (the "Plan") and is subject to the Rules of the Plan. The definitions in the Plan Rules apply to this Free Share Agreement:PARTICIPANT

1. I confirm that I am eligible to participate in the Plan.

This Free Share Agreement is between:

- I agree to accept the Free Shares in Hudson Highland Group Inc. appropriated to me under the Plan.
- 3. I agree to leave the Free Shares in the hands of the Trustees, and not to assign, charge or otherwise dispose of my beneficial interest in the shares for the whole of the Holding Period, which will end on [insert date].
- 4. I have read this Free Share Agreement and agree to be bound by it and by the Rules of the Plan
- 5. I agree that all dividends paid on my Free Shares will be used by the Trustees to buy more shares in Hudson Highland Group Inc. ("Dividend Shares") for me in accordance with the Rules of the Plan.

6. I agree to leave the Dividend Shares in the hands of the Trustees, and not to assign, charge or otherwise dispose of my beneficial interest in the Dividend Shares for the whole of the Holding Period of 3 years.

COMPANY

- 8. The Company agrees to arrange for shares in Hudson Highland Group Inc. to be appropriated to me, according to the Rules of the Plan.
- 9. The Company has decided that the value of Free Shares appropriated to each Eligible Employee will be based on [Insert the method chosen from Rule 2.3 for determining the value of Free Shares to be appropriated and, if applicable, either an explanation of the Performance Related Formula or a cross reference to it].

Rights and Obligations

- I agree that taking part in the Plan does not affect my rights, entitlements and obligations under my contract of employment, and does not give me any rights or additional rights to compensation or damages if my employment ceases.
- 2. I can at any time withdraw from this agreement, by writing to my employer.
- I agree that withdrawal from this agreement will not affect the terms on which I agreed to accept any shares that have already been appropriated to me under the Rules of the Plan.
- 4. I may ask the Trustees for my Free Shares [and Dividend Shares] at any time after the end of the Holding Period, but I may have to pay income tax and National Insurance Contributions when they are taken out of the Plan.
- 5. I agree to allow the Trustees to sell some or all of my Free Shares [and Dividend Shares] to pay any income tax and National Insurance Contributions in respect of my Free Shares [and Dividend Shares] ceasing to be subject to the Plan, unless I provide them in advance with sufficient cleared funds to pay these amounts.
- 6. I understand that I will lose my Free Shares if I cease to be in Relevant Employment before the end of the Forfeiture Period of [] years unless the employment ceased for one of the following reasons:
 - a) injury or disability
 - b) redundancy
 - c) transfer of employment to which the Transfer of Undertaking Protection of Employment) Regulations 1981 apply
 - d) retirement on or after reaching Retirement Age
 - e) death
 - f) change of control or other circumstances ending the Associated Company status of my employing company.

- 7. If there is a rights issue, I agree to allow the Trustees to sell some of the rights attached to my shares in the Plan, in order to fund the exercise of the rights attached to other shares held by me in the Plan.
- 8. If I leave the Company and do not provide the Trustee with instructions as to how to deal with my shares within 30 days of being written to by the Trustee, I agree that the Trustee may sell all of my shares and remit the proceeds to me, once the necessary deductions have been made to cover any liability for income tax and National Insurance Contributions which may have arisen.

Dividend Reinvestment

- 9. Cash dividends will be used to buy more shares ("Dividend Shares") for me.
- 10. Any amount over (pound)1,500 in each tax year will be paid to me.
- 11. Any amount below(pound)1,500 not used to buy shares shall be carried forward and added to the next cash dividend to be reinvested.]

Data Protection Act

- 12. The Company, Halifax Corporate Trustees Limited acting as Trustee and Halifax plc, acting as Administrator give the following information about data protection, which I acknowledge that I have read, understood and agreed:
 - (a) We process personal data about you which we use so that you can participate in the Plan and so that we can run accounts and services associated with the Plan for you. While we treat your personal data as confidential, we may need to disclose it outside the Company, the Trustee and the Administrator, including in the following circumstances:
 - o where the law permits or requires it or it is in the public interest;
 - o to our agents, in connection with running accounts or services associated with the Plan for you;
 - o at your request or with your consent;
 - o to investigate or prevent fraud; or
 - o to any party to this Partnership Agreement or their delegates, so that they may update their own records about you.
 - (b) In accordance with the Data Protection Act you are entitled, on payment of a fee, to a copy of the information we hold about you. You should let us know if you think any information we hold about you is inaccurate, so that we can correct it.

Halifax plc

12. I understand that the Company and/or Trustee may delegate the performance of services and the administration of the plan to Halifax (but Halifax will not thereby

become a party to this Partnership Agreement). I understand that I will not become a customer of Halifax nor will I have any rights or obligations against or give instructions directly to Halifax plc. Halifax may, whether itself or through other divisions or affiliates, provide banking or other services in relation to the administration of the Plan and may be compensated for these services in addition to any compensation it received for acting as delegate of the Company and/or the Trustee or as Administrator of the Plan.

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Signature:	Date /	′ /	,

Schedule Four

HUDSON GLOBAL RESOURCES SHARE INCENTIVE PLAN

Partnership Share Agreement

PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS AND READ THE WHOLE OF THE AGREEMENT BEFORE SIGNING BELOW

This Partnership Share Agreement is between:

.....

Participant ("the Participant) Company ("the Company") Trustees ("the Trustees")

Name: Name: Name:

Home Address: Registered Address: Registered Address

Payroll Number Registered Number:

This Partnership Share Agreement sets out the terms on which the Participant agrees to buy shares under the Hudson Global Resources Share Incentive Plan (the "Plan") and is subject to the Rules of the Plan. The definitions in the Plan Rules apply to this Partnership Share Agreement.

NOTICE TO PARTICIPANT ABOUT POSSIBLE EFFECT ON BENEFITS

Deductions from your pay to buy Partnership Shares under this agreement may affect your entitlement to, or the level of, some contributory social security benefits, statutory maternity pay and statutory sick pay. They may also have a similar effect in respect of some contributory social security benefits paid to your wife or husband. With this agreement you should have been given information on the effect of deductions from your pay to buy Partnership Shares on entitlement to social security benefits, statutory sick pay and statutory maternity pay. The effect is particularly significant if your earnings are brought below the lower earnings limit for National Insurance purposes, and is explained in the information: it is therefore important that you read it. If you have not been given a copy, ask your employer for it. Otherwise a copy may be obtained from any office of the Inland Revenue, the Department of Social Security, or, in Northern Ireland, the Department for Social Development. You should take the information you have been given into account in deciding whether to buy Partnership Shares.

PARTICIPANT

- 1. I confirm that I am eligible to participate in the Plan.
- I agree to allow my employer to deduct the following amount per [week/month] from my Salary:

insert amount
(Pound) between [(Pound) 10] and
(Pound) 125 [per month]
and not more than
10% of Salary

- 3. I agree that these deductions will be used to buy Partnership Shares in Hudson Highland Group Inc. for me.
- 4. I understand that shares may fall in value as well as rise.
- 5. I have read this Partnership Share Agreement and agree to be bound by it and by the Rules of the Plan.
- 6. I agree to accept Matching Shares in Hudson Highland Group Inc. appropriated to me under the Plan and leave them in the hands of the Trustees, and not to assign, charge or otherwise dispose of my beneficial interest in the shares for the whole of the Holding Period applicable to them.

COMPANY

- 8. The Company agrees to arrange for shares in Hudson Highland Group Inc. to be bought for me, according to the Rules of the Plan.
- 9. The Company agrees to provide one Matching Share for every two Partnership Shares bought for me.
- 10. The Company undertakes to notify me of any restriction on the number of Partnership Shares available.

TRUSTEES

11. The Trustees agree to keep my Salary deductions in Halifax plc until they are used to buy shares in Hudson Highland Group Inc.

Signature	Date:	//	/
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Rights and Obligations

- I agree that taking part in the Plan does not affect my rights, entitlements and obligations under my contract of employment, and does not give me any rights or additional rights to compensation or damages if my employment ceases.
- I may stop the deductions at any time, or begin them again, by writing to my employer, but I may not make up any amounts missed when deductions were stopped.
- 3. I agree that the deductions from my salary, or the number of shares that I receive may be scaled down if the limit on the number of shares set by the Company available is exceeded.
- 4. I can at any time withdraw from this agreement by writing to my employer. Any unused deductions will be returned to me after the deduction of any necessary income tax or National Insurance Contributions.
- 5. I agree that withdrawal from this agreement will not affect the terms on which I agreed to buy shares already held for me under the Plan.
- 6. I may ask the Trustees for my Partnership Shares at any time, but I may have to pay income tax and National Insurance Contributions when they are taken out of the Plan.
- 7. I agree to allow the Trustees to sell some or all of my shares to pay any income tax and National Insurance Contributions in respect of my shares ceasing to be subject to the Plan, unless I provide them in advance with sufficient cleared funds to pay these amounts.
- 8. I agree that any deductions not used to buy shares will at the discretion of the Trustees be repaid to me after the deduction of any necessary income tax or National Insurance Contributions, or will be carried forward and added to the next deduction or Accumulation Period.
- 9. If there is a rights issue, I agree to allow the Trustees to sell some of the rights attaching to my shares in the Plan, in order to fund the exercise of the rights attached to other shares held by me in the Plan.
- 10. If I leave the Company and do not provide the Trustee with instructions as to how to deal with my shares within 30 days of being written to by the Trustee, I agree that the Trustee may sell all of my shares and remit the proceeds to me, once the necessary

deductions have been made to cover any liability for income tax and National Insurance Contributions which may have arisen. Matching Shares

- 11. The ratio of Matching Shares to Partnership Shares is 1:2 and may be varied by the Company. The circumstances and manner in which the ratio may be varied are [company to specify details here].
- 12. If the ratio varies, the Company will notify me before the Partnership Shares are bought for me.
- 13. I agree to leave the Matching Shares in the hands of the Trustees, and not to assign, charge or otherwise dispose of my beneficial interest in the Matching Shares for the whole of the Holding Period applicable to them.
- 14. I may ask the Trustees for my Matching Shares at any time after the end of the Holding Period, but I may have to pay income tax and National Insurance Contributions when they are taken out of the Plan.
- 15. I agree to allow the Trustees to sell some or all of my Matching Shares to pay any income tax and National Insurance Contributions in respect of my Matching Shares ceasing to be subject to the Plan, unless I provide them in advance with sufficient funds to pay these amounts.
- 16. If there is a rights issue, I agree to allow the Trustees to sell some of the rights attached to my shares in the Plan to exercise the rights attached to other shares held by me in the Plan.

I will lose my Matching Shares if I withdraw the Partnership Shares in respect of which the Matching Shares were appropriated before the end of the Forfeiture Period of 2 years applicable to the Matching Shares.

I will lose my Matching Shares if I cease to be in Relevant Employment before the end of the Forfeiture Period of 2 years, unless the employment ceased for one of the following reasons:

- a) injury or disability
- b) redundancy
- c) transfer of employment to which the Transfer of Undertaking (Protection of Employment) Regulations 1981 apply
- d) retirement on or after reaching Retirement Age
- e) death
- f) change of control or other circumstances ending the Associated Company status of my employing company.

Partnership Share Money held by Trustees

17. I agree that my deductions will be held in a non interest-bearing account.

- 18. The Company, Halifax Corporate Trustees Limited acting as Trustee and Halifax plc, acting as Administrator give the following information about data protection, which I acknowledge that I have read, understood and agreed:
 - (a) We process personal data about you which we use so that you can participate in the Plan and so that we can run accounts and services associated with the Plan for you. While we treat your personal data as confidential, we may need to disclose it outside the Company, the Trustee and the Administrator, including in the following circumstances:
 - o where the law permits or requires it or it is in the public interest;
 - o to our agents, in connection with running accounts or services associated with the Plan for you;
 - o at your request or with your consent;
 - o to investigate or prevent fraud; or
 - o to any party to this Partnership Agreement or their delegates, so that they may update their own records about you.
 - (b) In accordance with the Data Protection Act you are entitled, on payment of a fee, to a copy of the information we hold about you. You should let us know if you think any information we hold about you is inaccurate, so that we can correct it.

Halifax plc

19. I understand that the Company and/or Trustee may delegate the performance of services and the administration of the plan to Halifax (but Halifax will not thereby become a party to this Partnership Agreement). I understand that I will not become a customer of Halifax nor will I have any rights or obligations against or give instructions directly to Halifax plc. Halifax may, whether itself or through other divisions or affiliates, provide banking or other services in relation to the administration of the Plan and may be compensated for these services in addition to any compensation it received for acting as delegate of the Company and/or the Trustee or as Administrator of the Plan.

Schedule Five

HUDSON GLOBAL RESOURCES SHARE INCENTIVE PLAN

Notice of Appropriation

To:	[Name] [Address]	Appropriation Date	:
From	: The Trustees of the Hudson Global	Resources Share Inc	centive Plan
[ord	Trustees of the Plan have today made inary] shares of []p each in Hudse e Shares).		,
Thei	r Market Value on the Appropriation	Date is [] per share.
The I	Holding Period in respect of these	shares is [] years	
Your	s faithfully		
for a	and on behalf of]		

Schedule Six

HUDSON GLOBAL RESOURCES INCENTIVE PLAN

Direction to transfer Shares

To: The Trustees of the Hudson Global Resources Share Incentive Plan

A. Free Shares

This notice applies to the Free Shares that were appropriated to me on [Appropriation Date]. The Release Date applicable to those shares was [Release Date] and the Tax Free Date applicable to them is [Tax Free Date].

I hereby direct you to transfer the legal ownership of [] Free Shares to [me][other] as soon as practicable, in accordance with the Rules of the Plan.

I understand that if the Tax Free Date has not yet been reached you will withhold the amount necessary to pay income tax on my behalf on the appropriate value of the Free Shares as well as any amount necessary to satisfy any Primary Class I National Insurance liability that may arise, in accordance with the terms of the Agreement that relates to them.

B. Partnership Shares

This notice applies to the Partnership Shares that were acquired by you on my behalf on [Acquisition Date]. The Release Date applicable to them is [Release Date] and the Tax Free Date applicable to them is [Tax Free Date].

I hereby direct you to transfer the legal ownership of [] Partnership Shares to [me][other] as soon as practicable, in accordance with the Rules of the Plan.

I understand that if the Tax Free Date has not yet been reached you will withhold the amount necessary to pay income tax on the appropriate value of the Partnership Shares as

well as any amount necessary to satisfy any Primary Class I National Insurance liability that may arise, in accordance with the terms of the Agreement that relates to them.

I understand that if the Release Date has not yet been reached the Matching Shares that were appropriated to me on [Appropriation Date] will be forfeited by this direction and that I shall have no further entitlement to them.

C. Matching Shares

This notice applies to the Matching Shares that were appropriated to me on [Appropriation Date]. The Release Date applicable to those shares was [Release Date] and the Tax Free Date applicable to them is [Tax Free Date].

I hereby direct you to transfer the legal ownership of [] Matching Shares to [me][other] as soon as practicable, in accordance with the Rules of the Plan.

I understand that if the Tax Free Date has not yet been reached you will withhold the amount necessary to pay income tax on the appropriate value of the Matching Shares as well as any amount necessary to satisfy any Primary Class I National Insurance liability that may arise, in accordance with the terms of the Agreement that relates to them.

Signed:	Date:

Schedule Seven

HUDSON GLOBAL RESOURCES SHARE INCENTIVE PLAN

Notice of Acquisition[/Appropriation]

To:	[Name]	Acquisition[/Appropriation]	Date:
	[Address]		

From: The Trustees of the Hudson Global Resources Share Incentive Plan

The Market Value of the Partnership Shares on the Acquisition Date is $[\]$ per share. There is no Holding Period in respect of these shares.

In addition, the Trustees have today made an appropriation to you of [] [ordinary] shares of []p each in Hudson Highland Group Inc. under the Plan (Matching Shares). Their Market Value on the Appropriation Date is [] per share.] The Holding Period in respect of these shares is [] years.

Yours faithfully

for and on behalf of

Schedule Eight

Deed of Adherence

2003

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BETW	EEN
(1)	Hudson Global Resources Ltd whose registered office is at [] ("the Company")
(2)	[Trustee Limited] whose registered office is at [] ("the Trustees"); and
(3)	[] whose registered office is at [] ("the New Participating Company")

RECITALS

THIS DEED is made the

- (A) This Deed is supplemental to a Deed dated [] and made between the Company and the Trustees (hereinafter called the "Principal Deed") whereby the Company established the Hudson Global Resources Share Incentive Plan (hereinafter called "the Plan").
- (B) The New Participating Company is controlled by the Company within the meaning of Section 840 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 and is a subsidiary of the Company within the meaning of Section 736 of the Companies Act 1985.
- (C) In pursuance of the power contained in Clause 4 of the Principal Deed, the Company has agreed that subject to its entering into this Deed of Adherence, the New Participating Company may become a Participating Company for the purposes of the Plan.

THIS DEED PROVIDES as follows:-

1. The Company hereby agrees that the New Participating Company shall be a Participating Company for the purposes of the Plan.

2. The New Participating Company hereby covenants with the Company and with the Trustees that it will observe and perform all covenants, conditions and provisions contained in the Principal Deed and all the provisions of the Plan applicable to Participating Companies.

IN WITNESS whereof the parties hereto have caused this $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Deed}}$ to be executed the day and year first before written

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	Director	
	Secretary	
SIGNED as by [Limited ACTING by]	
	Director	
	Secretary	
[the New Company]	affixed in the	
	Director	

Secretary

Schedule Nine

HUDSON GLOBAL RESOURCES SHARE INCENTIVE PLAN

Notice of Performance Related Formula

For the attention of ALL employees of Hudson Global Resources Ltd $\,$

Schedule Ten

HUDSON GLOBAL RESOURCES SHARE INCENTIVE PLAN

Notice of Appropriation - Dividend Shares

To: [Name] Appropriation Date: [Address]

From: The Trustees of the Hudson Global Resources Share Incentive Plan

The Trustees of the Plan have today acquired on your behalf [] [ordinary] shares of []p in Hudson Highland Group Inc. under the Plan (Dividend Shares). Their Market Value on the Appropriation Date is [] per share. The Holding Period in respect of these shares is [] years.

The amount of the cash dividend which is insufficient to acquire a share is (pound)...... This sum is held by the Trustees and carried forward to your account. Yours faithfully

For and on behalf of []

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May 16, 2003

CLIENT/MATTER NUMBER 025294-0101

Hudson Highland Group, Inc. 622 Third Avenue New York, New York 10017 Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel for Hudson Highland Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), in conjunction with the preparation of Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to a Registration Statement on Form S-8 (the "Registration Statement") to be filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), relating to 160,000 shares of the Company's common stock, \$.001 par value (the "Common Stock"), which may be issued pursuant to the Hudson Highland Group, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan and the Hudson Global Resources Share Incentive Plan (the "Plans").

As such counsel, we have examined: (i) the Plans; (ii) the Registration Statement, as amended; (iii) the Company's Restated Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws, as amended to date; (iv) resolutions of the Company's Board of Directors relating to the Plans and the issuance of securities thereunder; and (v) such other documents and records as we have deemed necessary to enable us to render this opinion.

Based upon the foregoing, we are of the opinion that:

- 1. The Company is a corporation validly existing under the laws of the State of Delaware.
- 2. The shares of Common Stock, when issued by the Company pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Plans and as contemplated by the Registration Statement, will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable and no personal liability will attach to the ownership thereof.

We are qualified to practice in the State of Wisconsin, and we do not purport to be experts on the law other than that of the State of Wisconsin and the federal laws of the United States. We express no opinion with respect to the laws of any jurisdiction other than the State of Wisconsin, the provisions of the Delaware General Corporation Law and the federal laws of the United States. To the extent matters covered by our opinion are governed by the laws of a state other than the State of Wisconsin or the provisions of the Delaware General Corporation Law, we have assumed with your permission, and without independent investigation, that the applicable laws of such state are identical in all relevant respects to the substantive laws of the State of Wisconsin.

BRUSSELS CHICAGO DENVER DETROIT
JACKSONVILLE
LOS ANGELES
MADISON

MILWAUKEE ORLANDO SACRAMENTO

SAN DIEGO SAN DIEGO/DEL MAR SAN FRANCISCO TALLAHASSEF TAMPA WASHINGTON, D.C. WEST PALM BEACH

Hudson Highland Group, Inc. May 16, 2003 Page 2

We consent to the use of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement. In giving our consent, we do not admit that we are "experts" within the meaning of Section 11 of the Securities Act or within the category of persons whose consent is required by Section 7 of the Securities Act.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Foley & Lardner

FOLEY & LARDNER

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Hudson Highland Group, Inc. New York, New York

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Form S-8 of our report dated February 12, 2003, relating to the Financial Statements of Hudson Highland Group, Inc. for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2002, 2001 and 2000, appearing in Hudson Highland Group, Inc.'s Form 10 filed March 14, 2003 and to the incorporation by reference of our report dated May 15, 2003 appearing in Hudson Highland Group, Inc.'s quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2003, issued pursuant to the provision of Statement of Auditing Standards 100.

/s/ BDO Seidman, LLP

New York, New York May 15, 2003

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, That I

John J. Haley

hereby constitute and appoint Jon F. Chait, Richard W. Pehlke and Latham Williams, and each of them individually, my true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for me and in my name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign my name as a director of Hudson Highland Group, Inc. (the "Company") to any post-effective amendments or supplements to the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Registration No. 333-104212), relating to the shares of common stock to be issued by the Company pursuant to the Hudson Highland Group, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan, including a post-effective amendment relating to the shares of common stock of the Company to be issued pursuant to the Hudson Global Resources Share Incentive Plan, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with the registration of the above-referenced shares of common stock under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

I hereby ratify and confirm all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or each of them, have done or shall lawfully do by virtue of this Power of Attorney.

WITNESS my hand this 6th day of May, 2003.

/s/ John J. Haley -----John J. Haley

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, That I

Nicholas G. Moore

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WITNESS my hand this 6th day of May, 2003.

/s/ Nicholas G. Moore
-----Nicholas G. Moore

POWER OF ATTORNEY

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David G. Offensend

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WITNESS my hand this 6th day of May, 2003.

/s/ David G. Offensend

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, That I

Rene Schuster

hereby constitute and appoint Jon F. Chait, Richard W. Pehlke and Latham Williams, and each of them individually, my true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for me and in my name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign my name as a director of Hudson Highland Group, Inc. (the "Company") to any post-effective amendments or supplements to the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Registration No. 333-104212), relating to the shares of common stock to be issued by the Company pursuant to the Hudson Highland Group, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan, including a post-effective amendment relating to the shares of common stock of the Company to be issued pursuant to the Hudson Global Resources Share Incentive Plan, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with the registration of the above-referenced shares of common stock under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

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