

Companies (Summary Financial Statement) Regulations

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COMPANIES (SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT) REGULATIONS

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1. These Regulations may be cited as the Companies (Summary Financial Statement) Regulations.

Definitions

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

“entitled persons”, in relation to a company, means such persons as are or would, apart from section 203A of the Act, be entitled to be sent copies of those documents relating to the company which are referred to in section 203(1) of the Act;

“full accounts and reports” means a company’s annual accounts, the directors’ report and the auditors’ report on those accounts required to be circulated to entitled persons under section 203(1) of the Act and “full”, in relation to any balance-sheet, profit and loss account, group accounts or directors’ report, means any such document comprised in the full accounts and reports;

“future financial years” means the financial years following the financial year in respect of which a summary financial statement has been sent out in accordance with section 203A of the Act and these Regulations.

Conditions that must be complied with for sending of summary financial statements

3.—(1) A listed public company may not send out under section 203A of the Act a summary financial statement to an entitled person, in place of copies of its full accounts and reports, unless the following conditions have been complied with:

- (a) the company must have ascertained, in accordance with regulation 4, that the entitled person does not wish to continue to receive copies of those documents;
- (b) the summary financial statement must have been approved by the board of directors and the original statement signed on behalf of the board by a director of the company;
- (c) the summary financial statement must state the name of the person who signed it on behalf of the board of directors;
- (d) the summary financial statement must include the following statement in a

prominent position:

“This summary financial statement does not contain sufficient information to allow for a full understanding of the results and state of affairs of the company or of the group. For further information, the full annual accounts, the auditors’ report on those accounts and the directors’ report should be consulted.”;

- (e) the summary financial statement must contain a conspicuous statement that an entitled person has the right to demand free of charge a copy of the full accounts and reports by notifying the company and state the date by which he must so notify the company, which date shall be not later than 7 days before the first date on which copies of the full accounts and reports with respect to that financial year are sent out to entitled persons; and
- (f) the company shall, with respect to every financial year following the financial year with respect to which the entitled person was consulted as to his wishes in accordance with regulation 4(3), give to the entitled person the opportunity to notify the company of a change in his wishes by sending to the entitled person a summary financial statement or full accounts and reports, as the case may be, accompanied by a printed card or form in respect of which any postage necessary for its return to the company has been, or will be, paid by the company and which is so worded as to enable the entitled person, by marking a box and returning the card or form, to notify the company of any of the following matters:
 - (i) that he wishes to receive the full accounts and reports for the current financial year as well as for future financial years;
 - (ii) that he wishes to receive the summary financial statements for future financial years; or
 - (iii) that he does not wish to receive the summary financial statements or the full accounts and reports for future financial years,

and shall inform the entitled person that his failure to respond will be taken to indicate that there has been no change in his wishes.

(2) An entitled person who notifies the company under paragraph (1)(f)(ii) or (iii) shall not be precluded from requesting for the full accounts and reports of the company or the summary financial statements, as the case may be, in any future year.

Manner in which wishes of entitled persons are to be ascertained

4.—(1) For the purposes of section 203A(4) of the Act, whether or not an entitled person wishes to receive copies of the full accounts and reports for a financial year as well as for future financial years is to be ascertained —

- (a) from any relevant notification he has given to the company as to whether he wishes to receive copies of the full accounts and reports or as to whether he wishes, instead of copies of those documents, to receive the summary financial statements under section 203A(1) of the Act;
- (b) from any notification he has given to the company with respect to future financial years as to whether he wishes to receive copies of the full accounts and reports for those future financial years; or
- (c) failing any such express notification, from any failure to respond to an opportunity given to the entitled person to elect to receive copies of the full accounts and reports as part of a relevant consultation of his wishes by the company.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(a), a notification is a relevant notification with respect to a financial year if it relates to that year and if it is received by the company not later than 7 days before the first date on which copies of the full accounts and reports are sent out to entitled persons in compliance with section 203(1) of the Act with respect to that financial year.

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (1), a relevant consultation of the wishes of an entitled person is a notice given to the entitled person which —

- (a) states that for that financial year and all future financial years, so long as he is an entitled person, he will be sent a summary financial statement instead of the full accounts and reports of the company, unless he notifies the company that he wishes to continue to receive those documents;
- (b) contains a statement in a prominent position that a failure to respond to the notice has important consequences, and that by failing to respond he would be taken to have indicated that he does not wish to receive copies of the full accounts and reports of the company for that financial year and for all future financial years;
- (c) accompanies a copy of a summary financial statement, prepared in accordance with section 203A of the Act and these Regulations, with respect to the financial year covered by those full accounts and reports and which is identified in the notice as an example of the document which the entitled person will receive for the future, so long as he is an entitled person, unless he notifies the company to the contrary; and
- (d) is accompanied by a printed card or form in respect of which any postage necessary for its return to the company has been, or will be, paid by the