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PRIVATE EQUITY INVESTOR PLC

(Registered in England and Wales under the Companies Act 1985 with registered number 03912487)

Tender Offer

by

JPMorgan Cazenove Limited

**to purchase Shares having an aggregate value at the
Tender Price of up to £17,500,000**

and

Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting

In the preparation of this document and in relation to the proposals described herein, JPMorgan Cazenove Limited, which is regulated in the UK by the Financial Services Authority, is acting for the Company and no-one else in connection with the Tender Offer, and will not be responsible to any other person for providing the protections afforded to customers of JPMorgan Cazenove Limited or for providing advice in connection with the matters set out in this document or any transaction or arrangement referred to herein.

The Tender Offer will close at 3.00 p.m. on 9 December 2008 and will only be available to Shareholders on the register at the Record Date. If you hold Shares in certificated form and wish to tender such Shares, the Tender Form must be completed, signed and returned in accordance with the instructions printed thereon together with the relevant share certificate(s) and/or other document(s) of title as soon as possible and, in any event, so as to be received by post or by hand (during normal business hours only) by the receiving agent, Capita Registrars, Corporate Actions, The Registry, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4TU, by no later than 3.00 p.m. on 9 December 2008. A prepaid envelope is enclosed for use in the UK only. The procedure for participating in the Tender Offer is set out in Part III of this document. If you hold Shares in uncertificated form (ie in CREST) and wish to tender such Shares, you must make your tender electronically through CREST so that the relevant TTE Instruction(s) settle(s) no later than 3.00 p.m. on 9 December 2008.

Notice of an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company to be held at the offices of JPMorgan Cazenove Limited, 20 Moorgate, London EC2R 6DA on 11 December 2008 at 11.30 a.m. is set out at the end of this document. To be valid, the Proxy Form enclosed with Shareholders’ copies of this document for use by Shareholders at this meeting, should be completed and returned in accordance with the instructions printed thereon so as to be received by the Company’s registrars, Capita Registrars, Proxy department, The Registry, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4TU, as soon as possible and in any event not later than 11.30 a.m. on 9 December 2008. A prepaid envelope is enclosed for use in the UK only.

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EXPECTED TIMETABLE

2008

Latest time and date for receipt of Forms of Proxy for the Extraordinary General Meeting	11.30 a.m. on 9 December
Closing Date – latest time and date for receipt of Tender Forms and settlement of TTE Instruction(s)	3.00 p.m. on 9 December
Record Date for Tender Offer	close of business on 9 December
Extraordinary General Meeting	11.30 a.m. on 11 December
Calculation Date for Tender Price	11 December
Result of Tender Offer and Tender Price announced	by close of business on 12 December
Completion of purchase of Shares under the Tender Offer	15 December
Despatch of cheques for Tender Offer consideration in respect of certificated Shares sold under the Tender Offer and any balance certificates in respect of any unsold certificated Shares	18 December
CREST accounts credited with Tender Offer consideration and any unsold uncertificated Shares	18 December

If you have any enquiries in relation to the Tender Offer please contact, Capita Registrars on 0871 664 0321 or, if, calling from outside the UK, on +44 208 639 3399. Calls to the Capita Registrars 0871 664 0321 number are charged at 10 pence per minute (including VAT) plus any of your service provider's network extras. Calls to the Capita Registrars +44 208 639 3399 number from outside the UK are charged at applicable international rates. Different charges may apply to calls made from mobile telephones and calls may be recorded and monitored randomly for security and training purposes. Capita Registrars cannot provide advice on the merits of the Tender Offer or give any financial, legal or tax advice.

PART I

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

PRIVATE EQUITY INVESTOR PLC

(Registered in England and Wales under the Companies Act 1985 with registered number 03912487.

An investment company within the meaning of section 266 of the Companies Act 1985)

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21 November 2008

To Shareholders of Private Equity Investor PLC

Dear Shareholder,

Tender Offer by JPMorgan Cazenove Limited to purchase Shares having an aggregate value at the Tender Price of up to £17,500,000

Introduction

This letter sets out the background to and reasons for the Tender Offer to purchase Shares and why your Board believes the Tender Offer to be in the best interests of Shareholders as a whole.

The Tender Offer is being made available to all Shareholders who are on the Register at the close of business on 9 December 2008, with the exception of holders in certain overseas jurisdictions. Shareholders can decide whether they want to tender any of their Shares at the Tender Price, which will be the NAV per Share as at the Calculation Date (as calculated by the Company) adjusted downwards to reflect the costs of the Tender Offer.

The Company requires the authority from Shareholders to purchase Shares under the Tender Offer which is being sought at an Extraordinary General Meeting to be held at the offices of JPMorgan Cazenove Limited, 20 Moorgate, London EC2R 6DA at 11.30 a.m. on 11 December 2008. The Board is making no recommendation to Shareholders in relation to participation in the Tender Offer, however, Shareholders should note that the Board intends to tender their Shares in full. The Board is unanimously recommending Shareholders to vote in favour of the Resolution to be proposed at the Extraordinary General Meeting, as the Directors intend to do in respect of their own beneficial holdings of Shares.

Background to the Tender Offer

You will recall that in December 2007 a tender offer was made by JPMorgan Cazenove to all Shareholders (other than certain Overseas Shareholders) to purchase Shares to return £12,500,000. This was a result of a number of material Shareholders indicating to the Board that they wanted to see a principal part of the returns made on existing funds distributed to Shareholders. I am pleased to advise that almost all Shareholders took up this opportunity to realise part of their holdings.

Between 31 March 2008 and 30 September 2008, the NAV per Share of the Company increased by 6.85 per cent. from 181.02p per Share to 193.42p per Share, largely as a result of the strengthening of the Dollar, in which the Company's principal assets are denominated. In Dollar terms, however, the NAV fell by 4.17 per cent., from 359.78 cents per Share to 344.76 cents, reflecting some reduction in the value of the investment portfolio per Share. Over this period the exchange rate moved from \$1.98:£1 to \$1.78:£1.

The Company's portfolio has, despite difficult economic times, continued to deliver a flow of distributions arising from a mix of sales of underlying investments to third parties and initial public offerings. It is the Company's stated policy that it continues to meet existing commitments but is not making commitments to new investments. Instead the Company proposes to make periodic returns of capital to Shareholders. The Board feels that it is now appropriate to make a further return to Shareholders.

In order for the Company to be able return further monies Shareholders approved on 29 May 2008 (subject to the sanction of the court), the cancellation of the Company's entire Share premium account. This court sanction was obtained on 29 October 2008 and, following registration at Companies House, the cancellation became effective on that date. The amount set free from the cancellation has been used to create a special reserve which can be used for, amongst other things, share buy-backs, distributions and writing off losses.

The creation of the above special reserve places the Company in a position that it can now, and in a similar manner as last year, make a further tender offer by JPMorgan Cazenove available to purchase Shares as detailed in this document.

As at 19 November 2008, the Company had approximately £32,000,000 in cash and readily realisable assets. The Company intends to distribute to Shareholders £17,500,000 of such amount (which amount has already been converted from Dollars to Sterling). The remainder of the cash and readily realisable assets held by the Company, comprising £12,000,000 set aside to meet portfolio commitments and a further £2,500,000 will be retained by the Company to meet the Company's costs and contingencies, including amounts which will or may become due to investment vehicles to which the Company has made commitments.

The Company's NAV as at 30 September 2008 was £82,600,000, hence the Tender Offer, if taken up in full, would amount to a distribution of 21.18 per cent. of the Company's NAV as at that date. Following the Tender Offer (and assuming full take up) the Company will have returned to Shareholders approximately £30,000,000, which represents 30 per cent. of the original funds raised.

The Board believes that it is equitable to give all Shareholders (other than certain Overseas Shareholders) the opportunity to tender Shares for purchase at a price close to the NAV on a *pro rata* basis by way of the Tender Offer. To the extent that fewer than all of the Shares available for purchase under the Tender Offer are tendered in the Tender Offer, the Company will retain the right to utilise the remainder of its authority to make individual market purchases of Shares.

It is envisaged that, after the Tender Offer, the Company will continue periodically to distribute excess funds to Shareholders.

The Tender Offer

The Tender Offer is, as previously, being made by JPMorgan Cazenove to all Shareholders (other than certain Overseas Shareholders). Full details of the Tender Offer, including the terms and conditions on which it is being made, are set out in Part III of this document and on the Tender Form which has been sent to Shareholders who hold their Shares in certificated form.

The Tender Offer is conditional on the passing of the Resolution set out in the notice of Extraordinary General Meeting at the end of this document and the satisfaction of the other conditions specified in Part III of this Document.

The Tender Offer involves the following:

- The Tender Offer is being made to Shareholders (other than certain Overseas Shareholders) by JPMorgan Cazenove for up to a number of Shares equal in value, in aggregate, to £17,500,000 at the Tender Price.
- The Tender Price in pence per Share (which will be calculated to four decimal places) will be the NAV per Share as at 11 December 2008 (the "Calculation Date") as calculated by the Company, less an amount equal to the Company's estimated costs and expenses of the Tender Offer divided by the total number of Shares in issue (the "Tender Costs per Share"). The total costs of the Tender

Offer (assuming that the Tender Offer is fully taken up) are estimated to be £309,913, comprising fixed costs of £187,413 and variable costs of 0.2 per cent. commission payable to JPMorgan Cazenove and stamp duty at the rate of 0.5 per cent of the amount paid by the Company for the Exit Shares under the terms of the Repurchase Agreement. If the Calculation Date had been 18 November 2008, the NAV per Share would have been 224.7596p (compared to a Share price of 119.5p as at close of business on the same date), resulting in a Tender Price of 224.0342p after deducting the Tender Costs per Share.

- The number of Shares to which the Tender Offer will apply will be determined by dividing £17,500,000 (being the total amount being made available to purchase Shares under the Tender Offer) by the Tender Price and rounding the result down to the nearest whole number of Shares, subject to a maximum of 10,676,579 Shares (representing 24.99 per cent. of the Company's issued share capital on 20 November 2008).
- Each Shareholder will be entitled to have purchased at the Tender Price under the Tender Offer such percentage (the "Basic Entitlement Percentage") of their shareholding as is equal to the percentage which the total number of Shares to which the Tender Offer will apply bears to the total number of Shares in issue on the Record Date, rounded down to the nearest whole number of Shares (such entitlement being a Shareholder's "Basic Entitlement"). Shareholders may tender a higher or lower percentage of their holdings but tenders in excess of the Basic Entitlement will only be satisfied to the extent that other Shareholders tender less than their Basic Entitlement.
- Shareholders (other than certain Overseas Shareholders) will be able to decide whether to continue their existing investment in the Company without tendering any Shares or to tender some or all of their Shares within the overall limit of the Tender Offer.
- All Shares tendered by any Shareholder up to their Basic Entitlement (which represents such Shareholder's pro-rata share of the total number of Shares to be acquired under the Tender Offer) will be accepted in full.
- The Tender Form to be completed by Shareholders who hold their Shares in certificated form contains a box to enable those Shareholders who wish to tender their Basic Entitlement to do so. If you hold your Shares in certificated form and you tick this box, the Receiving Agent will calculate the Basic Entitlement for you on the Record Date.
- Shareholders who hold their Shares in uncertificated form (ie in CREST) and who wish to tender their Basic Entitlement should send a TTE instruction through CREST to the basic entitlement member account. The Receiving Agent will calculate the Basic Entitlement for you on the Record Date and return any excess Shares.
- If the aggregate value, at the Tender Price, of the number of Shares validly tendered equates to a value of £17,500,000 or less, all such Shares will be accepted and purchased.
- If the aggregate value, at the Tender Price, of the number of Shares validly tendered equates to more than £17,500,000, tenders will be accepted in the order set out below:
 - all Shares tendered by any Shareholder up to their Basic Entitlement will be accepted in full; and
 - all Shares tendered by Shareholders in excess of their Basic Entitlements will be satisfied in proportion to the amount tendered by each Shareholder in excess of their Basic Entitlement so as to ensure that the aggregate price paid in respect of all Shares purchased under the Tender Offer does not exceed £17,500,000.
- All successfully tendered Shares will be repurchased from JPMorgan Cazenove by the Company and will be cancelled and will not rank for any future dividends.
- Any rights of Shareholders who choose not to tender their Shares will be unaffected.

Laxey Partners Limited, a company of which Colin Kingsnorth (a Director of the Company) is a director, acts as investment adviser and/or investment manager to a number of investment funds which, as at 20 November 2008 (this being the latest practicable date prior to the publication of this document), beneficially owned an aggregate of 11,711,304 Shares, representing 27.41 per cent. of the total number of Shares in issue. Laxey Partners Limited has irrevocably undertaken to procure that such investment funds (or any nominee which holds legal title to such shares on their behalf) will tender not less than their Basic

Entitlement under the Tender Offer and also vote in favour of the Resolution to be proposed at the Extraordinary General Meeting referred to below.

Calculation of the Tender Price

The NAV per Share as at the Calculation Date will be the Company's published NAV per Share as at 30 November 2008, amended to include current period revenue from 1 November 2008 and adjusted to reflect movements in cash, debtors, creditors and quoted investment valuations held by the Company between 30 November 2008 and the Calculation Date. The values attributed to the Company's interests in limited partnerships and other unquoted investment vehicles in which the Company invests for the purposes of calculating the Company's NAV per Share as at the Calculation Date will be the latest such revaluations notified to the Company as at 30 November 2008, adjusted to reflect calls of commitments made on the Company, and cash distributions made to the Company, by such limited partnerships and investment vehicles. Shareholders should note that the revaluations of the Company's investments in limited partnerships and other investment vehicles as at 30 September 2008 will not reflect matters which may be known about which have affected such investments since that date. Recent volatility may result in material movements in the NAV.

Had the Calculation Date occurred on 18 November 2008, based on the Company's published NAV as at 31 October 2008, amended to include current period revenue from 1 October 2008 and adjusted to reflect movements in cash, debtors, creditors and quoted investment valuations held by the Company between 31 October 2008 and 18 November 2008, the NAV per Share would have been 224.7596p, resulting in a Tender Price of 224.0342p (after deducting an amount equal to the Tender Costs per Share). The values attributed to the Company's interests in limited partnerships and other unquoted investment vehicles in which the Company invests for the purposes of calculating the Company's NAV per Share as at 31 October 2008 were the latest revaluations of such investments notified to the Company as at that date, (adjusted to reflect calls of commitments made on the Company, and cash distributions made to the Company, by such limited partnerships and investment vehicles).

Taxation

Shareholders who sell Shares pursuant to the Tender Offer should, subject to the potential application of section 703 of ICTA 1988 and section 698 of ITA 2007, be treated as having sold their Shares in the normal way. Shareholders may, depending on their individual circumstances, incur a liability to taxation on capital gains. UK individual Shareholders should be aware that HMRC may seek to treat part or the whole of the disposal proceeds of their Shares as income under section 698 of ITA 2007. Further information on the UK taxation consequences of the Tender Offer is set out in Part IV of this document.

Shareholders who are in any doubt as to their tax position or who are subject to tax in a jurisdiction other than the UK should consult an appropriate professional adviser.

Overseas Shareholders

Shareholders with registered or mailing addresses outside the UK, or who are citizens or nationals of, or resident in, a jurisdiction other than the UK, should read paragraph 9 of Part III of this document and the relevant provisions of the Tender Form. It is the responsibility of all Overseas Shareholders to satisfy themselves as to the observance of any legal requirements in their jurisdiction, including, without limitation, any relevant requirements in relation to the ability of such holders to complete and return a Tender Form.

Repurchase Agreement

Under the terms of the Repurchase Agreement, the Company will acquire, through an on-market purchase, all of the Exit Shares at an aggregate price equal to the amount paid by JPMorgan Cazenove for the Exit Shares. Further details of the Repurchase Agreement are set out in paragraph 2 of Part V of this document.

In addition, the Company will be liable to pay stamp duty (or stamp duty reserve tax) at the rate of 0.5 per cent. (rounded up to the nearest £5 in the case of stamp duty) of the aggregate amount payable by the Company in respect of Shares purchased from JPMorgan Cazenove. The Company will also be liable to pay JPMorgan Cazenove's fee, costs and expenses under the terms of JPMorgan Cazenove's engagement by the Company in connection with the Tender Offer.

Extraordinary General Meeting

The Company will require, under CA 1985, the authority from Shareholders to purchase the Shares under the Tender Offer. A notice convening an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company, which is to be held at the offices of JPMorgan Cazenove Limited, 20 Moorgate, London EC2R 6DA on 11 December 2008 at 11.30 a.m., is set out at the end of this document. At this meeting, a resolution will be proposed to authorise the Company to make the repurchase of Shares which is necessary to enable the Tender Offer to be implemented. The resolution will be proposed as a special resolution requiring the approval of 75 per cent. of the votes cast at the meeting.

Action to be taken

1. Proxy Form

Whether or not you wish to tender your Shares under the Tender Offer and regardless of whether you intend to attend the Extraordinary General Meeting, you are requested to complete, sign and return the accompanying Proxy Form, in accordance with the instructions printed thereon, so as to be received by the Company's registrars, Capita Registrars, Proxy department, The Registry, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4TU, as soon as possible, and in any event not later than 11.30 a.m. on 9 December 2008. The completion and return of the Proxy Form will not preclude you from attending the meeting and voting in person should you so wish.

2. Tender Offer

The procedure for tendering your Shares depends on whether your Shares are held in certificated form or uncertificated form and is summarised below.

(a) Shares held in certificated form

Shareholders who hold Shares in certificated form and who wish to tender any or all of their existing holding of Shares should complete the Tender Form in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and in Part III of this Document and return it by post or by hand (during normal business hours only) to the Receiving Agent, Capita Registrars, Corporate Actions, The Registry, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4TU. A prepaid envelope is enclosed for this purpose for holders in the UK only. Shareholders who hold their Shares in certificated form should also return their Share certificate(s) and/or other documents of title in respect of the Shares tendered. Tender Forms and share certificates must be received as soon as possible but in any event no later than 3.00 p.m. on 9 December 2008.

(b) Shares held in uncertificated form

Shareholders who hold their Shares in uncertificated form (ie in CREST) and who wish to tender any or all of their Shares should tender electronically through CREST so that the TTE instruction settles no later than 3.00 p.m. on 9 December 2008. Further details of the procedures for tendering and settlement are set out in Part III of this document.

Shareholders who do not wish to sell any Shares under the Tender Offer should take no action, either in relation to the Tender Form or the sending of a TTE Instruction.

Shareholders are reminded that the Tender Offer is not being made to certain Overseas Shareholders.

Further Information

If you have any questions about the procedure for tendering shares or if you want help in completing and returning the Tender Form, please call Capita Registrars' Shareholder Helpline on 0871 664 0321 or, if, calling from outside the UK, on +44 208 639 3399. Calls to the Capita Registrars 0871 664 0321 number are charged at 10 pence per minute (including VAT) plus any of your service provider's network extras. Calls to the Capita Registrars +44 208 639 3399 number from outside the UK are charged at applicable international rates. Different charges may apply to calls made from mobile telephones and calls may be recorded and monitored randomly for security and training purposes. Capita Registrars cannot provide advice on the merits of the Tender Offer or give any financial, legal or tax advice.

Your attention is also drawn to the further information set out in Parts II to V of this document.

Recommendation

The Directors, who have received financial advice from JPMorgan Cazenove, consider the Tender Offer and the Resolution to be proposed at the Extraordinary General Meeting to be in the best interests of the Company and Shareholders as a whole. In providing this advice, JPMorgan Cazenove has taken into account the Directors' commercial assessment of the Tender Offer.

Accordingly, the Board unanimously recommends Shareholders to vote in favour of the Resolution to be proposed at the Extraordinary General Meeting, as they intend to do in respect of their own aggregate beneficial holdings of 65,804 Shares, representing 0.15 per cent. of the issued share capital of the Company as at 20 November 2008 (this being the latest practicable date prior to the publication of this document).

The Directors can make no recommendations to Shareholders in relation to participation in the Tender Offer, however Shareholders should note that the Directors intend to tender their Shares in full. Whether or not Shareholders decide to tender all or any of their Shares will depend on, among other things, their view of the Company's prospects and their own individual circumstances, including their tax position.

If you need advice in relation to the Tender Offer, you should consult an independent financial adviser, authorised under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, without delay.

Yours faithfully

Peter Dicks
Chairman

PART II

LETTER FROM JPMORGAN CAZENOVE LIMITED



20 Moorgate
London
EC2R 6DA

21 November 2008

Dear Shareholder

Tender Offer to Shareholders of Private Equity Investor PLC

Introduction

As explained in the letter from your Chairman in Part I of this document, Shareholders of Private Equity Investor PLC (other than certain Overseas Shareholders) are being given the opportunity to tender their Shares for purchase in the Tender Offer on the basis set out below and in Part III of this document. The purpose of this letter is to set out the principal terms and conditions of the Tender Offer.

JPMorgan Cazenove hereby invites Shareholders (other than certain Overseas Shareholders) on the Register on the Record Date to tender Shares for purchase by JPMorgan Cazenove for cash at the Tender Price. This letter is not, however, a recommendation to Shareholders to sell their Shares. The Tender Offer is made on the terms and subject to the conditions set out in Part III of this document and, for Shareholders who hold their Shares in certificated form, the Tender Form, such terms and conditions being deemed to be incorporated herein and forming part of the Tender Offer.

Each Shareholder (other than certain Overseas Shareholders) will be entitled to have accepted in the Tender Offer valid tenders to JPMorgan Cazenove in respect of up to their Basic Entitlement. In addition, Shareholders (other than certain Overseas Shareholders) may tender Shares in excess of their Basic Entitlement but such excess tenders will only be satisfied to the extent that other Shareholders have not tendered all or any part of their Basic Entitlements, as the case may be. Tenders in excess of Shareholders' Basic Entitlements will be satisfied *pro rata* in proportion to the excess over such Basic Entitlement, rounded down to the nearest whole number of Shares.

The amount of the Basic Entitlement will be dependent on the Tender Price to be determined as at the Calculation Date. Once the Tender Price has been determined as set out in Part III of this document, the Board will calculate the Basic Entitlement Percentage, being that proportion that the total number of Shares which may be acquired under the Tender Offer (determined by dividing £17,500,000 by the Tender Price and rounding the result down to the nearest whole number of Shares) bears to the total issued share capital of the Company as at the Record Date, expressed as a percentage. Each Shareholder's Basic Entitlement will be such number of Shares (rounded down to the nearest whole number) as represents the Basic Entitlement Percentage of such Shareholder's registered holding as at the Record Date.

The number of Shares to be purchased in the Tender Offer will not, in any event, exceed 10,676,579, representing 24.99 per cent. of the Company's issued ordinary share capital on 20 November 2008.

Shareholders are not obliged to tender any Shares. Shareholders who wish to continue their investment in the Company without tendering any Shares should not return their Tender Form or send a TTE instruction.

Procedure for tendering Shares

Shareholders who wish to tender certificated Shares should complete the Tender Form in accordance with the instructions set out thereon and return the completed Tender Form by post or by hand (during normal business hours only) to the Receiving Agent, Capita Registrars, Corporate Actions, The Registry, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4TU, so as to be received not later than 3.00 p.m. on 9 December 2008.

Shareholders who hold their Shares in certificated form should also return the Share certificate(s) and/or other documents of title in respect of the Shares tendered with their Tender Form.

Shareholders who hold their Shares in uncertificated form (ie in CREST) should arrange for their Shares to be transferred to escrow as described in paragraph 3 of Part III of this document.

Shareholders should note that once tendered, Shares, may not be sold, transferred, charged or otherwise disposed of other than in accordance with the Tender Offer.

Full details of the procedure for tendering Shares are set out in Part III of this document and in the Tender Form.

Validity of Tender Forms

Tender Forms and TTE Instructions which are received after the Closing Date or which at that time are incorrectly completed or not accompanied by all relevant documents or instructions may be rejected and returned to Shareholders or their appointed agents, together with any accompanying Share certificate(s) and/or other document(s) of title.

Overseas Shareholders

Shareholders with registered or mailing addresses outside the UK, or who are citizens or nationals of, or resident in, a jurisdiction other than the UK, should read paragraph 9 of Part III of this document and the relevant provisions of the Tender Form.

Conditions

The Tender Offer is conditional on the satisfaction of the conditions specified in paragraph 2 of Part III of this document.

Termination of Tender Offer

The Tender Offer may be terminated in the circumstances described in paragraph 7 Part III of this document.

Settlement

Subject to the Tender Offer becoming unconditional, payment of the Tender Price due to Shareholders under the Tender Offer whose tenders have been accepted (rounded down to the nearest whole penny) are expected to be effected by the despatch of cheque(s) or the crediting of CREST accounts (as appropriate) on 18 December 2008.

Further Information

Your attention is drawn to the information contained in the rest of this document, including, in particular, the terms and conditions of the Tender Offer in Part III of this document.

Yours faithfully

Angus Gordon Lennox
Managing Director
Corporate Finance

PART III

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE TENDER OFFER

1. Tenders

- 1.1 All Shareholders on the Register on the Record Date (other than certain Overseas Shareholders) may tender Shares (up to the number of Shares registered in their name on the Record Date) for purchase by JPMorgan Cazenove, as principal, on the terms and subject to the conditions set out in this document and (for holders of certificated Shares) the Tender Form (which, together with this document, constitutes the “Tender Offer”). Shareholders are not obliged to tender any Shares.
- 1.2 The Tender Offer is made at the Tender Price.
- 1.3 The consideration for each tendered Share acquired by JPMorgan Cazenove pursuant to the Tender Offer will be paid in accordance with the settlement procedures set out in paragraph 4 of this Part III.
- 1.4 Upon the Tender Offer becoming unconditional and unless the Tender Offer has been suspended or terminated in accordance with the provisions of sub-paragraph 2.2 or paragraph 7 of this Part III, JPMorgan Cazenove will accept the tenders of Shareholders validly made in accordance with this Part III, subject as mentioned below, on the following basis:
 - 1.4.1 Each Shareholder (other than certain Overseas Shareholders) will be entitled to sell to JPMorgan Cazenove a number of Shares up to their Basic Entitlement.
 - 1.4.2 Each Shareholder will also be entitled to tender Shares in excess of their Basic Entitlement and, to the extent that other Shareholders do not tender Shares at all or tender Shares in respect of less than the whole of their Basic Entitlement, excess tenders will be satisfied *pro rata* in proportion to the number of Shares tendered in excess of the Basic Entitlement, rounded down to the nearest whole number of Shares.
 - 1.4.3 The Basic Entitlement will apply to each registered Shareholder. Shareholders who hold Shares for multiple beneficial owners may decide the allocation between such beneficiaries in their own discretion.
- 1.5 The Tender Offer will close on the Closing Date unless JPMorgan Cazenove extends the period for tendering under the Tender Offer, in which case a new Closing Date will be given. JPMorgan Cazenove reserves the right, subject to applicable legal and regulatory requirements, and with the prior written consent of the Company, to amend the expected timetable shown on page 2 of this document, which includes extending the period for tendering under the Tender Offer, at any time prior to 3.00 p.m. (UK time) on 9 December 2008. Any material change to the expected timetable will be notified to Shareholders by way of an announcement through a regulatory information service provider of the London Stock Exchange. Any such changes will comply with all applicable legal and regulatory requirements, including, but not limited to, the duration of any extensions.

2. Conditions

- 2.1 The Tender Offer is conditional on the following conditions (together the “Conditions”) being satisfied:
 - 2.1.1 the passing of the Resolution contained in the notice of Extraordinary General Meeting set out at the end of this document by not later than 21 December 2008 or such later date as the Company and JPMorgan Cazenove may agree;
 - 2.1.2 the Company and JPMorgan Cazenove entering into the Repurchase Agreement;
 - 2.1.3 JPMorgan Cazenove being satisfied that the Company has available to it sufficient profits available for distribution (as defined in section 830(2) of CA 2006) to effect the purchase of all Exit Shares in accordance with the terms of the Repurchase Agreement;
 - 2.1.4 JPMorgan Cazenove being satisfied that the Company has paid an amount not less than the aggregate amount payable by the Company for the Exit Shares into an agreed account in accordance with the terms of the Repurchase Agreement; and

2.1.5 the Tender Offer not having been terminated in accordance with paragraph 7 of this Part III prior to the fulfilment of the conditions referred to in sub-paragraphs 2.1.1 to 2.1.4 of this Part III.

The condition set out in paragraph 2.1.4 above may be waived by JPMorgan Cazenove in its sole discretion. The other conditions set out above may not be waived by JPMorgan Cazenove.

- 2.2 JPMorgan Cazenove will not purchase (or enter into any commitment or contract to purchase) Shares pursuant to the Tender Offer unless the Conditions have been satisfied (or, where applicable, waived).
- 2.3 The number of Shares to be purchased under the Tender Offer will be determined by dividing £17,500,000 (being the total amount being made available to purchase Shares under the Tender Offer) by the Tender Price and rounding the result down to the nearest whole number of Shares, subject to a maximum of 10,676,579 Shares (representing 24.99 per cent. of the Company's issued share capital on 20 November 2008)..

3. **Procedure for tendering Shares**

There are different procedures for tendering Shares depending on whether your Shares are held in certificated or uncertificated form.

If you hold Shares in certificated form, you may only tender such Shares by completing and returning the Tender Form in accordance with the procedure set out in paragraph 3.1 of this Part III. Additional Tender Forms are available from Capita Registrars by telephone on the number stated below.

If you hold Shares in uncertificated form (ie in CREST), you may only tender such Shares by TTE Instruction in accordance with the procedure set out in paragraph 3.3 of this Part III and, if those Shares are held under different member account IDs, you should send a separate TTE Instruction for each member account ID.

If you are in any doubt as to how to complete the Tender Form or as to the procedure for tendering Shares, please contact Capita Registrars by telephone on 0871 664 0321 or, if, calling from outside the UK, on +44 208 639 3399. Calls to the Capita Registrars 0871 664 0321 number are charged at 10 pence per minute (including VAT) plus any of your service provider's network extras. Calls to the Capita Registrars +44 208 639 3399 number from outside the UK are charged at applicable international rates. Different charges may apply to calls made from mobile telephones and calls may be recorded and monitored randomly for security and training purposes. Capita Registrars cannot provide advice on the merits of the Tender Offer or give any financial, legal or tax advice.

You are reminded that, if you are a CREST Sponsored Member, you should contact your CREST sponsor before taking any action.

3.1 *Procedure for Shares held in certificated form (ie not in CREST)*

To tender your Shares held in certificated form you must complete, sign and have witnessed the Tender Form.

The completed, signed and witnessed Tender Form should be sent either by post in the accompanying reply-paid envelope (for use in the UK only) along with the relevant share certificate(s) or other documents of title or by hand during normal business hours only to the Receiving Agent, Capita Registrars, Corporate Actions, The Registry, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4TU as soon as possible and, in any event, so as to be received no later than 3.00 p.m. on 9 December 2008. JPMorgan Cazenove shall be entitled (in its sole discretion) to accept late Tender Forms. No acknowledgement of receipt of documents will be given.

The completed and signed Tender Form should be accompanied by the relevant Share certificate and/or other documents of title.

If your Share certificate(s) and/or other documents of title are not readily available (for example, if they are with your stockbroker, bank or other agent) or are lost, the Tender Form should nevertheless be completed, signed and returned as described above so as to be received by Capita Registrars not later than 3.00 p.m. on 9 December 2008 together with any Share certificate(s) and/or documents of title you may have available, accompanied by a letter of explanation stating that the

(remaining) Share certificate(s) and/or other document(s) of title will be forwarded as soon as possible thereafter and, in any event, not later than 3.00 p.m. on 9 December 2008.

The Receiving Agent will effect such procedures as are required to transfer your Shares to JPMorgan Cazenove under the Tender Offer. If you have lost your Share certificate(s) and/or other document(s) of title, you should write to the Company's registrars, Capita Registrars, Northern House, Woodsome Park, Fenay Bridge, Huddersfield HD8 0GA, for a letter of indemnity in respect of the lost Share certificate(s) which, when completed in accordance with the instructions given, should be returned to the Receiving Agent Capita Registrars, Corporate Actions, The Registry, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4TU so as to be received not later than 3.00 p.m. on 9 December 2008.

By signing the Tender Form, Shareholders will be deemed to have instructed JPMorgan Cazenove to issue a contract note to the Receiving Agent on behalf of such Shareholder and to remit the cash consideration to the Receiving Agent with instructions that such consideration be remitted in accordance with the instructions set out in the Tender Form.

3.2 *Validity of Tender Form*

Notwithstanding the powers in paragraph 8.17 of this Part III, JPMorgan Cazenove reserves the right to treat as valid only Tender Forms which are received entirely in order by 3.00 p.m. on 9 December 2008 and which are accompanied by the relevant Share certificate(s) and/or other document(s) of title or a satisfactory indemnity in lieu thereof, in respect of the entire number of Shares tendered. The Record Date for the Tender Offer is close of business on 9 December 2008.

Notwithstanding the completion of a valid Tender Form, the Tender Offer may be suspended, terminated or lapse in accordance with the Terms and Conditions set out in this Part III.

JPMorgan Cazenove shall be entitled to accept Tender Forms which are received after 3.00 p.m. on 9 December 2008 in their sole discretion. The decision of JPMorgan Cazenove as to which Shares have been validly tendered shall be conclusive and binding on all Shareholders.

3.3 *Procedure for Shares held in uncertificated form (ie in CREST)*

If the Shares which you wish to tender are held in uncertificated form, you should take (or procure to be taken) the action set out below to transfer (by means of a TTE Instruction) the number of Shares which you wish to tender under the Tender Offer to an escrow balance, specifying Capita Registrars (in its capacity as a CREST receiving agent under its participant ID and Member Account IDs referred to below) as the Escrow Agent, as soon as possible and, in any event, so that the transfer to escrow settles by not later than 3.00 p.m. on 9 December 2008. JPMorgan Cazenove shall be entitled (in its sole discretion) to accept late transfers to escrow.

If you are a CREST Sponsored Member, you should refer to your CREST Sponsor before taking any action. Your CREST Sponsor will be able to confirm details of your Participant ID and the Member Account ID under which your Shares are held. In addition, only your CREST Sponsor will be able to send the TTE Instruction to Euroclear in relation to the Shares which you wish to tender. You should send (or, if you are a CREST Sponsored Member, procure that your CREST Sponsor sends) a TTE Instruction to Euroclear, which must be properly authenticated in accordance with Euroclear's specifications and which must contain, in addition to other information that is required for the TTE Instruction to settle in CREST, the details set out below.

After settlement of the TTE Instruction, you will not be able to access the Shares concerned in CREST for any transaction or for charging purposes, notwithstanding that they will be held by Capita Registrars as Escrow Agent until completion or lapsing of the Tender Offer. If the Tender Offer becomes unconditional, Capita Registrars will transfer the Shares which are accepted for purchase by JPMorgan Cazenove to itself.

You are recommended to refer to the CREST manual published by Euroclear for further information on the CREST procedures outlined above. You should note that Euroclear does not make available special procedures, in CREST, for any particular corporate action. Normal system timings and limitations will therefore apply in connection with a TTE Instruction and its settlement. You should therefore ensure that all necessary action is taken by you (or by your CREST Sponsor) to enable a TTE Instruction relating to your Shares to settle prior to 3.00 p.m. on 9 December 2008. In this connection, you are referred in particular to those sections of the CREST manual concerning

practical limitations of the CREST system and timings. JPMorgan Cazenove shall be entitled (in its sole discretion) to accept late TTE Instructions to settle.

3.3.1 To accept the Tender Offer and elect for the Basic Entitlement in respect of your Shares held in uncertificated form

To accept the Tender Offer and elect for the Basic Entitlement in respect of Shares held in uncertificated form, you should send (or if you are a CREST sponsored member, procure that your CREST sponsor sends) to Euroclear a Basic Entitlement TTE instruction in relation to such Shares.

A Basic Entitlement TTE instruction to Euroclear must be properly authenticated in accordance with Euroclear's specifications for transfers to escrow and must contain, in addition to the other information that is required for a TTE instruction to settle in CREST, the following details:

- the number of Shares to be transferred to an escrow balance;
- your Member Account ID;
- your participant ID;
- the Participant ID of the Escrow Agent, in its capacity as a CREST receiving agent – this is RA10;
- the Member Account ID of the escrow agent for the Tender Offer and the Basic Entitlement is PEIBASIC;
- the Corporate Action Number – this is allocated by Euroclear and can be found by viewing the relevant corporate action details in CREST;
- the intended settlement date for the transfer to escrow – this should be as soon as possible and, in any event, by no later than 3.00 p.m. on 9 December 2008;
- the ISIN number for the Tender Offer – this is GB0000504034;
- the standard TTE instruction of priority 80; and
- a contact name and telephone number to be inserted in the shared note field.

3.3.2 To accept the Tender Offer in respect of a specific number of Shares in uncertificated form

To accept the Tender Offer in respect of a specific number of Shares held in uncertificated form, you should send (or, if you are a CREST sponsored member, procure that your CREST sponsor sends) to Euroclear an Alternative TTE instruction in relation to such Shares by adopting the same procedures as apply in respect of a Basic Entitlement TTE instruction but with the following variations:

- in the field relating to the number of Shares to be transferred to escrow, you should insert the number of Shares in respect of which you wish to accept the Tender Offer; and
- the member account ID of the Escrow Agent for elections for a specific number of Shares is PEINUMB.

An appropriate announcement will be made if any of the details contained in this sub-paragraph 3.3 are altered.

3.4 Deposits of Shares into, and withdrawals of Shares from, CREST

Normal CREST procedures (including timings) apply in relation to any Shares that are, or are to be, converted from uncertificated to certificated form, or from certificated to uncertificated form, during the course of the Tender Offer (whether such conversion arises as a result of a transfer of Shares or otherwise). Shareholders who are proposing to convert any such Shares are recommended to ensure that the conversion procedures are implemented in sufficient time to enable the person holding or acquiring the Shares as a result of the conversion to take all necessary steps in connection with such person's participation in the Tender Offer (in particular, as regards delivery of any Share certificate(s) and/or other document(s) of title or transfers to an escrow balance as described above) prior to 3.00 p.m. on 9 December 2008.

4. **Settlement**

- 4.1 Settlement of the consideration to which any Shareholder is entitled pursuant to valid tenders accepted by JPMorgan Cazenove (which will be rounded down to the nearest whole penny) will be effected by the despatch of cheques or the crediting of CREST accounts (as applicable).

4.1.1 *Shares held in certificated form (that is, not in CREST)*

Where an accepted tender relates to Shares held in certificated form, cheques for the consideration due will be despatched by 18 December 2008 by first class post to the person or agent whose name and address is set out in Box 1 (or, if relevant, Box 4) of the Tender Form or, if it is set out, to the registered address of the tendering Shareholder or, in the case of joint holders, the address of the first named. All cash payments will be made in pounds sterling by cheque drawn on a branch of a UK clearing bank.

4.1.2 *Shares held in uncertificated form (that is, in CREST)*

Where an accepted tender relates to Shares held in uncertificated form, settlement of the consideration due will be paid by means of CREST by JPMorgan Cazenove procuring the creation of a CREST payment in favour of the tendering Shareholder's payment bank in accordance with the CREST payment arrangements.

- 4.2 If only part of a holding of Shares is sold pursuant to the Tender Offer or if, because of scaling back, any tendered Shares in excess of the Basic Entitlement are not purchased pursuant to the terms of the Tender:

- 4.3 4.3.1 where the Shares are held in certificated form, the Shareholder will be entitled to receive a certificate in respect of the balance of the remaining Shares; or

4.3.2 where the Shares are held in uncertificated form (that is, in CREST), the unsold Shares will be transferred by the Escrow Agent by means of a TFE Instruction to the original available balance from which those Shares came.

5. **Tender Form**

Each Shareholder by whom, or on whose behalf, a Tender Form is executed hereby irrevocably undertakes, represents, warrants and agrees to and with JPMorgan Cazenove (so as to bind him, his personal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns) that:

- 5.1 the execution of the Tender Form shall constitute an offer to sell to JPMorgan Cazenove such Basic Entitlement or, if relevant, the number of Shares inserted in Box 2B of the Tender Form, in each case, on and subject to the terms and conditions set out or referred to in this document and the Tender Form and that, once lodged, such offer shall be irrevocable;
- 5.2 such Shareholder has full power and authority to tender, sell, assign or transfer the Shares in respect of which such offer is accepted (together with all rights attaching thereto) and, when the same are purchased by JPMorgan Cazenove, JPMorgan Cazenove will acquire such Shares with full title guarantee, fully paid and free from all liens, charges, encumbrances, equitable interests, rights of pre-emption or other third party rights of any nature and together with all rights attaching thereto on or after the Closing Date including the right to receive all dividends and other distributions declared paid or made after that date;
- 5.3 the execution of the Tender Form will, subject to the Tender Offer becoming unconditional, in respect of Shares held in certificated form, constitute the irrevocable appointment of any director or officer of JPMorgan Cazenove as such Shareholder's attorney and/or agent (the "attorney"), and an irrevocable instruction and authority to the attorney to complete and execute all or any instruments of transfer and/or other documents at the attorney's discretion in relation to the Shares referred to in paragraph 5.1 of this Part III in favour of JPMorgan Cazenove or such other person or persons as JPMorgan Cazenove may direct and to deliver such instrument(s) of transfer and/or other documents at the discretion of the attorney, together with the Share certificate(s) and/or other document(s) relating to such Shares, for registration within six months of the Tender Offer becoming unconditional and to do all such other acts and things as may in the opinion of such attorney be necessary or expedient for the purpose of, or in connection with, the Tender Offer and to vest in JPMorgan Cazenove or its nominee(s) or such other person(s) as JPMorgan Cazenove may direct such Shares;

- 5.4 such Shareholder will ratify and confirm each and every act or thing which may be done or effected by JPMorgan Cazenove or any of its Directors or any person nominated by JPMorgan Cazenove in the proper exercise of its or his or her powers and/or authorities hereunder;
- 5.5 in respect of the relevant Shares held in certificated form, such Shareholder will deliver to the Receiving Agent their Share certificate(s) and/or other document(s) of title in respect of the Shares referred to in paragraph 5.1 of this Part III, or an indemnity acceptable to JPMorgan Cazenove in lieu thereof, or will procure the delivery of such document(s) to such person as soon as possible thereafter and, in any event, not later than the Closing Date;
- 5.6 such Shareholder shall do all such acts and things as shall be necessary or expedient and execute any additional documents deemed by JPMorgan Cazenove to be desirable, in each case to complete the purchase of the Shares and/or to perfect any of the authorities expressed to be given hereunder;
- 5.7 such Shareholder has not received or sent copies or originals of the Tender Form or any related documents to any overseas jurisdiction and has not otherwise utilised in connection with the Tender Offer, directly or indirectly, the mails or any means or instrumentality (including, without limitation, facsimile, transmission, telex and telephone) of interstate or foreign commerce, or of any facility of a national securities exchange, of any overseas jurisdiction, that the Tender Form has not been mailed or otherwise sent in, into or from any overseas jurisdiction and that such Shareholder is not accepting the Tender Offer from any overseas jurisdiction; if such Shareholder is an Overseas Shareholder, (a) it is not resident or located in any Restricted Territory or in any territory in which it is unlawful to make or accept the Tender Offer or to use the Tender Form in any manner in which the person has used or will use it, (b) it has fully observed any applicable legal and regulatory requirements of the territory in which such Overseas Shareholder is resident or located and (c) the invitation under the Tender Offer may be made to such Overseas Shareholder under the laws of the relevant jurisdiction;
- 5.8 the provisions of the Tender Form shall be deemed to be incorporated into the terms and conditions of the Tender Offer;
- 5.9 in the case of Shares held in certificated form, the despatch of a cheque in respect of the Tender Price to such Shareholder at his registered address or such other address as is specified in the Tender Form will constitute a complete discharge by JPMorgan Cazenove of its obligations to make such payment to such Shareholder;
- 5.10 the execution of the Tender Form constitutes a warranty by such Shareholder that the information given by or on behalf of the Shareholder in the Tender Form will be true in all respects at the time JPMorgan Cazenove purchases the Shares referred to in paragraphs 5.1 and 5.2 of this Part III as if it had been given afresh at such time and shall not be extinguished by such purchase;
- 5.11 on execution, the Tender Form takes effect as a deed; and
- 5.12 the execution of the Tender Form constitutes such Shareholder's submission to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England in relation to all matters arising out of or in connection with the Tender Offer and/or the Tender Form.

A reference in this paragraph 5 to a Shareholder includes a reference to the person or persons executing the Tender Form and, in the event of more than one person executing a Tender Form, the provisions of this paragraph will apply to them jointly and to each of them.

6. Tenders through CREST

Each Shareholder by whom, or on whose behalf, a tender through CREST is made irrevocably undertakes, represents, warrants and agrees to and with JPMorgan Cazenove (so as to bind him, his personal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns) that:

- 6.1 the input of the TTE Instruction shall constitute an offer to sell to JPMorgan Cazenove such number of Shares as is specified in the TTE Instruction or deemed to be tendered, in each case, on and subject to the terms and conditions set out or referred to in this document and that once the TTE Instruction has settled, such tender shall be irrevocable;
- 6.2 such Shareholder has full power and authority to tender, sell, assign or transfer the Shares in respect of which such offer is accepted (together with all rights attaching thereto) and, when the same are purchased by JPMorgan Cazenove, JPMorgan Cazenove will acquire such Shares with full title guarantee, fully paid and free from all liens, charges, encumbrances, equitable interests, rights of

pre-emption or other third party rights of any nature and together with all rights attaching thereto, on or after the Closing Date including the right to receive all dividends and other distributions declared, paid or made after that date and that such representation shall be deemed repeated at the time JPMorgan Cazenove purchases such Shares;

- 6.3 the input of the TTE Instruction will, subject to the Tender Offer becoming unconditional, constitute the irrevocable appointment of the Receiving Agent as the Escrow Agent for the Tender Offer (the “attorney”) and an irrevocable instruction and authority to the attorney (i) subject to the Tender Offer becoming unconditional, to transfer to itself by means of CREST and then to transfer to JPMorgan Cazenove (or to such person or persons as JPMorgan Cazenove may direct) by means of CREST all of the Relevant Shares (as defined below) in respect of which the Tender Offer is accepted or deemed to be accepted (but not exceeding the number of Shares which have been tendered pursuant to the Tender Offer); and (ii) if the Tender Offer does not become unconditional and lapses, or there are Shares which have not been successfully tendered under the Tender Offer, to give instructions to Euroclear, as promptly as practicable after the lapsing of the Tender Offer, to transfer Relevant Shares to the original available balances from which those Shares came. For the purposes of this sub-paragraph 6.3, “Relevant Shares” means Shares in uncertificated form and in respect of which a transfer or transfers to escrow has or have been effected pursuant to the procedures described in this Part III;
- 6.4 such Shareholder will ratify and confirm each and every act or thing which may be done or effected by JPMorgan Cazenove or any of its directors or any person nominated by JPMorgan Cazenove or the Receiving Agent in the proper exercise of its or his or her powers and/or authorities hereunder;
- 6.5 it shall do all such acts and things as shall be necessary or expedient and execute any additional documents deemed by JPMorgan Cazenove to be desirable, in each case to complete the purchase of the Shares and/or to perfect any of the authorities expressed to be given hereunder;
- 6.6 if such Shareholder is an Overseas Shareholder, (a) it is not resident or located in any Restricted Territory or in any territory in which it is unlawful to make or accept the Tender Offer, (b) it has fully observed any applicable legal and regulatory requirements of the territory in which such Overseas Shareholder is resident or located and (c) the invitation under the Tender Offer may be made to such Overseas Shareholder under the laws of the relevant jurisdiction;
- 6.7 the creation of a CREST payment in favour of such Shareholder’s payment bank in accordance with the CREST payment arrangements as referred to in paragraph 4 of this Part III will, to the extent of the obligations so created, discharge fully any obligation of JPMorgan Cazenove to pay to such Shareholder the cash consideration to which he is entitled under the Tender Offer;
- 6.8 the input of the TTE Instruction constitutes such Shareholder’s submission to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England in relation to all matters arising out of or in connection with the Tender Offer;
- 6.9 if, for any reason, any Shares in respect of which a TTE Instruction has been made are, prior to the Closing Date, converted into certificated form, the tender through CREST in respect of such Shares shall cease to be valid and the Shareholder will need to comply with the procedures for tendering Shares in certificated form as set out in this Part III in respect of the Shares so converted, if he wishes to make a valid tender of such Shares pursuant to the Tender Offer; and
- 6.10 if the appointment of agent provision under sub-paragraph 6.3 of this Part III shall be unenforceable or invalid or shall not operate so as to afford any director or officer of JPMorgan Cazenove or the Receiving Agent the benefit or authority expressed to be given therein, the Shareholder shall with all practicable speed do all such acts and things and execute all such documents that may be required to enable JPMorgan Cazenove or the Receiving Agent to secure the full benefits of sub-paragraph 6.3 of this Part III.

7. **Termination of the Tender Offer**

If: (i) the Company (acting by the Directors) shall at any time prior to JPMorgan Cazenove effecting the purchase as principal of the tendered Shares notify JPMorgan Cazenove in writing that in its opinion the completion of the purchase of Shares in the Tender Offer is no longer in the best interests of the Company and/or the Shareholders as a whole or that there would or may be unexpected adverse fiscal consequences (whether by reason of a change in legislation or practice or otherwise) for the Company or its Shareholders if the Tender Offer were to proceed, or (ii) if at any

time after 31 December 2008, any of the Conditions have not been satisfied, JPMorgan Cazenove shall (a) postpone the Tender Offer until such time as the Company (acting by the Directors) notifies JPMorgan Cazenove that no such circumstances exist as set out in (i) above or the Conditions have been satisfied or (b) by a public announcement withdraw the Tender Offer (and in such event the Tender Offer shall cease and determine absolutely without any liability on the part of the Company or JPMorgan Cazenove).

8. Additional Provisions

- 8.1 Each Shareholder may tender all or part of their holding of Shares by the Closing Date, subject to the scaling back of tenders in excess of that Shareholder's Basic Entitlement on the basis provided in paragraph 1 of this Part III. If: (i) Box 2 of the Tender Form is not completed; or (ii) in JPMorgan Cazenove's determination (in its absolute discretion) Box 2 has not been validly completed, provided that the Tender Form is otherwise in order and accompanied by all other relevant documents, the tender may be accepted as a valid tender in respect of the whole of the Basic Entitlement. However, if the Share certificate(s) or other documents of title accompanying such Tender Form total less than the Basic Entitlement, then the Tender Form shall be treated as a tender for such lesser amount.
- 8.2 Shares acquired by JPMorgan Cazenove under the Tender Offer will be on-market purchases in accordance with the rules of London Stock Exchange, the UK Listing Authority and CA 1985.
- 8.3 Shares sold by Shareholders pursuant to the Tender Offer will be acquired with full title guarantee, fully paid and free from all liens, charges, encumbrances, equitable interests, rights of pre-emption or other third party rights of any nature and together with all rights attaching thereto on or after the Closing Date including the right to receive all dividends and other distributions declared, paid or made after that date.
- 8.4 Unless lapsed, extended or terminated in accordance with the provisions of this Part III, the Tender Offer will close at 3.00 p.m. on 9 December 2008 and it is expected that by close of business on 12 December 2008 the Company will make a public announcement of the Tender Price, the total number of Shares tendered and, if appropriate, the proportion of tendered Shares which will be purchased by JPMorgan Cazenove from Shareholders who have tendered Shares in excess of their Basic Entitlement.
- 8.5 Each Shareholder who tenders or procures the tender of Shares will thereby be deemed to have agreed that, in consideration of JPMorgan Cazenove agreeing to process their tender, such Shareholder will not revoke their tender or withdraw their Shares. Shareholders should note that once tendered Shares may not be sold, transferred, charged or otherwise disposed of other than in accordance with the Tender Offer.
- 8.6 Any omission to despatch this document or the Tender Form or any notice required to be despatched under the terms of the Tender Offer to, or any failure to receive the same by, any person entitled to participate in the Tender Offer shall not invalidate the Tender Offer in any way or create any implication that the Tender Offer has not been made to any such person.
- 8.7 No acknowledgement of receipt of any Tender Form(s), Share certificate(s) and/or document(s) of title will be given. All communications, notices, certificates, documents of title and remittances to be delivered by or sent to or from Shareholders (or their designated agents) will be delivered by or sent to or from Shareholders (or their designated agents) at their own risk.
- 8.8 All powers of attorney and authorities on the terms conferred by or referred to in this Part III or the Tender Form are given by way of security for the performance of the obligations or the Shareholders concerned and are irrevocable in accordance with section 4 of the Powers of Attorney Act 1971.
- 8.9 All tenders by certificated holders must be made on the relevant prescribed Tender Form, duly completed in accordance with the instructions set out thereon which constitute part of the terms of the Tender Offer. A Tender Form will only be valid when the procedures contained in these terms and conditions and in the Tender Form are complied with. The Tender Offer and all tenders will be governed by and construed in accordance with English law. Delivery or posting of a Tender Form will constitute submission to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.
- 8.10 If the Tender Offer does not become unconditional, lapses or is terminated, all documents lodged pursuant to the Tender Offer will be returned promptly by post, within 14 Business Days of the

Tender Offer lapsing or terminating, to the person or agent whose name and address is set out in Box 1 or if applicable Box 4 of the Tender Form or, if none is set out, to the tendering Shareholder or, in the case of joint holders, the first named at their registered address. In the case of Shares held in uncertificated form, the Receiving Agent in its capacity as the escrow agent will, within 14 Business Days of the Tender Offer lapsing, give instructions to Euroclear to transfer all Shares held in escrow balances and in relation to which it is the escrow agent for the purposes of the Tender Offer by TFE Instruction to the original available balances from which those Shares came. In any of these circumstances the Tender Form will cease to have any effect.

- 8.11 The instructions, terms, provisions and authorities contained in or deemed to be incorporated in the Tender Form shall constitute part of the terms of the Tender Offer. The definitions set out in this document apply to the terms and conditions set out in this Part III.
- 8.12 Subject to paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Part III, the Tender Offer will close at 3.00 p.m. on 9 December 2008. No Tender Form, Share certificate(s) and/or document(s) of title or indemnity or TFE Instruction received after that time will be accepted, except at the sole discretion of JPMorgan Cazenove.
- 8.13 Further copies of this document and the Tender Form may be obtained on request from the Receiving Agent by telephone on 0871 664 0321 or, if, calling from outside the UK, on +44 208 639 3399. Calls to the Capita Registrars 0871 664 0321 number are charged at 10 pence per minute (including VAT) plus any of your service provider's network extras. Calls to the Capita Registrars +44 208 639 3399 number from outside the UK are charged at applicable international rates. Different charges may apply to calls made from mobile telephones and calls may be recorded and monitored randomly for security and training purposes. Capita Registrars cannot provide advice on the merits of the Tender Offer or give any financial, legal or tax advice.
- 8.14 Any change to the terms, or any extension or termination of the Tender Offer will be followed as promptly as practicable by a public announcement thereof no later than 1.00 p.m. on the Business Day following the date of such change, extension or termination. Such an announcement will be notified to a regulatory information service provider of the London Stock Exchange. References to the making of an announcement by the Company include the release of an announcement on behalf of the Company by JPMorgan Cazenove to the press and delivery of, by telephone or facsimile or other electronic transmission of, such announcement to a regulatory information service of the London Stock Exchange.
- 8.15 Tendering Shareholders will not be obliged to pay brokerage fees, commissions or transfer taxes or stamp duty in the UK on the purchase by JPMorgan Cazenove of Shares pursuant to the Tender Offer.
- 8.16 Except as contained in this document, no person has been authorised to give any information or make any representations with respect to the Company or the Tender Offer and, if given or made, such other information or representations should not be relied on as having been authorised by JPMorgan Cazenove or the Company. Under no circumstances should the delivery of this document or the delivery of any consideration pursuant to the Tender Offer create any implication that there has been no change in the assets, properties, business or affairs of the Company since the date of this document.
- 8.17 JPMorgan Cazenove reserves the absolute right to inspect (either itself or through its agents) all Tender Forms and may consider void and reject any tender that does not in JPMorgan Cazenove's sole judgment (acting reasonably) meet the requirements of the Tender Offer. JPMorgan Cazenove reserves the absolute right to waive any defect or irregularity in the tender of any Shares, including any Tender Form (in whole or in part), which is not entirely in order or which is not accompanied by (in the case of Shares held in certificated form) the related Share certificate(s) and/or other document(s) of title or any indemnity acceptable to JPMorgan Cazenove in lieu thereof. In that event, for Shares held in certificated form, however, the consideration under the Tender Offer will only be despatched when the Tender Form is entirely in order and the Share certificate(s) or other document(s) of title or indemnities satisfactory to JPMorgan Cazenove has/have been received. All questions as to the number of Shares tendered and the validity, form, eligibility (including the time of receipt) and acceptance for payment of any tender of Shares will be determined by JPMorgan Cazenove in its absolute and sole discretion, which determination shall be final and binding on all of the parties (except as otherwise required under applicable law). Neither JPMorgan Cazenove, the

Company nor the Receiving Agent or any other person will be under any duty to give notification of any defects or irregularities in tenders or incur any liability for failure to give any such notification.

8.18 Shares purchased pursuant to the Tender Offer will, following the completion of the Tender Offer, be acquired from JPMorgan Cazenove by the Company on the London Stock Exchange pursuant to the Repurchase Agreement for cancellation.

8.19 The provisions of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 do not apply to this document.

9. **Overseas Shareholders**

9.1 The making of the Tender Offer in or to persons who are citizens or nationals of, or resident in, overseas jurisdictions or to custodians, nominees or trustees for citizens, nationals or residents of overseas jurisdictions may be prohibited or affected by the laws of the relevant overseas jurisdiction. Shareholders who are Overseas Shareholders should inform themselves about and observe any applicable legal requirements. It is the responsibility of any such Shareholder wishing to tender Shares to satisfy himself as to the full observance of the laws of the relevant jurisdiction in connection therewith, including the obtaining of any governmental, exchange control or other consents which may be required, the compliance with other necessary formalities and the payment of any transfer or other taxes or other requisite payments due in such jurisdiction. Any such Shareholder will be responsible for payment of any such transfer or other taxes or other requisite payments due to whomsoever payable and JPMorgan Cazenove and the Company and any person acting on their behalf shall be fully indemnified and held harmless by such Shareholder for any such transfer or other taxes or other requisite payments such person may be required to pay. No steps have been taken to qualify the Tender Offer or to authorise the extending of the Tender Offer or the distribution of the Tender Form in any territory outside the UK.

9.2 In particular, the Tender Offer is not being made, directly or indirectly, in or into, or by use of the mails, or by any means or instrumentality (including, without limitation, facsimile transmission, telex and telephone) of interstate or foreign commerce, or of any facility of a national securities exchange, of the Restricted Territories and the Tender Offer cannot be accepted by any such use, means, instrumentality or facility or from within the Restricted Territories. Accordingly, the Tender Form and any related documents are not being and must not be mailed or otherwise distributed or sent in or into the Restricted Territories, including to Shareholders with registered addresses in the Restricted Territories or to persons in the Restricted Territories. Receipt of this document and/or the Tender Form will not constitute an offer in those jurisdictions in which it would be illegal to make such an offer and in those circumstances, this document and/or the Tender Form will be deemed to have been sent for information only and should not be copied or redistributed. Persons receiving such documents or wishing to accept the Tender Offer should not distribute or send them in, into or from the Restricted Territories or use such mails or any such means, instrumentality or facility in connection with the Tender Offer and so doing will render invalid any related purported acceptance of the Tender Offer. All accepting Shareholders must provide addresses outside the Restricted Territories for the remittance of cash or the return of documents lodged pursuant to the Tender Offer. A Shareholder will be deemed not to have accepted the Tender Offer if: (i) such Shareholder is unable to make the representation and warranty set out in paragraphs 5 or 6 (as applicable) of Part III of this document; or (ii) such Shareholder completes Box 1 or, if applicable, Box 4 of the Tender Form with an address in the Restricted Territories or has a registered address in the Restricted Territories and in either case such Shareholder does not insert in Box 1 or, if applicable, Box 4 of the Tender Form the name and address of a person or agent outside the Restricted Territories to whom he wishes the consideration to which he is entitled under the Tender Offer to be sent, subject to the provisions of this paragraph and applicable laws; or (iii) such Shareholder inserts in Box 1 or, if applicable, Box 4 of the Tender Form the name and address of a person or agent in the Restricted Territories to whom he wishes the consideration to which such Shareholder is entitled under the Tender Offer to be sent; or (iv) the Tender Form received from him is in an envelope postmarked in, or which otherwise appears to JPMorgan Cazenove or its agents to have been sent from, the Restricted Territories. JPMorgan Cazenove reserves the right, in its absolute discretion, to investigate, in relation to any acceptance, whether the representation and warranty referred to in paragraphs 5 or 6 (as applicable) of Part III of this document given by any Shareholder is correct and, if such investigation is undertaken and as a result JPMorgan Cazenove determines (for any reason) that such representation and warranty is not correct, such acceptance shall not be valid.

- 9.3 If, in connection with making the Tender Offer and notwithstanding the restrictions described above, any person (including, without limitation, custodians, nominees and trustees) whether pursuant to a contractual or legal obligation or otherwise, forwards this document, the Tender Form or any related offering documents in, into or from the Restricted Territories or uses the mails of, or any means or instrumentality (including, without limitation, facsimile transmission, telex and telephone) of interstate or foreign commerce or any facility of a national securities exchange of, the Restricted Territories in connection with such forwarding, such persons should: (i) inform the recipient of such fact; (ii) explain to the recipient that such action may invalidate any purported acceptance by the recipient; and (iii) draw the attention of the recipient to this paragraph 9.
- 9.4 The provisions of this paragraph 9 and any other terms of the Tender Offer relating to Overseas Shareholders may be waived, varied or modified as regards specific Shareholders or on a general basis by JPMorgan Cazenove in its absolute discretion but only if JPMorgan Cazenove is satisfied that such waiver, variance or modification will not constitute or give rise to a breach of applicable securities or other legal or regulatory requirements.
- 9.5 The provisions of this paragraph 9 supersede any terms of the Tender Offer inconsistent herewith.
- 9.6 **Overseas Shareholders should inform themselves about and observe any applicable legal or regulatory requirements. The comments set out in this document are intended as a general guide only and Shareholders who are in any doubt about their position should consult their professional adviser in the relevant territory.**
10. **Modifications**
- The terms of the Tender Offer shall have effect subject to such non-material modifications as the Company and JPMorgan Cazenove may from time to time approve in writing. The times and dates referred to in this document may be amended by agreement between the Company and JPMorgan Cazenove.

PART IV

UNITED KINGDOM TAXATION

The following summary of the UK tax treatment of Shareholders who sell Shares pursuant to the Tender Offer (which applies only to persons holding Shares as an investment) is intended as a general guide only and is based on United Kingdom tax law as well as the practice of HMRC at the date of this document. It may not be applicable to certain Shareholders, including insurance companies, dealers in securities and Shareholders who are not beneficial owners of the relevant Shares, such as trustees.

Shareholders who are in any doubt as to their tax position or who may be subject to tax in a jurisdiction other than the UK should consult an appropriate professional adviser. These comments are not exhaustive and do not constitute legal or tax advice.

Taxation of Chargeable Gains

As JPMorgan Cazenove will be making the Tender Offer as principal, a Shareholder who sells Shares to JPMorgan Cazenove pursuant to the Tender Offer should be treated, for the purposes of UK taxation of chargeable gains, in the same way as though he had sold them on market to a third party. A charge to taxation on chargeable gains could therefore arise depending on that Shareholder's particular circumstances (including the availability of any exemptions, reliefs and allowable losses).

A Shareholder who is neither resident nor ordinarily resident for tax purposes in the UK who sells his Shares pursuant to the Tender Offer will not normally be liable for UK taxation on chargeable gains on any gain which is realised. A liability to tax may arise in respect of a gain if such Shareholder (i) carries on a trade in the UK through a branch or agency (or, in the case of a corporate shareholder, a permanent establishment) and the Shares are or have been used, held or acquired for the purposes of such trade, branch, agency or permanent establishment or (ii) is an individual who, in certain circumstances, becomes resident for tax purposes in the United Kingdom during the tax year in which the sale of the Shares occurs.

Section 703 ICTA 1988

Section 703 ICTA 1988 permits HMRC to counteract tax advantages arising from certain transactions in securities. The section does not apply if the relevant Shareholder can show that the transaction or transactions were carried out either for bona fide commercial reasons or in the ordinary course of making or managing investments, and that none of those transactions had as their main object, or one of their main objects, to enable tax advantages to be obtained.

If HMRC apply Section 703 ICTA 1988 to the sale of Shares pursuant to the Tender Offer, then affected Shareholders will be liable to taxation as if all or part of the payment for such Shares constitutes dividend income subject to income tax, rather than a capital gain. Affected Shareholders comprise individuals and certain trustees.

No application has been made to HMRC for clearance that section 703 ICTA 1988 shall not apply to any sale of Shares pursuant to the Tender Offer. Shareholders are, however, advised to take independent professional advice as to the potential application of Section 703 ICTA 1988 in the light of their own particular circumstances.

Stamp duty and stamp duty reserve tax

Shareholders will have no liability to stamp duty or stamp duty reserve tax in respect of the sale of their Shares pursuant to the Tender Offer. Stamp duty (or stamp duty reserve tax) will be payable by the Company at the rate of 0.5 per cent., (rounded up to the nearest £5 in the case of stamp duty) of the aggregate amount payable by the Company in respect of Shares purchased for cancellation from JPMorgan Cazenove.

PART V

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Directors' and other interests

- 1.1 As at 20 November 2008 (this being the latest practicable date prior to the publication of this document), the interests of each Director, all of which are beneficial, in the share capital of the Company were as follows:

<i>Directors</i>	<i>Number of Shares</i>	<i>Percentage of existing issued share capital</i>
Peter Dicks	42,724	0.1%
Barbara Thomas	23,080	0.05%
David Quysner	–	–
Colin Kingsnorth	–	–
Rory Macnamara	–	–

- 1.2 Save as disclosed in sub-paragraph 1.1 of this Part V, none of the Directors, nor any person connected with a Director (within the meaning of section 252 of the Companies Act 2006), has any interest (beneficial or non-beneficial) in the share capital of the Company or any of its subsidiaries.
- 1.3 As at 20 November 2008 (this being the latest practicable date prior to the publication of this document), insofar as has been notified to the Company, the following had interests either directly or indirectly, in 3 per cent. or more of the Company's issued share capital or voting rights:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Number of Shares</i>	<i>Percentage of existing issued share capital</i>
Funds under the discretionary management of Laxey Partners Limited	11,711,304	27.41%
Deutsche Bank AG Tilney Investment Management	7,645,245	17.89%
QVT Fund LP	5,012,444	11.73%
Aviva plc and its subsidiaries	1,652,641	3.87%
The Carrousel Fund	1,450,000	3.39%

- 1.4 As at 20 November 2008 (this being the latest practicable date prior to the publication of this document), there were no outstanding warrants or options to subscribe for Shares.

2. Repurchase Agreement

The Company and JPMorgan Cazenove entered into a repurchase agreement on 20 November 2008 pursuant to which the Company has agreed to purchase from JPMorgan Cazenove, on the London Stock Exchange, such number of Shares as JPMorgan Cazenove shall purchase pursuant to the Tender Offer, at an aggregate price equal to the amount paid by JPMorgan Cazenove for the Shares. JPMorgan Cazenove will terminate the Tender Offer if it receives notice from the Company that, in the Company's reasonable opinion, one or more of the conditions set out in sub-paragraph 2.1 of Part III of this document have not been satisfied.

The Company will, by 3.00 p.m. on 17 December 2008, pay £17,500,000 into an interest bearing segregated client money account, such money to be held in such account by JPMorgan Cazenove as trustee on trust for the Company until actual payment is required to be made by the Company to JPMorgan Cazenove following the closing of the Tender Offer. In acquiring Shares pursuant to valid tenders made in the Tender Offer and in selling such Shares to the Company, JPMorgan Cazenove is acting as principal.

The Repurchase Agreement, which is stated not to create a relationship of agency between JPMorgan Cazenove and the Company, is governed by and construed in accordance with English Law.

3. Consent

JPMorgan Cazenove has given and has not withdrawn its written consent to the inclusion in this document of the references to its name in the form and context in which they are included.

4. Documents available for inspection

Copies of the following documents will be available for inspection during normal business hours on any weekday (Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays excepted) from the date of this document until the completion, termination or lapse of the Tender Offer at the offices of Martineau, 35 New Bridge Street, London EC4V 6BW and at the registered office of the Company:

- the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company as at the date of this document;
- the consent letter from JPMorgan Cazenove referred to in paragraph 3 above;
- the Repurchase Agreement;
- the irrevocable undertaking from Laxey Partners Limited to procure the tender of Shares at least equal to the Basic Entitlement of Shares beneficially owned by certain investment funds advised or managed by it as referred to in Part I of this document and vote in favour of the Resolution; and
- this document.

21 November 2008

DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply throughout this document and the accompanying Tender Form unless the context otherwise requires:

“CA 1985”	the Companies Act 1985;
“CA 2006”	the Companies Act 2006;
“Articles of Association”	the articles of association of the Company;
“Basic Entitlement”	the entitlement of each Shareholder to tender such number of Shares (rounded down to the nearest whole number) as results from multiplying the total number registered in that Shareholder’s name on the Record Date by the Basic Entitlement Percentage;
“Basic Entitlement Percentage”	the percentage which the total number of Shares to which the Tender Offer applies bears to the total number of Shares in issue as at the Record Date;
“Board” or the “Directors”	the board of directors of the Company as at the date of this document (and each a “Director”);
“Business Day”	any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or any other day which is a public holiday in England;
“Calculation Date”	the date on which the Tender Price is calculated, as described in this document (expected to be 11 December 2008);
“Capita Registrars”	a trading name of Capita Registrars Limited, the Company’s registrars;
“certificated” or “in certificated form”	a share or other security which is not in uncertificated form (ie not in CREST);
“Closing Date”	3.00 p.m. (UK time) on 9 December 2008, the date on which the Tender Offer closes, unless extended in accordance with the terms set out in this document;
“Company”	Private Equity Investor PLC;
“Conditions”	the conditions set out in paragraph 2 of Part III of this document;
“CREST”	the relevant system (as defined in the CREST Regulations) in respect of which Euroclear is the Operator (as defined in the CREST Regulations);
“CREST Member”	a person who has been admitted by Euroclear as a system-member (as defined in the CREST Regulations);
“CREST Participant”	a person who is, in relation to CREST, a system-participant (as defined in the CREST Regulations);
“CREST Regulations”	The Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001 (SI 2001/3755);
“CREST Sponsor”	a CREST participant admitted to CREST as a CREST sponsor, being a sponsoring system-participant (as defined in the CREST Regulations);
“CREST Sponsored Member”	a CREST member admitted to CREST as a Sponsored Member;
“Dollar” or “\$”	United States dollars, being the lawful currency of the United States of America;
“EGM” or “Extraordinary General Meeting”	the extraordinary general meeting of Shareholders of the Company convened at 11.30 a.m. on 11 December 2008 at the offices of JPMorgan Cazenove Limited, 20 Moorgate, London EC2R 6DA;
“Escrow Agent”	Capita Registrars (in its capacity as a CREST participant under Participant I.D;RA10);

“Euroclear”	Euroclear UK & Ireland Limited;
“Exit Share”	a Share which has been successfully tendered for purchase pursuant to the terms of the Tender Offer;
“HMRC”	HM Revenue & Customs;
“ICTA 1988”	the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988, as amended;
“ITA 2007”	the Income Tax Act 2007;
“JPMorgan Cazenove”	JPMorgan Cazenove Limited of 20 Moorgate, London EC2R 6DA;
“London Stock Exchange”	London Stock Exchange plc;
“Member Account ID”	the identification code or number attached to any member account in CREST;
“Net Asset Value” or “NAV”	the net asset value of the Company calculated by the Company in accordance with the Company’s accounting policies set out in the last audited annual accounts;
“NAV per Share”	the Net Asset Value divided by the number of Shares in issue;
“Overseas Shareholder”	a Shareholder who is resident in, or a citizen of, a jurisdiction outside the UK;
“Participant ID”	the identification code or membership number used in CREST to identify a particular CREST member or other CREST participant;
“Proxy Form”	the form of proxy accompanying Shareholders’ copies of this document for use by Shareholders in connection with the Extraordinary General Meeting;
“Receiving Agent”	Capita Registrars, in its capacity as receiving agent for the purposes of the Tender Offer;
“Record Date”	close of business (UK time) on 9 December 2008;
“Register”	the register of members of the Company;
“Registrars”	Capita Registrars, in its capacity as registrars to the Company;
“Repurchase Agreement”	the agreement dated 20 November 2008 entered into between the Company and JPMorgan Cazenove for the repurchase by the Company as a market purchase (as defined in CA 1985), on the London Stock Exchange, of the Shares purchased by JPMorgan Cazenove pursuant to the Tender Offer as more fully described in paragraph 2 of Part V of this document;
“Resolution”	the special resolution set out in the notice of the Extraordinary General Meeting;
“Restricted Territory” or “Restricted Territories”	United States, Canada, Australia, Japan, South Africa and the Republic of Ireland;
“Shareholders”	holders of Shares (and each a “Shareholder”);
“Shares”	ordinary shares of 0.01p each in the capital of the Company (and each a “Share”);
“Sterling” or “£”	pounds sterling, being the lawful currency of the UK;
“Tender Costs per Share”	the estimated costs and expenses of the Tender Offer (which are estimated to be £309,913) divided by the total number of Shares in issue;
“Tender Form”	the tender form accompanying Shareholders’ copies of this document for use by Shareholders in connection with the Tender Offer;

“Tender Offer”	the proposed invitation by JPMorgan Cazenove Limited to Shareholders (other than certain Overseas Shareholders) to tender Shares on the terms and subject to the conditions set out in this document and the Tender Form;
“Tender Price”	the price payable for each Share under the Tender Offer, calculated as described in this document;
“TFE Instruction”	a transfer from escrow instruction (as defined in the CREST manual issued by Euroclear);
“TTE Instruction”	a transfer to escrow instruction (as defined in the CREST manual issued by Euroclear);
“uncertificated” or “in uncertificated form”	recorded on the Register as being held in uncertificated form in CREST and title to which, by virtue of the CREST Regulations, may be transferred by means of CREST;
“UK Listing Authority”	the Financial Services Authority, as the competent authority for listing in the United Kingdom under Part VI of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000; and
“United Kingdom” or “UK”	The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Private Equity Investor PLC

(Registered in England and Wales under the Companies Act 1985 with registered number 03912487)

NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that an extraordinary general meeting of Private Equity Investor PLC (the "Company") will be held at the offices of JPMorgan Cazenove Limited, 20 Moorgate, London EC2R 6DA on 11 December 2008 at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolution which will be proposed as a special resolution:

1. That the Company be (within the meaning of section 163(3) of the Companies Act 1985 (the "Act")) generally and unconditionally authorised, in substitution for any existing authority, to make market purchases in accordance with section 166 of the Act of ordinary shares of 0.01p each in the capital of the Company ("Shares" and each a "Share") on such terms and in such manner as the directors of the Company may from time to time determine, provided that:
 - (a) the maximum aggregate number of Shares authorised to be purchased is 10,676,579, being the number representing approximately 24.99 per cent. of the issued capital of the Company as at the date of this notice;
 - (b) the minimum price (exclusive of expenses) which may be paid for a Share is 0.01p (this being the nominal value of the Shares)
 - (c) the maximum price which may be paid for a Share, unless a tender offer is made to all holders of Shares, is an amount equal to the higher of:
 - (i) 105 per cent. of the average of the middle market quotations for a Share as derived from the Daily Official List of the London Stock Exchange for the five business days immediately preceding the day on which the Share is purchased; and
 - (ii) the higher of the price of the last independent trade in the Shares and the highest then current independent bid for the Shares on the London Stock Exchangeand, where a tender offer is made to all holders of Shares, the maximum price which may be paid for a Share is an amount equal to the net asset value per Share at the latest practicable date prior to such purchase, all as determined by the directors of the Company;
 - (d) the authority conferred by this resolution shall lapse at the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company; and
 - (e) the Company may make a contract to purchase Shares under the authority conferred by this resolution before the expiry of the authority which will or may be executed wholly or partly after its expiry and may make a purchase of Shares in pursuance of any such contract.

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By order of the Board

Capita Sinclair Henderson Limited
Company Secretary

21 November 2008

Notes:

- (i) The Company, pursuant to Regulation 41 of the Uncertified Securities Regulations 2001, specifies that only those Shareholders registered in the register of members of the Company as at 11.30 a.m. on 9 December 2008 or, in the event that the meeting is adjourned, in the Register of Members 48 hours before the time of any adjourned meeting, shall be entitled to attend or vote at the Extraordinary General Meeting in respect of the number of shares registered in their name at the relevant time. Changes to entries in the register of members after 11.30 a.m. on 9 December 2008 or, in the event that the meeting is adjourned, in the register of members less than 48 hours before the time of any adjourned meeting, shall be disregarded in determining the rights of any person to attend or vote at the meeting.
- (ii) To be valid the Proxy Form enclosed with Shareholders' copies of this document, together with the power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed or a notarially certified or office copy thereof must

be deposited no less than 48 hours (excluding weekends) prior to the time fixed for the holding of the meeting or any adjournment of the said meeting at the offices of the Company's registrars, Capita Registrars, Proxy department, The Registry, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4TU. A prepaid envelope is enclosed for use in the UK only.

- (iii) Completion and return of the Proxy Form will not prevent you from attending and voting in person at the meeting.
- (iv) A person entitled to receive notice of, attend and vote at the above meeting is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and on a poll, vote in his place. A proxy need not be a member of the Company. You may appoint more than one proxy provided each proxy is appointed to exercise rights attached to different Shares. You may not appoint more than one proxy to exercise rights attached to any one Share. To appoint more than one proxy, you may copy the Proxy Form, clearly stating on each copy the Shares to which the proxy relates, or alternatively to request additional copies of the Proxy Form, contact the Company's registrars, Capita Registrars, on 0871 664 0321 or, if, calling from outside the UK, on +44 208 639 3399. Calls to the Capita Registrars 0871 664 0321 number are charged at 10 pence per minute (including VAT) plus any of your service provider's network extras. Calls to the Capita Registrars +44 208 639 3399 number from outside the UK are charged at applicable international rates. Different charges may apply to calls made from mobile telephones and calls may be recorded and monitored randomly for security and training purposes.
- (v) In accordance with section 325 of the Companies Act 2006, the right to appoint proxies does not apply to persons nominated to receive information rights under section 146 of the Companies Act 2006. Persons nominated to receive information rights under section 146 of the Companies Act 2006 who have been sent a copy of this notice of meeting are hereby informed, in accordance with section 149(2) of the Companies Act 2006, that they may have a right under an agreement with the registered member by whom they were nominated to be appointed, or to have someone else appointed, as a proxy for this meeting. If they have no such right, or do not wish to exercise it, they may have a right under such an agreement to give instructions to the member as to the exercise of voting rights. Nominated persons should contact the registered member by whom they were nominated in respect of these.
- (vi) As at 20 November 2008, the issued Share capital was 42,723,408 Shares. Each Share carries one vote at an extraordinary general meeting of the holders of Shares and, therefore, the total voting rights for the meeting as at 11 December 2008 was 42,723,408.

