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(4) any foreign income dividend election, together with any income tax treated as paid at the lower rate and not repayable.

## **Omission of information**

9.7A.3 FCA



The FCA may authorise the omission of information required by ■ LR 9.7A.1 R or

■ LR 9.7A.2 R if it considers that disclosure of such information would be contrary to the public interest or seriously detrimental to the *listed company*, provided that such omission would not be likely to mislead the public with regard to facts and circumstances, knowledge of which is essential for the assessment of the *shares*.

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#### 9.8 **Annual financial report**

[Note: ■LR 9.8 does not apply to a *listed company* with a financial year ending before 30 September 2013, or to a listed company with a financial year ending on or after 30 September 2013 whose annual financial report has been made public on or before 13 December 2013. As set out in LR TR 11, a listed company with a financial year ending before 30 September 2013, or a listed company with a financial year ending on or after 30 September 2013 whose annual financial report has been made public on or before 13 December 2013, must instead comply with the requirements set out in LR App 2.] [deleted]

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## Information to be included in annual report and accounts

9.8.4 **FCA** 

In addition to the requirements set out in ■ DTR 4.1 a listed company must include in its annual financial report, where applicable, the following:

- (1) a statement of the amount of interest capitalised by the group during the period under review with an indication of the amount and treatment of any related tax relief;
- (2) any information required by LR 9.2.18 R (Publication of unaudited financial information);
- (3) details of any small related party transaction as required by ■ LR 11.1.10 R (2)(c);
- (4) details of any long-term incentive schemes as required by ■ LR 9.4.3 R;
- (5) details of any arrangements under which a *director* of the company has waived or agreed to waive any emoluments from the company or any subsidiary undertaking;

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- (6) where a *director* has agreed to waive future emoluments, details of such waiver together with those relating to emoluments which were waived during the period under review;
- (7) in the case of any allotment for cash of *equity securities* made during the period under review otherwise than to the holders of the *company's equity shares* in proportion to their holdings of such *equity shares* and which has not been specifically authorised by the *company's* shareholders:
  - (a) the classes of shares allotted and for each class of shares, the number allotted, their aggregate nominal value and the consideration received by the company for the allotment;
  - (b) the names of the allottees, if less than six in number, and in the case of six or more allottees a brief generic description of each new class of equity holder (e.g. holder of loan stock);
  - (c) the market price of the allotted *securities* on the date on which the terms of the issue were fixed; and
  - (d) the date on which the terms of the issue were fixed;
- (8) the information required by paragraph (7) must be given for any unlisted *major subsidiary undertaking* of the *company*;
- (9) where a *listed company* has listed shares in issue and is a *subsidiary* undertaking of another company, details of the participation by the parent undertaking in any placing made during the period under review;
- (10) details of any *contract of significance* subsisting during the period under review:
  - (a) to which the *listed company*, or one of its *subsidiary* undertakings, is a party and in which a director of the *listed* company is or was materially interested; and
  - (b) between the *listed company*, or one of its *subsidiary undertakings*, and a controlling shareholder;
- (11) details of any contract for the provision of services to the *listed* company or any of its subsidiary undertakings by a controlling shareholder, subsisting during the period under review, unless:
  - (a) it is a contract for the provision of services which it is the principal business of the shareholder to provide; and
  - (b) it is not a contract of significance;
- (12) details of any arrangement under which a shareholder has waived or agreed to waive any dividends; and

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(13) where a shareholder has agreed to waive future dividends, details of such waiver together with those relating to dividends which are payable during the period under review.

9.8.5 **G FCA** 

A *listed company* need not include with the annual report and accounts details of waivers of dividends of less than 1% of the total value of any dividend provided that some payment has been made on each *share* of the relevant *class* during the relevant calendar year.

#### Additional information

9.8.6 R

In the case of a *listed company* incorporated in the *United Kingdom*, the following additional items must be included in its annual financial report:

- (1) a statement setting out all the interests (in respect of which transactions are notifiable to the company under DTR 3.1.2 R) of each *person* who is a *director* of the *listed company* as at the end of the period under review including:
  - (a) all changes in the interests of each *director* that have occurred between the end of the period under review and a date not more than one month prior to the date of the notice of the annual general meeting; or
  - (b) if there have been no changes in the period described in paragraph (a), a statement that there have been no changes in the interests of each *director*.

Interests of each *director* includes the interests of *connected persons* of which the *listed company* is, or ought upon reasonable enquiry to become, aware.

- (2) a statement showing the interests disclosed to the *listed company* in accordance with DTR 5 as at the end of the period under review and:
  - (a) all interests disclosed to the *listed company* in accordance with DTR 5 that have occurred between the end of the period under review and a date not more than one month prior to the date of the notice of the annual general meeting; or
  - (b) if no interests have been disclosed to the *listed company* in accordance with DTR 5 in the period described in (a), a statement that no changes have been disclosed to the *listed company*.
- (3) a statement made by the *directors* that the business is a going concern, together with supporting assumptions or qualifications as necessary, that has been prepared in accordance with Going Concern and Liquidity Risk: Guidance for Directors of UK

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Companies 2009, published by the Financial Reporting Council in October 2009;

- (4) a statement setting out:
  - (a) details of any shareholders authority for the purchase, by the *listed company* of its own *shares* that is still valid at the end of the period under review;
  - (b) in the case of purchases made otherwise than through the market or by tender to all shareholders, the names of sellers of such *shares* purchased, or proposed to be purchased, by the *listed company* during the period under review;
  - (c) in the case of any purchases made otherwise than through the market or by tender or partial offer to all shareholders, or options or contracts to make such purchases, entered into since the end of the period covered by the report, information equivalent to that required under Part 2 of Schedule 7 to the Large & Medium Sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (SI 2008/410) (Disclosure required by company acquiring its own shares etc); and
  - (d) in the case of sales of treasury shares for cash made otherwise than through the market, or in connection with an employees' share scheme, or otherwise than pursuant to an opportunity which (so far as was practicable) was made available to all holders of the listed company's securities (or to all holders of a relevant class of its securities) on the same terms, particulars of the names of purchasers of such shares sold, or proposed to be sold, by the company during the period under review;
- (5) a statement of how the *listed company* has applied the Main Principles set out in the *UK Corporate Governance Code*, in a manner that would enable shareholders to evaluate how the principles have been applied;
- (6) a statement as to whether the *listed company* has:
  - (a) complied throughout the accounting period with all relevant provisions set out in the *UK Corporate Governance Code*; or
  - (b) not complied throughout the accounting period with all relevant provisions set out in the *UK Corporate Governance Code* and if so, setting out:
    - (i) those provisions, if any it has not complied with;
    - (ii) in the case of provisions whose requirements are of a continuing nature, the period within which, if any, it did not comply with some or all of those provisions; and
    - (iii) the company's reasons for non-compliance; and

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- (7) a report to the shareholders by the Board which contains the information set out in LR 9.8.8 R.
- 9.8.6A G
- (1) The effect of LR 9.8.6 R (1) is that a *listed company* is required to set out a 'snapshot' of the total interests of a *director* and his or her *connected persons*, as at the end of the period under review (including certain information to update it as at a date not more than a month before the date of the notice of the annual general meeting). The interests that need to be set out are limited to those in respect of which transactions fall to be notified under the notification requirement for PDMRs in DTR 3.1.2 R. *Persons* who are *directors* during, but not at the end of, the period under review need not be included.
- (2) A *listed company* unable to compile the statement in LR 9.8.6 R (1) from information already available to it may need to seek the relevant information, or confirmation, from the *director* himself, including that in relation to *connected persons*, but would not be expected to obtain information directly from *connected persons*.
- 9.8.7 R

An overseas company with a premium listing must include in its annual report and accounts the information in ■ LR 9.8.6R (5), ■ LR 9.8.6R (6) and ■ LR 9.8.8 R.

- 9.8.7A R
- (1) An overseas company with a premium listing that is not required to comply with requirements imposed by another EEA State that correspond to DTR 7.2 (Corporate governance statements) must comply with DTR 7.2 as if it were an issuer to which that section applies.
- (2) An overseas company with a premium listing which complies with LR 9.8.7 R will be taken to satisfy the requirements of DTR 7.2.2 R and DTR 7.2.3 R, but (unless it is required to comply with requirements imposed by another EEA State that correspond to DTR 7.2) must comply with all of the other requirements of DTR 7.2 as if it were an issuer to which that section applies.

## Report to shareholders

9.8.8 FCA R

The report to the shareholders by the Board required by LR 9.8.6 R (7) must contain details of the unexpired term of any *director*'s service contract of a *director* proposed for election or re-election at the forthcoming annual general meeting, and, if any *director* proposed for election or re-election does not have a *directors*' service contract, a statement to that effect.

## Information required by law

9.8.9 FCA

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The requirements of  $\blacksquare$  LR 9.8.6R (6) relating to corporate governance are additional to the information required by law to be included in the *listed company's* annual report and accounts.

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## **Auditors report**

9.8.10 FCA A *listed company* must ensure that the auditors review each of the following before the annual report is published:

- (1) LR 9.8.6 R (3) (statement by the directors that the business is a going concern); and
- (2) the parts of the statement required by LR 9.8.6R (6) (corporate governance) that relate to the following provisions of the *UK* Corporate Governance Code:
  - (a) C.1.1;
  - (b) C.2.1; and
  - (c) C.3.1 to C.3.7.

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Strategic report with supplementary information

9.8.13 FCA Any strategic report with supplementary information provided to shareholders by a *listed company* as permitted under section 426 of the Companies Act 2006, must disclose:

- (1) earnings per share; and
- (2) the information required for a strategic report set out in or under the Companies Act 2006 and the supplementary material required under section 426A of the Companies Act 2006.

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# Appendix 2 Annual Financial Report for certain listed companies

### 2.1

## App 2.1.1 FCA

As set out in LR TR 11, a *listed company* with a financial year ending before 30 September 2013, or a *listed company* with a financial year ending on or after 30 September 2013 whose annual financial report has been made public on or before 13 December 2013, must comply with the requirements set out in this appendix in relation to their annual financial report. To assist *listed companies*, this appendix adopts the text of LR 9.8 before this was amended by the Listing Rules (Annual Financial Report) Instrument 2013 in order to cover *listed companies* with a financial year ending before 30 September 2013, and *listed companies* with a financial year ending on or after 30 September 2013 whose annual financial report has been made public on or before 13 December 2013.

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Information to be included in annual report and accounts

- 9.84 R In addition to the requirements set out in DTR 4.1 a *listed company* must include in its annual financial report, where applicable, the following:
  - (1) a statement of the amount of interest capitalised by the *group* during the period under review with an indication of the amount and treatment of any related tax relief;

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- any information required by LR 9.2.18 R (Publication of unaudited financial information);
- (3) details of any small related party transaction as required by LR 11.1.10 R (2)(c);
- (4) details of any long-term incentive schemes as required by LR 9.4.3 R;
- (5) details of any arrangements under which a *director* of the *company* has waived or agreed to waive any emoluments from the *company* or any *subsidiary undertaking*;
- (6) where a *director* has agreed to waive future emoluments, details of such waiver together with those relating to emoluments which were waived during the period under review;
- (7) in the case of any allotment for cash of *equity securities* made during the period under review otherwise than to the holders of the *company's equity shares* in proportion to their holdings of such *equity shares* and which has not been specifically authorised by the *company's* shareholders:
  - (a) the classes of shares allotted and for each class of shares, the number allotted, their aggregate nominal value and the consideration received by the company for the allotment;
  - (b) the names of the allottees, if less than six in number, and in the case of six or more allottees a brief generic description of each new class of equity holder (e.g. holder of loan stock);
  - (c) the market price of the allotted securities on the date on which the terms of the issue were fixed; and
  - (d) the date on which the terms of the issue were fixed;
- (8) the information required by paragraph (7) must be given for any unlisted *major subsidiary undertaking* of the *company*;
- (9) where a *listed company* has listed shares in issue and is a *sub-sidiary undertaking* of another *company*, details of the participation by the *parent undertaking* in any placing made during the period under review;
- (10) details of any *contract of significance* subsisting during the period under review:
  - (a) to which the *listed company*, or one of its subsidiary undertakings, is a party and in which a director of the *listed company* is or was materially interested; and

- (b) between the *listed company*, or one of its subsidiary undertakings, and a controlling shareholder;
- (11) details of any contract for the provision of services to the *listed* company or any of its subsidiary undertakings by a controlling shareholder, subsisting during the period under review, unless:
  - (a) it is a contract for the provision of services which it is the principal business of the shareholder to provide; and
  - (b) it is not a contract of significance;
- (12) details of any arrangement under which a shareholder has waived or agreed to waive any dividends; and
- (13) where a shareholder has agreed to waive future dividends, details of such waiver together with those relating to dividends which are payable during the period under review.
- 9.85 G A *listed company* need not include with the annual report and accounts details of waivers of dividends of less than 1% of the total value of any dividend provided that some payment has been made on each *share* of the relevant *class* during the relevant calendar year.

### Additional information

- 9.86 R In the case of a *listed company* incorporated in the *United Kingdom*, the following additional items must be included in its annual financial report:
  - (1) a statement setting out all the interests (in respect of which transactions are notifiable to the company under DTR 3.1.2 R) of each *person* who is a *director* of the *listed company* as at the end of the period under review including:
    - (a) all changes in the interests of each *director* that have occurred between the end of the period under review and a date not more than one month prior to the date of the notice of the annual general meeting; or
    - (b) if there have been no changes in the period described in paragraph (a), a statement that there have been no changes in the interests of each *director*;

Interests of each *director* include the interests of *connected persons* of which the *listed company* is, or ought upon reasonable enquiry to become, aware.

- (2) a statement showing the interests disclosed to the *listed company* in accordance with DTR 5 as at the end of the period under review and:
  - (a) all interests disclosed to the *listed company* in accordance with DTR 5 that have oc-

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curred between the end of the period under review and a date not more than one month prior to the date of the notice of the annual general meeting; or

- (b) if no interests have been disclosed to the listed company in accordance with DTR 5 in the period described in (a), a statement that no changes have been disclosed to the listed company;
- (3) a statement made by the *directors* that the business is a going concern, together with supporting assumptions or qualifications as necessary, that has been prepared in accordance with Going Concern and Liquidity Risk: Guidance for Directors of UK Companies 2009, published by the Financial Reporting Council in October 2009;
- (4) a statement setting out:

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- (a) details of any shareholders' authority for the purchase, by the *listed company* of its own *shares* that is still valid at the end of the period under review;
- (b) in the case of purchases made otherwise than through the market or by tender to all shareholders, the names of sellers of such *shares* purchased, or proposed to be purchased, by the *listed company* during the period under review;
- in the case of any purchases made otherwise than through the market or by tender or partial offer to all shareholders, or options or contracts to make such purchases, entered into since the end of the period covered by the report, information equivalent to that required under Part 2 of Schedule 7 to the Large & Medium Sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (SI 2008/410) (Disclosure required by company acquiring its own shares etc); and
  - in the case of sales of treasury shares for cash made otherwise than through the market, or in connection with an employees' share scheme, or otherwise than pursuant to an opportunity which (so far as was practicable) was made available to all holders of the listed company's securities (or to all holders of a relevant class of its

securities) on the same terms, particulars of the names of purchasers of such shares sold, or proposed to be sold, by the company during the period under review;

- (5) a statement of how the *listed company* has applied the Main Principles set out in the *UK Corporate Governance Code*, in a manner that would enable shareholders to evaluate how the principles have been applied;
- (6) a statement as to whether the *listed company* has:
  - (a) complied throughout the accounting period with all relevant provisions set out in the *UK Corporate Governance Code*; or
  - (b) not complied throughout the accounting period with all relevant provisions set out in the *UK Corporate Governance Code* and if so, setting out:
    - (i) those provisions, if any it has not complied with;
    - (ii) in the case of provisions whose requirements are of a continuing nature, the period within which, if any, it did not comply with some or all of those provisions;
    - (iii) the *company's* reasons for non-compliance; and

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- (7) a report to the shareholders by the Board which contains all the matters set out in LR 9.8.8 R.
- The effect of LR 9.8.6 R (1) is that a *listed company* is required to set out a 'snapshot' of the total interests of a *director* and his or her *connected persons*, as at the end of the period under review (including certain information to update it as at a date not more than a month before the date of the notice of the annual general meeting). The interests that need to be set out are limited to those in respect of which transactions fall to be notified under the notification requirement for PDMRs in DTR 3.1.2 R. *Persons* who are *directors* during, but not at the end of, the period under review need not be included.
  - (2) A *listed company* unable to compile the statement in LR 9.8.6 R (1) from information already available to it may need to seek the



relevant information, or confirmation, from the *director* himself, including that in relation to *connected persons*, but would not be expected to obtain information directly from *connected persons*.

- 9.8.7 R An overseas company with a premium listing must include in its annual report and accounts the information in LR 9.8.6 R (5), LR 9.8.6 R (6) and LR 9.8.8 R (9).
- An overseas company with a premium listing that is not required to comply with requirements imposed by another *EEA State* that correspond to DTR 7.2 (Corporate governance statements) must comply with DTR 7.2 as if it were an *issuer* to which that section applies.
  - (2) An overseas company with a premium listing which complies with LR 9.8.7 R will be taken to satisfy the requirements of DTR 7.2.2 R and DTR 7.2.3 R, but (unless it is required to comply with requirements imposed by another *EEA State* that correspond to DTR 7.2) must comply with all of the other requirements of DTR 7.2 as if it were an *issuer* to which that section applies.

Report to shareholders

- 9.88 R The report to the shareholders by the Board required by LR 9.8.6 R (7) must contain the following:
  - (1) a statement of the *listed company's* policy on executive *directors'* remuneration;
  - (2) information presented in tabular form, unless inappropriate, together with explanatory notes as necessary on:
    - (a) the amount of each element in the remuneration package for the period under review of each director, by name, including but not restricted to, basic salary and fees, the estimated money value of benefits in kind, annual bonuses, deferred bonuses, compensation for loss of office and payments for breach of contract or other termination payments;
    - (b) the total remuneration for each *director* for the period under review and for the corresponding prior period;
    - (c) any significant payments made to former directors during the period under review; and
    - (d) any share options, including Save-as-youearn options, for each *director*, by name, in accordance with the requirements of the Directors' Remuneration Report Regulations;

- (3) details of any *long-term incentive schemes*, other than share options as required by paragraph (2)(d), including the interests of each *director*, by name, in the *long-term incentive schemes* at the start of the period under review;
- (4) details of any entitlements or awards granted and commitments made to each *director* under any *long-term incentive schemes* during the period, showing which crystallize either in the same year or in subsequent years;
- (5) details of the monetary value and number of *shares*, cash payments or other benefits received by each *director* under any *long-term incentive schemes* during the period;
- (6) details of the interests of each *director* in the *long-term incentive* schemes at the end of the period;
- (7) an explanation and justification of any element of a *director's* remuneration, other than basic salary, which is pensionable;
- (8) details of any *director's* service contract with a notice period in excess of one year or with provisions for pre-determined compensation on termination which exceeds one year's salary and benefits in kind, giving the reasons for such notice period;
- (9) details of the unexpired term of any *directors'* service contract of a *director* proposed for election or re-election at the forthcoming annual general meeting, and, if any *director* proposed for election or re-election does not have a *directors'* service contract, a statement to that effect;
- (10) a statement of the *listed company's* policy on the granting of options or awards under its *employee share scheme* and other *long-term incentive schemes*, explaining and justifying any departure from that policy in the period under review and any change in the policy from the preceding year;
- (11) for *money purchase schemes* details of the contribution or allowance payable or made by the *listed company* in respect of each *director* during the period under review; and
- (12) for defined benefit schemes
  - a) details of the amount of the increase during the period under review (excluding inflation) and of the accumulated total amount at the end of the period in respect of the accrued benefit to which each *director* would be entitled on leaving service or is entitled having left service during the period under review;
  - (b) either:
    - (i) the transfer value (less *director's* contri-

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butions) of the relevant increase in accrued benefit (to be calculated in accordance with regulations 7 to 7E of the Occupational Pension Schemes (Transfer Values) Regulations 1996 but making no deduction for any under-funding) as at the end of the period; or

so much of the following information as is necessary to make a reasonable assessment of the transfer value in respect of each *director*:

- (A) age;
- (B) normal retirement age;
- (C) the amount of any contributions paid or payable by the director under the terms of the scheme during the period under review;
- (D) details of spouses and dependants benefits;
- (E) early retirement rights and options;
- (F) expectations of pension increases after retirement (whether guaranteed or discretionary); and
- (G) discretionary benefits for which allowance is made in transfer values on

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leaving and any other relevant information which will significantly affect the value of the benefits; and

(c) no disclosure of voluntary contributions and benefits.

Information required by law

9.89 G The requirements of LR 9.8.6 R (6) and LR 9.8.8 R relating to corporate governance are additional to the information required by law to be included in the *listed company's* annual report and accounts.

## **Auditors** report

- 9810 R A *listed company* must ensure that the auditors review each of the following before the annual report is published:
  - (1) LR 9.8.6R(3) (statement by the directors that the business is a going concern); and
  - (2) the parts of the statement required by LR 9.8.6 R (6) (corporate governance) that relate to the following provisions of the *UK Corporate Governance Code*:
    - (a) C.1.1;
    - (b) C.2.1; and
    - (c) C.3.1 to C.3.7.
- 9811 R A *listed company* must ensure that the auditors review the following disclosures:
  - (1) LR 9.8.8 R (2) (amount of each element in the remuneration package and information on share options);
  - (2) LR 9.8.8 R (3), LR 9.8.8 R (4) and (5) (details of long term incentive schemes for directors);
  - (3) LR 9.8.8 R (11) (money purchase schemes); and
  - (4) LR 9.8.8 R (12) (defined benefit schemes).
- 9812 R If, in the opinion of the auditors the *listed company* has not complied with any of the requirements set out in LR 9.8.11 R the *listed company* must ensure that the auditors' report includes, to the extent possible, a statement giving details of the non-compliance.

### **Summary financial statements**

- 9813 R Any summary financial statement issued by a *listed company* as permitted under the Companies Act 2006, must disclose:
  - (1) earnings per share; and
  - (2) the information required for summary financial statements set out in or under the Companies Act 2006.



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## **Listing Rules**

LR TR 11 Transitional Provisions in relation to Annual Financial Report

(1) (2) Material to which the transitional provision applies  1. LR 9.8 R (1) LR 9.8 does not apply to a listed company with a financial year ending on or after 30 September 2013.  (2) A listed company with a financial year ending before 30 September 2013.  (2) A listed company with a financial year ending before 30 September 2013.  (2) A listed company with a financial year ending before 30 September 2013.  (2) A listed company with a financial year ending before 30 September 2013.  (2) A listed company with a financial year ending before 30 September 2013, or a listed company with a financial year ending on or after 30 September 2013, or a listed company with a financial year ending on or after 30 September 2013 whose	FCA					
not apply to a listed company with a financial year ending before 30 September 2013, or to a listed company with a financial year ending on or after 30 September 2013 whose annual financial report has been made public on or before 13 December 2013.  (2) A listed company with a financial year ending before 30 September 2013, or a listed company with a financial year ending on or after 30 September 2013, or a listed company with a financial year ending on or after 30 September	(1)	to which the transitional provision ap-	(3)		al provision:	book provision: coming
	1.	LR 9.8	R	not apply to a listed company with a financial year ending before 30 September 2013, or to a listed company with a financial year ending on or after 30 September 2013 whose annual financial report has been made public on or before 13 December 2013.  (2) A listed company with a financial year ending before 30 September 2013, or a listed company with a financial year ending on or after 30 September		

(1)	(2) Material (3 to which the transitional provision ap- plies	3) (4) Transi- tional provi- sion	(5) Transitional provision: dates in force	(6) Hand- book provi- sion: coming into force
		annual financial report has been made public on or before 13 December 2013, must instead comply with the requirements set out in LR App 2.		

## Prospectus Rules

## Appendix 1 Relevant definitions

### 1.1

## App 1.1.1 FCA

Note: The following definitions relevant to the *prospectus rules* are extracted from the *Glossary*.

Act

the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000.

admission to trading admission to trading on a regulated market.

advertisement

(as defined in the PD Regulation) announcements:

- (1) relating to a specific offer to the public of securities or to an admission to trading on a regulated market; and
- (2) aiming to specifically promote the potential subscription or acquisition of securities.

applicant

an applicant for approval of a prospectus or supplementary prospectus relating to transferable securities.

asset backed security (as defined in the PD Regulation) securities which:

- (1) represent an interest in assets, including any rights intended to assure servicing, or the receipt or timeliness of receipts by holders of assets of amounts payable thereunder; or
- (2) are secured by assets and the terms of which provide for payments which relate to payments or reasonable projections of payments calculated by reference to identified or identifiable assets.

base prospectus

a base prospectus referred to in PR 2.2.7 R.

body corporate

(in accordance with section 417(1) of the *Act* (Definitions) any body corporate, including a body corporate constituted under the law of a country or territory outside the *United Kingdom*;

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#### building block

(as defined in the PD Regulation) a list of additional information requirements, not included in one of the schedules, to be added to one or more schedules, as the case may be, depending on the type of instrument and/or transaction for which a prospectus or base prospectus is drawn up.

undertaking other than the closed-end type

collective investment (in PR) (as defined in Article 2.1(0) of the prospectus directive) unit trusts and investment companies:

- **(1)** the object of which is the collective investment of capital provided by the public, and which operate on the principle of risk-spreading;
- **(2)** the units of which are, at the holder's request, repurchased or redeemed, directly or indirectly, out of the assets of these undertakings.

company

any body corporate.

Directive

Consolidated Admis- Directive 2001/34/EC of the European Parliament and of sions and Reporting the Council on the admission of securities to official stock exchange listing and on information to be published on those securities.

credit institution

as defined in article 4(1)(1) of the *EU CRR*.

director

(in accordance with section 417(1)(a) of the Act) a person occupying in relation to it the position of a director (by whatever name called) and, in relation to an issuer which is not a body corporate, a person with corresponding powers and duties.

EEA State

(in accordance with paragraph 8 of Schedule 3 to the Act (EEA Passport Rights)) a State which is a contracting party to the agreement on the European Economic Area signed at Oporto on 2 May 1992, as it has effect for the time being; as at 1 May 2004, the following are the *EEA States*: Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

equity security

(as defined in Article 2.1(b) of the *prospectus directive*) shares and other transferable securities equivalent to shares in companies, as well as any other type of transferable securities giving the right to acquire any of the aforementioned securities as a consequence of their being converted or the rights conferred by them being exercised, provided that securities of the latter type are issued by the issuer of the

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the scope of  $\blacksquare$  DTR 5 relating to the *issuer* making the *open* offer.

- (3) For the purposes of (2) a client-serving intermediary is a *person* satisfying the following conditions:
  - (a) (i) it is authorised by its *Home State* under *MiFID* or the *CRD*, or, subject to (iii), as a *third country investment firm*, to deal as principal, in a client-serving capacity, in *financial instruments* falling within (1)(b), and to carry on any relevant business connected to such dealing; or
    - (ii) (A) it is a *person* which would be an *investment firm* or *credit institution* if it carried on relevant business, and had its head office, in the *EEA*;
      - (B) it is in the same group as a person in (a)(i); and
      - (C) it has equivalent authorisation from its home state regulator to that set out in (a)(i); and
    - (iii) references to a *third country investment firm* in (i) are limited to relevant business carried on by such *firms* which is subject to regulatory supervision under the laws of an *EEA State*;
  - (b) it has appropriate systems and controls in order to identify, distinguish between and monitor its client-serving dealings and interests and its proprietary trading dealing and interests;
  - (c) when acting in a client-serving capacity it does not:
    - (i) intervene, nor does it attempt to intervene, in;
    - (ii) exert, nor purport to exert, influence on;

the management of the issuer concerned;

- (d) (i) it has certified in writing to the FCA that it considers itself to qualify for client-serving intermediary status and that it satisfies the conditions in (a) to (c);
  - (ii) for a *person* falling into (a)(ii)(A) a further certification in writing to the FCA of the matters in (d)(i) must have been made in relation to that *person* by the *person* in its *group* falling into (a)(i), and
  - (iii) the certificates in (i) and (ii) must have been:
    - (A) signed by a relevant *person* of at least *director* level; and



- (B) made and sent to the FCA in the preceding 12 month period.
- (4) A client-serving intermediary must:
  - (a) inform the FCA as soon as it becomes aware that it no longer satisfies the conditions in (3); and
  - (b) provide the FCA, on request, with information relevant to its status or operation as a client-serving intermediary.
- (5) For the purposes of (2) and (3), acting in a client-serving capacity means:
  - (a) fulfilling orders received from *clients* otherwise than on a proprietary basis;
  - (b) responding to a *client*'s requests to trade otherwise than on a proprietary basis; or
  - (c) hedging positions arising out of dealings in (a) or (b).

5.3.1A **G FCA** 

If the exemption in DTR 5.3.1R (2A) is not available in relation to any of the nil-paid rights, the *person* receiving them should aggregate the voting rights attached to the *shares* to be allotted under any nil-paid rights retained or to the *shares* offered which he chooses to purchase under the *open offer*, as the case may be, with all existing holdings in the *issuer*, in order to calculate whether a new disclosure is required in accordance with relevant thresholds in DTR 5.1.2 R.

5.3.2 R

FCA

For the purposes of  $\blacksquare$  DTR 5.3.1 R (1)(a):

- (1) transferable securities and options, futures, swaps, forward rate agreements and any other derivative contracts, as referred to in Section C of Annex 1 of MiFID, shall be considered to be qualifying financial instruments provided that they result in an entitlement to acquire, on the holder's own initiative alone, under a formal agreement, shares to which voting rights are attached, already issued of an issuer whose shares are admitted to trading on a regulated market or a UK prescribed market;
- (2) the *instrument* holder must enjoy, on maturity, either the unconditional right to acquire the underlying *shares* or the discretion as to his right to acquire such *shares* or not;
- (3) a "formal agreement" means an agreement which is binding under applicable law.

[Note: Article 13(1) of the TD and Article 11(1) of the TD implementing Directive]

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