

THE TAKEOVER PANEL

**VALUEDALE PLC ("VALUEDALE")
OFFER FOR
SIMON ENGINEERING PLC ("SIMON")**

Offer timetable extended

Rule 31.9 of the Code requires that all significant information should be published by an offeree company by the 39th day following the publication of the offer document. Normally, therefore, the last day for publication by Simon of important new information in the context of the offer by Valuedale would be today, 2 January 1987. However, at present the decision whether the offer will be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission has yet to be announced.

In these circumstances the Panel, with the agreement of Valuedale and Simon, has ruled that "day 39" will be deemed to be two days after the announcement of that decision.

"Day 46" (the last date for posting a revised offer) and "day 60" (the date by which an offer must become unconditional as to acceptances) will also be extended by the same number of days. The next expiry date of the offer and the date from which withdrawals of acceptances are permitted will not be affected by this extension.

2 January 1987