

THE TAKEOVER PANEL

OFFERS BY
BURLINGTON BISCUITS PLC ("BURLINGTON")
AND
FINALREALM LIMITED ("FINALREALM")
FOR
UNITED BISCUITS (HOLDINGS) PLC ("UNITED BISCUITS")

Offer Timetable Restarted

Further to the announcement by the Panel Executive of 29 February 2000 suspending the offer timetable for United Biscuits, the Panel Executive confirms that the timetable is to restart. "Day 46" (being the last day for posting a revised offer) will be Wednesday 22 March 2000 and "Day 60" (the last day for an offer to become unconditional as to acceptances) will be Wednesday 5 April 2000.

20 March 2000