

THE TAKEOVER PANEL

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES PLC ("DOBBIES")

TESCO HOLDINGS LIMITED

WEST COAST CAPITAL (LIOS) LTD ("WCC")

On 14 June 2007, WCC issued an announcement confirming, inter alia, that it was considering a possible offer for Dobbies.

The Panel Executive has ruled that WCC must clarify this statement, for the purposes of Note 1 on Rule 19.3, by 5:00 pm on Thursday 9 August by announcing either a firm intention to make an offer for Dobbies under Rule 2.5 of the Code or announcing that it will not proceed with an offer for Dobbies. No extension to this deadline will be granted, except with the consent of the Panel Executive. In the event WCC announces that it will not proceed with an offer for Dobbies, WCC and any person acting in concert with it will, except with the consent of the Panel Executive, be bound by the restrictions contained in Rule 2.8 of the Code for six months from the date of such announcement.

All parties have accepted this ruling.

6 August 2007