

# THE TAKEOVER PANEL

## **HARTEST HOLDINGS PLC**

**(“HARTEST”)**

## **DELTA CONTROLS LIMITED**

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On 23 November 2009, the Panel Executive announced that it had ruled that Delta Controls must, by 1.00pm on 31 December 2009, either announce a firm intention to make an offer for Hartest under Rule 2.5 of the Code or announce that it does not intend to make an offer for Hartest.

Following representations made by the advisers to Hartest, and having consulted with the advisers to Delta Controls, the Panel Executive has ruled that the deadline by which Delta Controls must either announce a firm intention to make an offer for Hartest under Rule 2.5 of the Code or announce that it does not intend to make an offer for Hartest should be extended to 5.00pm on Monday, 1 February 2010. No extension to the revised deadline will be granted, except with the consent of the Panel Executive.

In the event that Delta Controls announces that it does not intend to make an offer for Hartest, Delta Controls and any person(s) 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.

Each of the parties has accepted this ruling.

31 December 2009