

PUBLIC OPENING POSITION DISCLOSURE BY A PARTY TO AN OFFER
Rules 8.1 and 8.2 of the Takeover Code (the "Code")

1. KEY INFORMATION

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| (a) Identity of the party to the offer making the disclosure: | Petards Group plc |
| (b) Owner or controller of interests and short positions disclosed, if different from 1(a): <i>The naming of nominee or vehicle companies is insufficient</i> | |
| (c) Name of offeror/offeree in relation to whose relevant securities this form relates: <i>Use a separate form for each party to the offer</i> | Petards Group plc |
| (d) Is the party to the offer making the disclosure the offeror or the offeree? | OFFEREE |
| (e) Date position held: | 27 September 2012 |
| (f) Has the party previously disclosed, or is it today disclosing, under the Code in respect of any other party to this offer? | No |

2. POSITIONS OF THE PARTY TO THE OFFER MAKING THE DISCLOSURE

- (a) Interests and short positions in the relevant securities of the offeror or offeree to which the disclosure relates**

| Class of relevant security: | Petards Group ordinary shares of 1p each | | | |
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| | Interests | | Short positions | |
| | Number | % | Number | % |
| (1) Relevant securities owned and/or controlled: | - | | - | |
| (2) Derivatives (other than options): | - | | - | |
| (3) Options and agreements to purchase/sell: | - | | - | |
| TOTAL: | - | | - | |

All interests and all short positions should be disclosed.

Details of any open derivative or option positions, or agreements to purchase or sell relevant securities, should be given on a Supplemental Form 8 (Open Positions).

Details of any securities borrowing and lending positions or financial collateral arrangements should be disclosed on a Supplemental Form 8 (SBL).

- (b) Rights to subscribe for new securities**

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| Class of relevant security in relation to which subscription right exists: | - |
| Details, including nature of the rights concerned and relevant percentages: | - |

If there are positions or rights to subscribe to disclose in more than one class of relevant securities of the offeror or offeree named in 1(c), copy table 2(a) or (b) (as appropriate) for each additional class of relevant security.

(c) Irrevocable commitments and letters of intent

Details of any irrevocable commitments or letters of intent procured by the party to the offer making the disclosure or any person acting in concert with it (see Note 3 on Rule 2.11 of the Code):

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3. POSITIONS OF PERSONS ACTING IN CONCERT WITH THE PARTY TO THE OFFER MAKING THE DISCLOSURE

Details of any interests, short positions and rights to subscribe of any person acting in concert with the party to the offer making the disclosure:

The interests of the directors of Petards Group plc in the ordinary shares of 1p each ("Ordinary Shares") are as follows:

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| Tim Wightman | 103,600 (1.63%) |
| Bill Conn | 30,000 (0.47%) |

Andy Wonnacott has an interest in options over a total of 95,900 new Ordinary Shares. Further details are as follows:

- 46,100 options exercisable at 160p between 7 March 2008 and 6 March 2015
- 19,800 options exercisable at 100p between 17 January 2009 and 16 January 2016
- 30,000 options exercisable at 100p between 27 July 2009 and 26 March 2015

WH Ireland (connected adviser to offeree) has an interest in 5,000 (0.08%) Ordinary Shares held on behalf of discretionary clients.

If there are positions or rights to subscribe to disclose in more than one class of relevant securities of the offeror or offeree named in 1(c), copy table 3 for each additional class of relevant security.

Details of any open derivative or option positions, or agreements to purchase or sell relevant securities, should be given on a Supplemental Form 8 (Open Positions).

Details of any securities borrowing and lending positions or financial collateral arrangements should be disclosed on a Supplemental Form 8 (SBL).

4. OTHER INFORMATION

(a) Indemnity and other dealing arrangements

Details of any indemnity or option arrangement, or any agreement or understanding, formal or informal, relating to relevant securities which may be an inducement to deal or refrain from dealing entered into by the party to the offer making the disclosure or any person acting in concert with it:

If there are no such agreements, arrangements or understandings, state "none"

None

(b) Agreements, arrangements or understandings relating to options or derivatives

Details of any agreement, arrangement or understanding, formal or informal, between the party to the offer making the disclosure, or any person acting in concert with it, and any other person relating to:

- (i) the voting rights of any relevant securities under any option; or
(ii) the voting rights or future acquisition or disposal of any relevant securities to which any derivative is referenced:**

If there are no such agreements, arrangements or understandings, state "none"

None

(c) Attachments

Are any Supplemental Forms attached?

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| Supplemental Form 8 (Open Positions) | NO |
| Supplemental Form 8 (SBL) | NO |

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| Date of disclosure: | 28/09/12 |
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Public disclosures under Rule 8 of the Code must be made to a Regulatory Information Service and must also be emailed to the Takeover Panel at monitoring@disclosure.org.uk. The Panel's Market Surveillance Unit is available for consultation in relation to the Code's dealing disclosure requirements on +44 (0)20 7638 0129.

The Code can be viewed on the Panel's website at www.thetakeoverpanel.org.uk.