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Bank of America Merrill Lynch

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FORM 8.5 (EPT/RI)

PUBLIC DEALING DISCLOSURE BY AN EXEMPT PRINCIPAL TRADER WITH RECOGNISED INTERMEDIARY STATUS DEALING IN A CLIENT-SERVING CAPACITY Rule 8.5 of the Takeover Code (the "Code")

KEY INFORMATION 1.

(a) N	lame of exempt principal trader:	Bank of America Merrill Lynch		
(b) re	lame of offeror/offeree in relation to whose elevant securities this form relates: Ise a separate form for each offeror/offeree	Shawbrook Group PLC		
(c) N	lame of the party to the offer with which exempt rincipal trader is connected:	Shawbrook Group PLC		
(d) D	ate dealing undertaken:	23/03/2017		
(e) e:	n addition to the company in 1(b) above, is the exempt principal trader making disclosures in espect of any other party to this offer? If it is a cash offer or possible cash offer, state "N/A"	NO		

2. **DEALINGS BY THE EXEMPT PRINCIPAL TRADER**

Where there have been dealings in more than one class of relevant securities of the offeror or offeree named in 1(b), copy table 2(a), (b), (c) or (d) (as appropriate) for each additional of relevant security dealt in.

The currency of all prices and other monetary amounts should be stated.

Purchases and sales (a)

Class of relevant security	Purchases/ sales	Total number of securities	Highest price per unit paid/received	Lowest price per unit paid/received
Common - ISIN GB00BWDPMF43	Purchase	40,700	3.091 GBP	3 GBP
Common - ISIN GB00BWDPMF43	Sale	55,759	3.112 GBP	3.013 GBP

(b) **Cash-settled derivative transactions**

Class of relevant security	Product description e.g. CFD	Nature of dealing e.g. opening/closing a long/short position, increasing/reducing a long/short position	Number of reference securities	Price per unit
Common - ISIN GB00BWDPMF43	Swaps	Long	1,855	3.069 GBP
Common - ISIN	Swaps	Long	3,017	3.069

GB00BWDPMF43				GBP
Common - ISIN GB00BWDPMF43	Swaps	Short	3,525	3.06 GBP
Common - ISIN GB00BWDPMF43	Swaps	Long	543	3.045 GBP
Common - ISIN GB00BWDPMF43	Swaps	Short	6,466	3.073 GBP
Common - ISIN GB00BWDPMF43	Swaps	Long	3,525	3.072 GBP
Common - ISIN GB00BWDPMF43	Swaps	Long	5,923	3.072 GBP
Common - ISIN GB00BWDPMF43	Swaps	Long	6,425	3.073 GBP
Common - ISIN GB00BWDPMF43	Swaps	Long	2,148	3.07 GBP
Common - ISIN GB00BWDPMF43	Swaps	Long	2,645	3.022 GBP
Common - ISIN GB00BWDPMF43	Swaps	Short	100	3.079 GBP
Common - ISIN GB00BWDPMF43	Swaps	Short	900	3.079 GBP
Common - ISIN GB00BWDPMF43	Swaps	Short	2,200	3.079 GBP
Common - ISIN GB00BWDPMF43	Swaps	Long	265	3.068 GBP
Common - ISIN GB00BWDPMF43	Swaps	Long	2,466	3.068 GBP
Common - ISIN GB00BWDPMF43	Swaps	Short	564	3.09 GBP
Common - ISIN GB00BWDPMF43	Swaps	Short	18	3 GBP
Common - ISIN GB00BWDPMF43	Swaps	Long	18	3.013 GBP

(c) Stock-settled derivative transactions (including options)

(i) Writing, selling, purchasing or varying

Class of relevant security	Product description e.g. call option	Writing, purchasing, selling, varying etc.	Number of securities to which option relates	Exercise price per unit	Type e.g. American, European etc.	Expiry date	Option money paid/ received per unit
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(ii) Exercise

Class of relevant security	Product description e.g. call option	Exercising/ exercised against	Number of securities	Exercise Price per unit
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(d) Other dealings (including subscribing for new securities)

Class of relevant security			Price per unit (if applicable)

	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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3. OTHER INFORMATION

Indemnity and other dealing arrangements (a)

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 exempt principal trader making the disclosure and any party to the offer or any person acting in concert with a party to the offer: Irrevocable commitments and letters of intent should not be included. 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 exempt principal trader making the disclosure 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

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Public disclosures under Rule 8 of the Code must be made to a Regulatory Information Service.

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 <u>www.thetakeoverpanel.org.uk</u>.

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