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F. van Lanschot Bankiers N.V.
Attn. Mr S.T. Elemans
P.O. Box 1021
5200 HC DEN BOSCH

Re:
Declaration of De Nederlandsche Bank NV

Dear Mr Elemans,

The undersigned, De Nederlandsche Bank NV (DNB), for the present purposes represented by Mr E.W.R. Weerdenburg (Examining Officer) and Ms M.L. Hemmes (Examining Officer) of the Supervision Banks and Other Financial Institutions Division - Banks 2 Department, declares at the request of F. van Lanschot Bankiers N.V. of 5 January 2006 that:

1. pursuant to the Act on the Supervision of the Credit System 1992 DNB, being the central bank of the Netherlands, has been charged with the supervision of the banking system in the Netherlands;
2. F. van Lanschot Bankiers N.V. is a registered credit institution;
3. F. van Lanschot Bankiers N.V. is a legal entity under Dutch law;
4. F. van Lanschot Bankiers N.V. is a credit institution within the meaning of Directive 2000/12/EC¹ relating to the taking up and pursuit of the business of credit institutions;
5. F. van Lanschot Bankiers N.V. has been granted authorisation in the Netherlands to engage in universal banking business;
6. F. van Lanschot Bankiers N.V. is subject to the provisions of the Act on the Supervision of the Credit System 1992, which include an obligation to comply with the solvency and liquidity directives as laid down by DNB;
7. all other data about F. van Lanschot Bankiers N.V. obtained during the supervision exercised at this institution pursuant to the Act on the Supervision of the Credit System 1992 shall come within the operation of the secrecy clause set forth under Section 64 of this Act. Pursuant to the said Act, these data shall not be disclosed.

¹ Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 March 2000.

De Nederlandsche Bank

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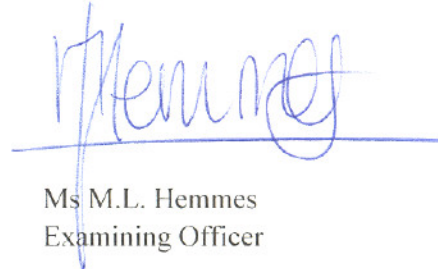
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We trust that the above information satisfies your requirements.

Yours sincerely,
De Nederlandsche Bank NV



E.W.R. Weerdenburg
Examining Officer



Ms M.L. Hemmes
Examining Officer