

AIM SCHEDULE 1 – PRE-ADMISSION ANNOUNCEMENT

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ANNOUNCEMENT TO BE MADE BY THE AIM APPLICANT PRIOR TO ADMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH AIM RULE 2	
ALL APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:	
COMPANY NAME:	F W THORPE PLC
COMPANY ADDRESS:	Merse Road, North Moons Moat, Redditch, Worcestershire.
COMPANY POSTCODE:	B98 9HH
COUNTRY OF INCORPORATION:	England
COMPANY BUSINESS OR, IN THE CASE OF AN INVESTING COMPANY, DETAILS OF ITS INVESTMENT STRATEGY TO BE DISCLOSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SCHEDULE 2, PARAGRAPH (J) OF THE AIM RULES:	The main activity of the Group is the design and manufacture of industrial and commercial lighting equipment.
DETAILS OF SECURITIES TO BE ADMITTED (i.e. where known, number of shares, nominal value and issue price to which it seeks admission and the number and type to be held as treasury shares):	11,878,076 Ordinary shares of 10 pence each
CAPITAL TO BE RAISED ON ADMISSION:	Nil
FULL NAMES AND FUNCTIONS OF DIRECTORS AND PROPOSED DIRECTORS:	Andrew Battersby Thorpe (<i>Chairman and Joint Chief Executive</i>) Peter Dennington Mason (<i>Finance Director and Joint Chief Executive</i>) Michael Allcock (<i>Technical Director & Managing Director of Thorlux Lighting division</i>) David Anthony Dimeloe (<i>Director & Managing Director of subsidiary Mackwell Electronics Limited</i>) David Michael Lippold (<i>Director & Managing Director of subsidiary Compact Lighting Limited</i>) Colin Michael Brangwin (<i>Non Executive Director</i>) Ian Anthony Thorpe (<i>Non Executive Director</i>)
PERSON(S) INTERESTED IN 3% OR MORE OF THE ISSUER'S CAPITAL, EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE ISSUED SHARE CAPITAL BEFORE AND AFTER ADMISSION:	Persons interested before and after admission: Discretionary Unit Fund Managers Limited 3.1% Rights and Issues Trust Plc 4.2% E G Thorpe 5.6%
NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ALL PERSONS TO BE DISCLOSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SCHEDULE 2, PARAGRAPH (H) OF THE AIM RULES:	None
ANTICIPATED ACCOUNTING REFERENCE DATE:	30 June
EXPECTED ADMISSION DATE:	6 January 2006

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NOMINATED ADVISER:
Brewin Dolphin Securities Limited Edmund House, 12 – 22 Newhall Street, Birmingham, W.Midlands. B3 3DB
NAME AND ADDRESS OF BROKER:
Fyshe Horton Finney Charles House, 148 – 149 Great Charles Street, Birmingham, W.Midlands. B3 3HT
DETAILS OF WHERE (POSTAL OR INTERNET ADDRESS) THE ADMISSION DOCUMENT WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM, WITH A STATEMENT THAT THIS WILL CONTAIN FULL DETAILS ABOUT THE APPLICANT AND THE ADMISSION OF ITS SECURITIES:
N/A
DATE OF NOTIFICATION:
2 December 2005
NEW/ UPDATE (see note):
New
QUOTED APPLICANTS MUST ALSO COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:
THE NAME OF THE AIM DESIGNATED MARKET UPON WHICH THE APPLICANT'S SECURITIES HAVE BEEN TRADED:
London Stock Exchange
THE DATE FROM WHICH THE APPLICANT'S SECURITIES HAVE BEEN SO TRADED:
17 March 1965
CONFIRMATION THAT, FOLLOWING DUE AND CAREFUL ENQUIRY, THE APPLICANT HAS ADHERED TO ANY LEGAL AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS INVOLVED IN HAVING ITS SECURITIES TRADED UPON SUCH A MARKET:
The Directors confirm that after due and careful enquiry, the Company has adhered to all of its legal and regulatory requirements in relation to the trading of its shares on the Official List of the UK Listing Authority
AN ADDRESS OR WEB-SITE ADDRESS WHERE ANY DOCUMENTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS WHICH THE APPLICANT HAS MADE PUBLIC OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS (IN CONSEQUENCE OF HAVING ITS SECURITIES SO TRADED) ARE AVAILABLE:
www.fwthorpe.co.uk
DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT'S STRATEGY FOLLOWING ADMISSION INCLUDING, IN THE CASE OF AN INVESTING COMPANY, DETAILS OF ITS INVESTMENT STRATEGY:
The Directors, following admission, intend to continue to drive the business forward through the further development of its products and services to its' customers.
A DESCRIPTION OF ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN FINANCIAL OR TRADING POSITION OF THE APPLICANT, WHICH HAS OCCURRED SINCE THE END OF THE LAST FINANCIAL PERIOD FOR WHICH AUDITED STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED:
There have been no significant change to its financial or trading position since 30 June 2005, the dated of the last audited accounts of the Group.
A STATEMENT THAT THE DIRECTORS OF THE APPLICANT HAVE NO REASON TO

BELIEVE THAT THE WORKING CAPITAL AVAILABLE TO IT OF ITS GROUP WILL BE INSUFFICIENT FOR AT LEAST TWELVE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF ITS ADMISSION:
The Directors have no reason to believe that the Company will have insufficient working capital for at least twelve months following admission
DETAILS OF ANY LOCK-IN ARRANGEMENTS PURSUANT TO RULE 7 OF THE AIM RULES:
None
A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SETTLING THE APPLICANT'S SECURITIES:
Trades in the Company's shares are settled through CREST.
A WEBSITE ADDRESS DETAILING THE RIGHTS ATTACHING TO THE APPLICANT'S SECURITIES:
www.fwthorpe.co.uk
INFORMATION EQUIVALENT TO THAT REQUIRED FOR AN ADMISSION DOCUMENT WHICH IS NOT CURRENTLY PUBLIC:
None
A WEBSITE ADDRESS OF A PAGE CONTAINING THE APPLICANT'S LATEST ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS WHICH MUST HAVE A FINANCIAL YEAR END NOT MORE THEN NINE MONTHS PRIOR TO ADMISSION AND FULLY AUDITED INTERIM RESULTS WHERE APPLICABLE. THE ACCOUNTS MUST BE PREPARED ACCORDING TO UK OR US GAAP OR INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS:
www.fwthorpe.co.uk
THE NUMBER OF EACH CLASS OF SECURITIES HELD IN TREASURY:
None

Note: THIS FIELD SHOULD INDICATE THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT IS 'NEW' AND ALL RELEVANT FIELDS SHOULD BE COMPLETED. OTHERWISE WHERE THE FORM IS REQUIRED TO BE COMPLETED IN RESPECT OF AN 'UPDATE' ANNOUNCEMENT, THIS SHOULD BE INDICATED. IN SUCH CASES, ALL THE ORIGINAL INFORMATION SHOULD BE INCLUDED WITH ANY AMENDED FIELDS **EMBOLDENED**.