

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:
Applied Optical Technologies plc
COMPANY ADDRESS:
40 Phoenix Road Crowther District 3 Washington Tyne & Wear
COMPANY POSTCODE:
NE38 0AD
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:
Applied Optical technologies plc is a leading supplier of anti-counterfeiting technologies and services for currency, ID documents and brand protection applications. It is a leading designer and manufacturer of complex optically-variable devices and is a major supplier of these and other security products for use on commercial and government products.
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):
53,377,008 ordinary shares of 5p each
CAPITAL TO BE RAISED ON ADMISSION:
None
FULL NAMES AND FUNCTIONS OF DIRECTORS AND PROPOSED DIRECTORS:
Mark Turnage, Chief Executive, 1,216,876 shares, 2.28% Michael Angus, Finance Director, 203,922 shares, 0.38% Richard Povey, Non-Executive Director, 100,000 shares, 0.19% David Mahony, Non-Executive Chairman, 302,527 shares, 0.57%
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:
Newton Investment Management Ltd., 8,506,060, 15.9% Herald Investment Trust Ltd., 4,445,824, 8.3% Mellon Nominees UK Ltd., 3,928,336, 6.2% EBC Asset Management Ltd., 2,442,212, 4.6% The AH LTIP Trustee Company Ltd., 2,337,333, 4.4% Crane & Co. Inc., 2,282,590, 4.3%

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:
31 March
EXPECTED ADMISSION DATE:
16 December
NAME AND ADDRESS OF NOMINATED ADVISER:
Brewin Dolphin Securities Ltd, 34 Lisbon Street, Leeds LS1 4LX
NAME AND ADDRESS OF BROKER:
Brewin Dolphin Securities Ltd, 34 Lisbon Street, Leeds LS1 4LX
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:
17 November 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:
Official List
THE DATE FROM WHICH THE APPLICANT'S SECURITIES HAVE BEEN SO TRADED:
29 August 1995
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 of Applied Optical Technologies plc confirm that, following due and careful enquiry, the Company has adhered to the legal and regulatory requirements involved in having its securities traded on the Official List
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.aotgroup.com
DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT'S STRATEGY FOLLOWING ADMISSION INCLUDING, IN THE CASE OF AN INVESTING COMPANY, DETAILS OF ITS INVESTMENT STRATEGY:
The Group will continue to build its businesses organically in both the US and the UK. The European business was substantially restructured in 2004 and the benefits are being seen operationally in 2005. The Group will look at acquisitions where these complement existing research & development, add to the portfolio of technologies, strengthen geographical coverage or give access to new areas of the security sector.

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 has been no significant change in financial or trading position of the Company, which has occurred since 31 March 2005, being the end of the last financial period for audited financial statements have been published.
A STATEMENT THAT THE DIRECTORS OF THE APPLICANT HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE WORKING CAPITAL AVAILABLE TO IT OR ITS GROUP WILL BE INSUFFICIENT FOR AT LEAST TWELVE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF ITS ADMISSION:
The Directors of Applied Optical Technologies plc have no reason to believe that the working capital available to it or its group will be insufficient for at least twelve months from the date of its 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:
SEAQ/CREST
A WEBSITE ADDRESS DETAILING THE RIGHTS ATTACHING TO THE APPLICANT'S SECURITIES:
www.aotgroup.com
INFORMATION EQUIVALENT TO THAT REQUIRED FOR AN ADMISSION DOCUMENT WHICH IS NOT CURRENTLY PUBLIC:
Additional information may be found at www.aotgroup.com .
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.aotgroup.com
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**.