

Notes

The Notes on Form 38.5 can be viewed on the Takeover Panel's website at www.thetakeoverpanel.org.uk

38.5

FORM

DEALINGS BY CONNECTED EXEMPT PRINCIPAL TRADERS

(Rule 38.5 of the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers)

1. KEY INFORMATION

Name of exempt principal trader	HSBC Bank Plc
Company dealt in	Communis Plc
Class of relevant security to which the dealings being disclosed relate (Note 1)	Ordinary Shares

Date of dealing	24th November 2005
-----------------	--------------------

2. DEALINGS (Note 2)

(a) Purchases and sales

Total number of securities purchased	Highest price paid (Note 3)	Lowest price paid (Note 3)
--------------------------------------	-----------------------------	----------------------------

1,563	87p	86p
-------	-----	-----

Total number of securities sold	Highest price received (Note 3)	Lowest price received (Note 3)
---------------------------------	---------------------------------	--------------------------------

4,563	87p	87p
-------	-----	-----

(b) Derivatives transactions (other than options)

Product name,	Long/short (Note 4)	Number of securities (Note 5)	Price per unit (Note 3)
---------------	---------------------	-------------------------------	-------------------------

e.g. CFD

(c) Options transactions in respect of existing securities

(i) Writing, selling, purchasing or varying

Product name,	Writing, selling, purchasing, varying etc.	Number of securities to which the option relates (Note 5)	Exercise price	Type, e.g. American, European etc.	Expiry date	Option money paid/received per unit (Note 3)
e.g. call option						

(ii) Exercising

Product name, e.g. call option	Number of securities	Exercise price per unit (Note 3)
--------------------------------	----------------------	----------------------------------

3. OTHER INFORMATION

Agreements, arrangements or understandings relating to options or derivatives

Full details of any agreement, arrangement or understanding between the person disclosing and any other person relating to the voting rights of any relevant securities under any option referred to on this form or relating to the voting rights or future acquisition or disposal of any relevant securities to which any derivative referred to on this form is referenced. If none, this should be stated.

None.

Date of disclosure	25th November 2005
--------------------	--------------------

Contact name	Edward Hodge
--------------	--------------

Telephone number	0207 991 6661
------------------	---------------

Name of offeree/offeree with which connected	Communis Plc
Nature of connection (Note 6)	Connected Advisor

Notes

The Notes on Form 38.5 can be viewed on the Takeover Panel's website at www.thetakeoverpanel.org.uk

