

THE TAKEOVER PANEL

OFFERS BY
BURLINGTON BISCUITS PLC ("BURLINGTON")
AND
FINALREALM LIMITED ("FINALREALM")
FOR
UNITED BISCUITS (HOLDINGS) PLC ("UNITED BISCUITS")

Offer Timetable Suspended

At the request of Burlington and Finalrealm, and with the consent of United Biscuits, the Panel Executive has suspended the offer timetable pending further discussions between the parties as referred to in the joint announcement by Burlington and Finalrealm regarding a possible combination of their offers for United Biscuits. "Day 46" (being the last day for posting a revised offer, which day would otherwise have been today, Tuesday 29 February 2000) will be the date two business days after it is confirmed by the Panel Executive that the timetable is to restart and "Day 60" (the last day for the offer to become unconditional as to acceptances) will be re-set accordingly.

29 February 2000