

THE TAKEOVER PANEL

DE LA RUE PLC ("DE LA RUE")

FRANÇOIS-CHARLES OBERTHUR FIDUCIAIRE S.A. ("OBERTHUR")

Following recent representations made by the advisers to De La Rue, the Panel Executive has been considering the application of Rule 2.4(b) of the Code to the announcement made by Oberthur, on 6 December 2010, in which it confirmed that it had made an approach that may lead to an offer for De La Rue.

Following discussions with both parties' advisers, the Panel Executive has ruled that, unless the Panel Executive consents otherwise, Oberthur must, by 5.00 p.m. on 7 February 2011, either announce a firm intention to make an offer for De La Rue under Rule 2.5 of the Code or announce that it does not intend to make an offer for De La Rue. In the event that Oberthur announces that it does not intend to make an offer for De La Rue, Oberthur and any person(s) acting in concert with it will, except with the consent of the Panel Executive, be bound by the restrictions contained in Rule 2.8 of the Code for six months from the date of such announcement.

Each of the parties has accepted this ruling.

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