



Firebird Global Master Fund, Ltd.
Incorporated in Cayman Islands, British West Indies
("Firebird")

FIRM INTENTION ON THE PART OF FIREBIRD TO MAKE AN OFFER TO ACQUIRE THE ISSUED ORDINARY SHARE CAPITAL OF SALLIES LIMITED THAT IT DOES NOT ALREADY OWN

1. INTRODUCTION

Firebird wishes to advise that it, together with its affiliate, Firebird Global Master Fund II, Ltd., has made an acquisition (the "**Acquisition**") of securities of Sallies Limited (registration number 1903/001879/06) ("**Sallies**") (JSE: SAL) which gives rise to an obligation to make an offer under Rule 8 of the Securities Regulation Code and Rules of the Securities Regulation Panel and to the obligation to announce Firebird's firm intention to make an offer. As a result of the Acquisition Firebird is obliged to make an offer to acquire the remaining issued ordinary share capital of Sallies ("**Offer Shares**") which Firebird does not already own (the "**Offer**").

The consideration payable in terms of the Offer will be 18 cents per ordinary share in cash (the "**Consideration**") which is the highest price paid by Firebird per Sallies ordinary share within the last three months. If all Sallies shareholders accept the Offer, including the conversion of the Sallies unsubordinated unsecured convertible debentures, the aggregate maximum Consideration will amount to R63 058 190 in cash.

Firebird, together with its affiliate, directly owns 406 992 767 ordinary shares in Sallies, representing 63.37% of the issued ordinary share capital of Sallies. Additionally Firebird holds options to acquire ordinary shares through 29 147 954 unsubordinated unsecured convertible debentures.

2. MECHANISM OF THE OFFER

The Offer will be implemented by way of an unconditional offer by Firebird, or any of its affiliates, to the shareholders of Sallies other than Firebird (the "**Offerees**") in terms of Chapter XVA of the Companies Act, 1973 (the "**Act**").

Should the Offer be accepted by Offerees in respect of nine-tenths or more of the Offer Shares, Firebird reserves the right to invoke the provisions of Section 440K of the Act to compulsorily acquire all such Offer Shares in respect of which the Offer was not accepted and apply for the termination of the listing of the ordinary shares of Sallies on the exchange operated by the JSE Limited (the "**JSE**"). If Section 440K of the Act cannot be invoked or Firebird elects not to invoke the provisions of Section 440K of the Act, Sallies will continue as a listed company in respect of both its ordinary shares and unsubordinated unsecured convertible debentures.

It is currently expected that the circular containing further details in respect of the Offer will be posted on or about 1 September 2009 and that the Offer will close for acceptances on or about 22 September 2009.

3. TERMS OF THE OFFER

The Consideration payable in terms of the Offer, which will be unconditional as to acceptances, will be a cash payment of 18 cents per Offer Share.

4. CASH CONFIRMATION

Qinisele Resources (Pty) Limited has, as required in terms of the Securities Regulation Code and the Rules of the Securities Regulation Panel, provided a cash confirmation to the Securities Regulation Panel confirming that Firebird has sufficient cash resources available to satisfy the full cash consideration payable in terms of the Offer.

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