STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2004 No. 496

The Companies (1986 Order) (International Accounting Standards and Other Accounting Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004

PART 3

OTHER MODIFICATIONS OF PROVISIONS RELATING TO ACCOUNTS

Disclosures in relation to financial instruments

13.—(1) In Schedule 7 to the 1986 Order (disclosures to be made in directors' report)(1), after paragraph 5 insert –

"Financial instruments

5A.—(1) In relation to the use of financial instruments by a company and by its subsidiary undertakings, the directors' report must contain an indication of –

- (a) the financial risk management objectives and policies of the company and its subsidiary undertakings included in the consolidation, including the policy for hedging each major type of forecasted transaction for which hedge accounting is used, and
- (b) the exposure of the company and its subsidiary undertakings included in the consolidation to price risk, credit risk, liquidity risk and cash flow risk,

unless such information is not material for the assessment of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the company and its subsidiary undertakings included in the consolidation.

(2) In sub-paragraph (1) the expressions "hedge accounting", "price risk", "credit risk", "liquidity risk" and "cash flow risk" have the same meaning as they have in Council Directive 78/660/EEC on the annual accounts of certain types of companies, and in Council Directive 83/349/EEC on consolidated accounts, as amended(2)

(2) In Article 254(4) of the 1986 Order (exemptions for small companies from disclosures in directors' report)(3), after sub-paragraph (b) insert –

"(ba) paragraph 5A of Schedule 7 (disclosures relating to the use of financial instruments);".

⁽¹⁾ The paragraph in Schedule 7 previously numbered 5A was repealed by S.R. 1997 No. 314

⁽²⁾ O.J. No. L222 of 14.8.1978 page 11 and O.J. L193 of 18.7.1983 page 1, as amended in particular by Directives 2001/65/EEC and 2003/51/EEC of the European Parliament and of the Council (O.J. No. L238 of 27.10.2001, page 28, and O.J. No. L178 of 17.7.2003, page 16)

⁽³⁾ Article 254 was inserted into the 1986 Order by S.R. 1997 No. 436 in place of an existing Article of that number, and amended by S.R. 1997 No. 545 and S.R. 2001 No. 153