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# DATED 29 JANUARY 2004

# FIRST FLEXIBLE NO. 6 PLC

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# **BARCLAYS BANK PLC**

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## **MORTGAGE TRUST SERVICES PLC**

- and -

# CITICORP TRUSTEE COMPANY LIMITED

**GUARANTEED INVESTMENT CONTRACT** 



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### BETWEEN:

- (1) **First Flexible No. 6 plc** (registered number 4579581) whose registered office is at Sir William Atkins House, Ashley Avenue, Epsom, Surrey KT18 5AS (the **"Issuer"**);
- (2) **Barclays Bank PLC** (registered number 1026167) acting through its branch at 54 Lombard Street, London EC3V 9EX (the "GIC Provider");
- (3) Mortgage Trust Services plc (registered number 3940202) whose registered office is at St Catherine's Court, Herbert Road, Solihull, West Midlands B91 3QE (the "Servicer"); and
- (4) Citicorp Trustee Company Limited (registered number 235914) whose registered office is at Citigroup Centre, Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5LB (the "Trustee", which expression shall include such person and all other persons for the time being acting as trustee or trustees under the Trust Deed).

#### 1. INTERPRETATION

- 1.1 The Master Definitions Schedule signed by Lovells and Weil, Gotshal & Manges for identification purposes on 29 January 2004 (as amended, varied or supplemented from time to time) is incorporated into this document and the expressions defined in the Master Definitions Schedule shall, except where the context otherwise requires and except where otherwise defined in this Agreement, bear the same meanings in this Agreement.
- 1.2 In this Agreement:

"Deposit Date"	means	s the	date	from	which	a ba	alance	on the
	GIC	Acco	unt	earns	inte	rest	unde	r this

Agreement;

"GIC Account Balance" means, on any day during an Interest Period,

the aggregate of all cleared amounts standing to the credit of the GIC Account during such Interest Period as at opening of business on such day (or if such day is not a Business Day, at close of business on the Business Day

immediately preceding such day);

"GIC Account Rate" means, in respect of an Interest Period, Note

Sterling LIBOR as determined on the relevant Interest Payment Date less 0.175 per cent per

annum.

#### 2. THE GIC ACCOUNT

- 2.1 The GIC Provider acknowledges that it has received a duly completed account mandate from the Issuer.
- 2.2 The GIC Provider confirms that the GIC Account has been opened in its books in the name of the Issuer.
- 2.3 The GIC Provider and the Trustee acknowledge that Mortgage Trust Services has been appointed as the Servicer pursuant to the Servicing Agreement.

- 2.4 The GIC Provider agrees to accept on deposit and repay/make available all money so transferred upon the terms of this Agreement.
- 2.5 On the date of this Agreement and subsequently from time to time, the Issuer will deposit into the GIC Account such monies as specified in accordance with the Servicing Agreement and the Deed of Charge.

#### 3. GIC ACCOUNT

- 3.1 Interest shall accrue daily on the GIC Account Balance during each Interest Period at a daily rate of interest equal to the GIC Account Rate for such Interest Period, calculated on the basis of a 365 day year.
- 3.2 On each Interest Payment Date, the GIC Provider shall pay to the Issuer an amount equal to the aggregate of all interest accrued on the daily GIC Account Balance during the relevant period then ending by payment to the Transaction Account, in each case for value same day.
- 3.3 In the event that an Enforcement Notice is served by the Trustee on the Issuer, then, on the date of service of the Enforcement Notice (the "Enforcement Date"), the GIC Provider shall pay (by crediting such to the Transaction Account) an amount equal to the aggregate of all interest accrued on each day during the period in which the Enforcement Date falls pursuant to clause 3.1 up to but not including the Enforcement Date.
- 3.4 Subject to the provisions of the Servicing Agreement and the Deed of Charge, the Issuer, or the Servicer on behalf of the Issuer, may give notice to the GIC Provider:
  - (a) in the form set out in Schedule I, by 9am on an Interest Payment Date that it wishes to withdraw on that date all or part of the GIC Account Balance and the GIC Provider shall comply with the notice and pay the amount specified in the notice to the Transaction Account;
  - (b) in the form set out in Schedule I by 9am on any Business Day, the amount that it wishes to deposit on that date in the GIC Account. Deposits shall be placed by 11 am on the relevant date and may not be withdrawn until the next following Interest Payment Date: and
  - (c) by 1pm on an Interest Payment Date, the Note Sterling LIBOR applicable on that date, in the form set out in Schedule II.

# 4. TRANSFER OF MONIES FROM THE GIC ACCOUNT

In the event that the GIC Provider is notified by the Rating Agencies that the rating of its short term unsubordinated, unsecured and unguaranteed debt has fallen below P-1 by Moody's or A-1+ by S&P (unless the applicable Rating Agency confirms in writing that such event would not cause it to downgrade the then current rating of the Notes) the GIC Provider shall give notice to the Servicer forthwith, and the Servicer shall as soon as practicable thereafter and in any event within 30 days of such notification:

- (a) transfer an amount equal to the aggregate of the then GIC Account Balance and all interest accrued on the GIC Account Balance on each day during the period from the last Deposit Date up to but not including the date of transfer, to the Transaction Account; or
- (b) transfer such amount to a suitably rated entity whose short term unsubordinated, unsecured and unguaranteed debt is rated at least P-1 by Moody's and A-1+ by S&P to act as replacement GIC Provider under a replacement agreement on similar terms to this Agreement provided that the Trustee provides its prior written consent to such replacement and the Rating Agencies confirm that the then current ratings of the Notes will not be prejudiced by such replacement.

## 5. **TERMINATION**

- 5.1 This Agreement shall terminate automatically on the day on which the last outstanding Notes are redeemed in full in accordance with the Conditions.
- 5.2 On or following an Enforcement Date, this Agreement may be terminated by the Trustee giving notice in writing to the GIC Provider.
- 5.3 This Agreement shall terminate automatically on any Interest Payment Date on or after the Issuer enters into a replacement agreement with a suitably rated entity provided that:
  - (a) the Trustee provides its prior written consent to such replacement and the Rating Agencies confirm that such replacement would not cause a downgrade of the then current ratings of the Notes; and
  - (b) the value of such replacement contract taking into account the guaranteed rate of return, any termination costs under this Agreement and any fees in respect of the replacement contract is greater than the return under this Agreement.
- Upon termination of this Agreement, the GIC Provider shall be obliged to pay to the Issuer (or, in the case of clause 5.2, to or to the order of the Trustee), forthwith an amount equal to the aggregate of the then GIC Account Balance and all interest accrued on the GIC Account Balance on each day during the period from the immediately preceding Deposit Date up to but not including such termination date.

## 6. WARRANTIES

- 6.1 The GIC Provider warrants to the Issuer and to the Trustee at the date of this Agreement that (i) it is duly incorporated under the laws of England and Wales and is an institution authorised to carry on banking business including accepting deposits under the Banking Act 1987 and (ii) it is a bank within the meaning of s840A Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 which will pay interest under this Agreement in the ordinary course of its business as that phrase is interpreted by the Inland Revenue for the purposes of Section 349 Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.
- 6.2 The GIC Provider undertakes to notify the Issuer and the Trustee immediately if at any time during the currency of this Agreement, any of the statements contained in clause 6.1 cease to be true. The warranties set out in clause 6.1 shall survive the signing and delivery of this Agreement.

# 7. SET OFF, ENFORCEMENT, SUBORDINATION AND NO PETITION

- 7.1 The GIC Provider acknowledges that the GIC Account is charged under the Deed of Charge and it hereby undertakes not to exercise or claim any right it has or may hereafter acquire to combine, consolidate or merge the GIC Account with any other account of the Issuer or the Servicer or any other person, or any liabilities of the Issuer or the Servicer or any other person to it and undertakes not to set off, combine, withhold or transfer any sum standing to the credit of the GIC Account or owed by it to the Issuer hereunder in or towards or conditionally upon satisfaction of any liabilities owed by the Issuer or the Servicer or any other person to it; and if the GIC Provider (in breach of its foregoing undertakings) shall combine, consolidate, merger, set off, withhold or transfer as aforesaid, then it shall immediately pay to the Issuer or the Servicer or credit the GIC Account with such amount as is necessary to restore the Issuer, the Servicer or the GIC Account to the position as if such combination, consolidation. merger, set off, withholding or transfer had not occurred.
- 7.2 The GIC Provider agrees with the Issuer that until two years following the payment of all sums outstanding and owing under the Notes, it shall not take any corporate action or other steps or legal proceedings for the winding-up, dissolution or re-organisation of the Issuer, or for the appointment of a receiver, administrator, administrative receiver, trustee,

liquidator, sequestrator or similar officer of the Issuer or of any or all of the Issuer's revenues and assets.

- 7.3 No recourse under any obligation, covenant or agreement of the Issuer contained in this Agreement shall be had against any shareholder, officer or director (save in respect of any director's fraudulent acts or defaults) of the Issuer as such, by the enforcement of any assessment or by any legal or equitable proceeding, by virtue of any statute or otherwise; it being expressly agreed and understood that this Agreement is a corporate obligation of the Issuer and no personal liability shall attach to or be incurred by the shareholders, officers, agents or directors (save in respect of any director's fraudulent acts or defaults) or the Issuer as such, or any of them, under or by reason of any of the obligations, covenants or agreements of the Issuer contained in this Agreement, or implied therefrom, and that any and all personal liability for breaches by the Issuer of any of such obligations, covenants or agreements, either at common law or at equity, or by statute or constitution, of every such shareholder, officer, agent or director (save in respect of any director's fraudulent acts or defaults) is expressly waived by the GIC Provider as a condition of and consideration for the execution of this Agreement.
- 7.4 Without prejudice to the other provisions of this clause 7, the GIC Provider covenants with the Trustee that if, whether in the liquidation of the Issuer or otherwise any payment is received by it under this Agreement other than in accordance with the Deed of Charge, the Priority of Payments or the Servicing Agreement the amount so paid shall be received and held by the GIC Provider upon trust for the Trustee and shall be paid over to the Trustee forthwith upon receipt provided that this clause 7.4 is effective only to the extent that it does not constitute or create and is not deemed to constitute or create any mortgage, charge or other Security Interest of any kind.

#### 8. ASSIGNMENT

- 8.1 Save as otherwise contemplated in this Agreement or in the Servicing Agreement or Deed of Charge, no party to this Agreement may assign or transfer any of its rights or obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of the Trustee and unless the Rating Agencies confirm in advance that such assignment or transfer will not adversely affect the then current rating of the Notes.
- 8.2 If there is any change in the identity of the Trustee pursuant to the terms of the Trust Deed, the GIC Provider and the Issuer shall, at the expense of the Issuer, execute such documents and take such actions as the new Trustee and the outgoing Trustee (as the case may be) may reasonably require for the purpose of vesting in the new Trustee the rights of the Trustee under this Agreement.

#### 9. AGENCY

The GIC Provider agrees and confirms that, unless otherwise notified by the Issuer or the Trustee, the Servicer, as agent of the Issuer, may act on behalf of the Issuer under this Agreement. The Issuer, the Trustee and the Servicer agree and confirm that the GIC Provider shall not be held liable for any losses incurred in relation to the GIC Account and in relation to the GIC Provider acting pursuant to the instructions of the Servicer (as agent of the Issuer) or pursuant to any bank mandates or notices issued under this Agreement.

## 10. INFORMATION

The GIC Provider shall provide to the Trustee and the Servicer or procure the provision to the Trustee and the Servicer of such information and evidence in respect of any dealing or proposed dealing between the Issuer and the GIC Provider under this Agreement or otherwise as the Trustee or the Servicer may reasonably request (unless, notwithstanding the waiver referred to below, the GIC Provider would be acting unlawfully in making or procuring such provision) and the Issuer waives any right or duty of confidentiality which it may have or which may be owed to it by the GIC Provider in respect of the disclosure of such information and evidence pursuant to this clause 10.

## 11. MODIFICATION

Save as otherwise provided in this Agreement, no amendment, modification or variation of this Agreement shall be effective unless it is in writing and signed by (or by some person duly authorised by) each of the parties to this Agreement and the Rating Agencies have confirmed that such amendment, modification or variation will not adversely affect the then current rating of the Notes.

## 12. STATEMENTS

During the continuance of this Agreement, the GIC Provider shall procure that written statements as to the GIC Account Balance and the interest accruing during the relevant period under clause 3 are delivered to the Trustee, the Issuer, and the Servicer at least nine Business Days prior to each Interest Payment Date.

#### 13. PAYMENTS

- 13.1 On each date on which this Agreement requires an amount to be paid by a party, such party shall make the same available to the relevant payee by payment in sterling and in immediately available, freely transferable, cleared funds to such account or bank specified in this Agreement or, failing which, to such bank or account as the payee may from time to time specify for this purpose.
- 13.2 Subject to the provisions of the Deed of Charge, on the demand of the GIC Provider, the Issuer shall reimburse the GIC Provider for all reasonable costs and expenses (including legal fees) incurred by the GIC Provider in relation to this Agreement (other than in relation to Tax on its own net income, profits or gains or in relation to recoverable VAT).

#### 14. NOTICES

Each communication to be made under this Agreement shall be made in writing but, unless otherwise stated, may be made by facsimile or letter. Any communication or document to be made or delivered by one person to another pursuant to this Agreement shall (unless that other person has by fifteen days' written notice to the first person specified another address) be made or delivered to that other person at the address identified in clause 3 of the Master Definitions Schedule and shall be deemed to have been made or delivered when despatched (in the case of any communication made by facsimile) or (in the case of any communication made by letter) when left at that address or (as the case may be) 10 days after being deposited in the post postage prepaid in an envelope addressed to it at that address Provided always that any communication or document deemed made or delivered on a day which is not a Business Day shall be deemed to have been so made or delivered on the next following Business Day.

# 15. TRUSTEE AS PARTY

For the avoidance of doubt, the Trustee is party to this Agreement solely for the purpose of taking the benefit of the provisions herein expressed to be in its forum and shall not assume or have any obligations or liabilities to or of the Servicer, the Issuer or the GIC Provider by virtue of the provisions hereof.

#### 16. COUNTERPARTS

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, and has the same effect as if the signatures on the counterparts were on a single copy of this Agreement.

## 17. THIRD PARTY RIGHTS

No person, other than a party to this Agreement, shall have any right by virtue of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any term (express or implied) of this Agreement but this is without prejudice to any right or remedy of a third party which may exist or be available apart from that Act.

## 18. LAW AND JURISDICTION

This Agreement is governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, the laws of England. The parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.

As WITNESS the parties to this Agreement have signed on the day and year first before written.

Signed by for and on behalf of First Flexible No. 6 plc	) ) )	/s/ Adem Mehmet
Signed by for and on behalf of Barclays Bank PLC	) ) )	/s/ <u>Brian Cook</u>
Signed by for and on behalf of Mortgage Trust Services plc	) ) )	/s/ <u>Adem Mehmet</u>
Signed by for and on behalf of Citicorp Trustee Company Limited	) ) )	/s/ <u>Jillian Hamblin</u>

#### SCHEDULE I

## **Notice of Deposit/Withdrawal**

To: Barclays Bank PLC

1<sup>st</sup> Floor
City Markets Team
London Corporate Banking
54 Lombard Street
London EC3V 9EX
FAO Brian Cook

From: Mortgage Trust Services plc [Date]

# First Flexible No. 6 plc (the "Issuer") GIC Account

This notice is given in respect of a guaranteed investment contract (the "Agreement") between ourselves, yourselves and the Issuer dated 29 January 2004. We hereby give you notice that:

1 We wish to withdraw [£ ] on behalf of the Issuer from the GIC Account on [ ]. Please pay such amount to the Transaction Account No. 00736708 with Barclays Bank PLC, 54 Lombard Street, London EC3V 9EX (Sort Code 20-19-90).

[or]

- We wish to deposit [£ ] with you in the GIC Account on behalf of the Issuer for the next period to [specify permitted date]. We acknowledge we must deposit sums not already in the GIC Account in cleared funds by 11 am on the first day of the period in order to earn the guaranteed rate of return under the Agreement.
- We certify that such requests are made in accordance with the Servicing Agreement and no termination event has occurred thereunder or under the Agreement

Signed By	
for and on beh	alf of

Mortgage Trust Services plc

#### SCHEDULE II

# **Notice of Note Sterling LIBOR**

To: Barclays Bank PLC

1<sup>st</sup> Floor

City Markets Team

London Corporate Banking

54 Lombard Street London EC3V 9EX FAO Brian Cook

From: Mortgage Trust Services plc [Date]

# First Flexible No. 6 plc (the "Issuer") GIC Account

This notice is given in respect of a guaranteed investment contract (the "Agreement") between ourselves, yourselves and the Issuer dated 29 January 2004. Further to our notice of [deposit] [withdrawal] given [earlier today on [date]] of the sum of [ ] until the Interest Payment Date falling in [ ]:

- We hereby give you notice that Note Sterling LIBOR determined in accordance with the Conditions for the relevant Interest Period (each as defined in the Master Definitions Schedule incorporated in the Agreement) applicable to such deposit is [ ].
- We certify that this notice is given in accordance with the Servicing Agreement and no termination event has occurred thereunder or under the Agreement.

Signed By	
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for and on behalf of

# **Mortgage Trust Services plc**

\* Delete as appropriate