

FORM 8.5 (EPT/RI)

**PUBLIC DEALING DISCLOSURE BY AN EXEMPT PRINCIPAL TRADER WITH RECOGNISED INTERMEDIARY STATUS  
DEALING IN A CLIENT-SERVING CAPACITY  
Rule 8.5 of the Takeover Code (the "Code")**

**1. KEY INFORMATION**

(a) Name of exempt principal trader:	Merrill Lynch International
(b) Name of offeror/offeree in relation to whose relevant securities this form relates: <i>Use a separate form for each offeror/offeree</i>	THG PLC
(c) Name of the party to the offer with which exempt principal trader is connected:	THG PLC
(d) Date dealing undertaken:	20/05/2022
(e) In addition to the company in 1(b) above, is the exempt principal trader making disclosures in respect of any other party to this offer? <i>If it is a cash offer or possible cash offer, state "N/A"</i>	NO

**2. DEALINGS BY THE EXEMPT PRINCIPAL TRADER**

Where there have been dealings in more than one class of relevant securities of the offeror or offeree named in 1(b), copy table 2(a), (b), (c) or (d) (as appropriate) for each additional class of relevant security dealt in.

The currency of all prices and other monetary amounts should be stated.

**(a) Purchases and sales**

Class of relevant security	Purchases/ sales	Total number of securities	Highest price per unit paid/received	Lowest price per unit paid/received
0.5p ordinary	Purchase	1,172,090	1.493 GBP	1.421 GBP
0.5p ordinary	Sale	4,279,087	1.498 GBP	1.412 GBP

**(b) Cash-settled derivative transactions**

Class of relevant security	Product description <i>e.g. CFD</i>	Nature of dealing <i>e.g. opening/closing a long/short position, increasing/reducing a long/short position</i>	Number of reference securities	Price per unit
0.5p ordinary	Swaps - Equity Swaps	Opening a Long Position	11,373	1.444 GBP
0.5p ordinary	Swaps - Equity Swaps	Reducing a Long Position	934	1.815 USD
0.5p ordinary	Swaps - Equity Swaps	Reducing a Short Position	340,000	1.427 GBP
0.5p ordinary	Swaps - Equity Swaps	Reducing a Short Position	461,210	1.458 GBP
0.5p ordinary	Swaps - Equity Swaps	Reducing a Short Position	560,000	1.419 GBP

0.5p ordinary	Swaps - Equity Swaps	Reducing a Short Position	455,000	1.421 GBP
0.5p ordinary	Swaps - Equity Swaps	Reducing a Short Position	637,732	1.458 GBP
0.5p ordinary	Swaps - Equity Swaps	Reducing a Short Position	692,732	1.421 GBP
0.5p ordinary	Swaps - Equity Swaps	Reducing a Short Position	21,058	1.478 GBP
0.5p ordinary	Swaps - Equity Swaps	Increasing a Short Position	256,815	1.493 GBP
0.5p ordinary	Swaps - Equity Swaps	Reducing a Short Position	47,728	1.483 GBP
0.5p ordinary	Swaps - Equity Swaps	Reducing a Long Position	6,609	1.45 GBP
0.5p ordinary	Swaps - Equity Swaps	Reducing a Long Position	34,260	1.434 GBP
0.5p ordinary	Swaps - Equity Swaps	Reducing a Long Position	57,491	1.447 GBP
0.5p ordinary	Swaps - Equity Swaps	Reducing a Long Position	27,593	1.456 GBP
0.5p ordinary	Swaps - Equity Swaps	Reducing a Long Position	45,743	1.448 GBP
0.5p ordinary	Swaps - Equity Swaps	Increasing a Long Position	2,386	1.452 GBP
0.5p ordinary	Swaps - Equity Swaps	Increasing a Short Position	18,563	1.456 GBP
0.5p ordinary	Swaps - Equity Swaps	Increasing a Short Position	10,716	1.446 GBP
0.5p ordinary	Swaps - Equity Swaps	Increasing a Short Position	3,747	1.454 GBP
0.5p ordinary	Swaps - Equity Swaps	Opening a Long Position	1,979	1.481 GBP
0.5p ordinary	Swaps - Equity Swaps	Closing a Long Position	1,979	1.438 GBP

**(c) Stock-settled derivative transactions (including options)**

**(i) Writing, selling, purchasing or varying**

<b>Class of relevant security</b>	<b>Product description</b> <i>e.g. call option</i>	<b>Writing, purchasing, selling, varying etc.</b>	<b>Number of securities to which option relates</b>	<b>Exercise price per unit</b>	<b>Type</b> <i>e.g. American, European etc.</i>	<b>Expiry date</b>	<b>Option money paid/received per unit</b>
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**(ii) Exercise**

<b>Class of relevant security</b>	<b>Product description</b> <i>e.g. call option</i>	<b>Exercising/ exercised against</b>	<b>Number of securities</b>	<b>Exercise Price per unit</b>
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**(d) Other dealings (including subscribing for new securities)**

<b>Class of relevant security</b>	<b>Nature of dealing</b> <i>e.g. subscription, conversion</i>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Price per unit (if applicable)</b>
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**3. OTHER INFORMATION**

**(a) Indemnity and other dealing arrangements**

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<b>Details of any indemnity or option arrangement, or any agreement or understanding, formal or informal, relating to relevant securities which may be an inducement to deal or refrain from dealing entered into by the exempt principal trader making the disclosure and any party to the offer or any person acting in concert with a party to the offer:</b> <i>Irrevocable commitments and letters of intent should not be included. If there are no such agreements, arrangements or understandings, state "none"</i>
None

**(b) Agreements, arrangements or understandings relating to options or derivatives**

<b>Details of any agreement, arrangement or understanding, formal or informal, between the exempt principal trader making the disclosure and any other person relating to:</b> <b>(i) the voting rights of any relevant securities under any option; or</b> <b>(ii) The voting rights or future acquisition or disposal of any relevant securities to which any derivative is referenced:</b> <i>If there are no such agreements, arrangements or understandings, state "none"</i>
None

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*Public disclosures under Rule 8 of the Code must be made to a Regulatory Information Service.*

*The Panel's Market Surveillance Unit is available for consultation in relation to the Code's dealing disclosure requirements on +44 (0)20 7638 0129.*

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