

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

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| (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: | 06/06/2022 |
| (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 | 643,839 | 1.482 GBP | 1.44 GBP |
| 0.5p ordinary | Sale | 269,883 | 1.469 GBP | 1.442 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 | Closing a Long Position | 21 | 1.443 GBP |
| 0.5p ordinary | Swaps - Equity Swaps | Increasing a Long Position | 21 | 1.443 GBP |
| 0.5p ordinary | Swaps - Equity Swaps | Reducing a Long Position | 1 | 1.443 GBP |
| 0.5p ordinary | Swaps - Equity Swaps | Opening a Short Position | 2,378 | 1.443 GBP |
| 0.5p ordinary | Swaps - Equity Swaps | Reducing a Long Position | 1,838 | 1.443 GBP |

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| 0.5p ordinary | Swaps - Equity Swaps | Reducing a Long Position | 1,460 | 1.443 GBP |
| 0.5p ordinary | Swaps - Equity Swaps | Reducing a Long Position | 5,711 | 1.443 GBP |
| 0.5p ordinary | Swaps - Equity Swaps | Reducing a Long Position | 11,623 | 1.443 GBP |
| 0.5p ordinary | Swaps - Equity Swaps | Reducing a Long Position | 7 | 1.443 GBP |
| 0.5p ordinary | Swaps - Equity Swaps | Reducing a Long Position | 5 | 1.443 GBP |
| 0.5p ordinary | Swaps - Equity Swaps | Closing a Long Position | 6,350 | 1.453 GBP |
| 0.5p ordinary | Swaps - Equity Swaps | Closing a Short Position | 3,812 | 1.443 GBP |
| 0.5p ordinary | Swaps - Equity Swaps | Increasing a Short Position | 21 | 1.443 GBP |
| 0.5p ordinary | Swaps - Equity Swaps | Closing a Short Position | 21 | 1.443 GBP |
| 0.5p ordinary | Swaps - Equity Swaps | Opening a Long Position | 6,350 | 1.443 GBP |
| 0.5p ordinary | Swaps - Equity Swaps | Closing a Long Position | 9,961 | 1.443 GBP |
| 0.5p ordinary | Swaps - Equity Swaps | Reducing a Short Position | 2,564 | 1.443 GBP |
| 0.5p ordinary | Swaps - Equity Swaps | Opening a Short Position | 3,812 | 1.443 GBP |
| 0.5p ordinary | Swaps - Equity Swaps | Opening a Long Position | 9,961 | 1.443 GBP |
| 0.5p ordinary | Swaps - Equity Swaps | Reducing a Long Position | 167 | 1.467 GBP |
| 0.5p ordinary | Swaps - Equity Swaps | Reducing a Long Position | 519 | 1.468 GBP |
| 0.5p ordinary | Swaps - Equity Swaps | Reducing a Long Position | 163 | 1.463 GBP |
| 0.5p ordinary | Swaps - Equity Swaps | Reducing a Long Position | 400 | 1.463 GBP |
| 0.5p ordinary | Swaps - Equity Swaps | Reducing a Long Position | 492 | 1.479 GBP |
| 0.5p ordinary | Swaps - Equity Swaps | Reducing a Long Position | 308 | 1.467 GBP |
| 0.5p ordinary | Swaps - Equity Swaps | Reducing a Long Position | 5,166 | 1.468 GBP |
| 0.5p ordinary | Swaps - Equity Swaps | Reducing a Long Position | 10,975 | 1.464 GBP |
| 0.5p ordinary | Swaps - Equity Swaps | Reducing a Long Position | 9,005 | 1.452 GBP |
| 0.5p ordinary | Swaps - Equity Swaps | Reducing a Long Position | 4,532 | 1.467 GBP |
| 0.5p ordinary | Swaps - Equity Swaps | Reducing a Long Position | 4,724 | 1.479 GBP |
| 0.5p ordinary | Swaps - Equity Swaps | Reducing a Long Position | 151,160 | 1.462 GBP |
| 0.5p ordinary | Swaps - Equity Swaps | Reducing a Long Position | 105,862 | 1.462 GBP |
| 0.5p ordinary | Swaps - Equity Swaps | Reducing a Short Position | 718 | 1.469 GBP |
| 0.5p ordinary | Swaps - Equity Swaps | Reducing a Long Position | 63,008 | 1.482 GBP |
| 0.5p ordinary | Swaps - Equity Swaps | Reducing a Long Position | 1,200 | 1.441 GBP |
| 0.5p ordinary | Swaps - Equity Swaps | Increasing a Long Position | 2,421 | 1.443 GBP |
| 0.5p ordinary | Swaps - Equity Swaps | Reducing a Short Position | 233 | 1.444 GBP |

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| | Swaps | | | |
| 0.5p ordinary | Swaps - Equity Swaps | Increasing a Short Position | 274 | 1.441 GBP |

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

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

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

(ii) **Exercise**

| Class of relevant security | Product description e.g. call option | Exercising/ exercised against | Number of securities | Exercise Price per unit |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

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

| Class of relevant security | Nature of dealing e.g. subscription, conversion | Details | Price per unit (if applicable) |
|----------------------------|---|---------|--------------------------------|
| N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

3. OTHER INFORMATION

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

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| <p>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:</p> <p><i>Irrevocable commitments and letters of intent should not be included. If there are no such agreements, arrangements or understandings, state "none"</i></p> |
| None |

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

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

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The Panel's Market Surveillance Unit is available for consultation in relation to the Code's

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