

**Songbird Estates plc ('the Company')**

**Ordinary Shares of 0.1pence each ("New Ordinary Shares")**

**ISIN code GB00B00V4F53**

**NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTEREST IN SHARES**

On 21 October 2009, the Company received the following notifications:

1. That as at 19 October 2009 China Investment Corporation, via its controlled undertaking Land Breeze S.a.r.l., had an interest in 803,659,259 warrants issued by the Company over New Ordinary Shares which represented 1.23% of the total voting rights in issue. The notification confirmed that the warrants would expire at the close of business on the third anniversary of 19 October 2009 provided that in the event such date is not a London business day, then the period for exercise shall end on the London business day immediately prior to such date. This interest is in addition to Land Breeze S.a.r.l.'s previously notified interest in 9,648,963,263 New Ordinary Shares.

The notification stated that Land Breeze S.a.r.l. holds the warrants directly and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Land Breeze II S.a.r.l.. Land Breeze II S.a.r.l. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Fullbloom Investment Corporation, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of China Investment Corporation.

2. That as at 19 October 2009 Qatar Investment Authority, via its wholly owned entity Qatar Holding LLC, had an interest in 630,320,988 warrants issued by the Company over New Ordinary Shares which represented 0.96% of the total voting rights in issue. The warrants are exercisable at 1.5p per warrant (subject to adjustment in accordance with the terms and conditions of the warrants) between 19 October 2009 and 19 October 2012. The notification confirmed that the interest in the warrants was in addition to Qatar Holding LLC's previously notified interest in 15,704,343,534 New Ordinary Shares.

As at 19 October 2009 the total number of voting rights of the Company was 65,553,896,186. Consequently the quoted percentages of voting rights detailed in these notifications have been calculated without including the further shares to be issued when the warrants are exercised.

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