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Panther Securities PLC
(“Panther”, the “Company” or the “Group”)

Trading update – Wimbledon Studios Limited

It is with regret that the Company reports that administrators from KPMG LLP were appointed today to resolve the financial issues of our tenant and associate investment Wimbledon Studios Ltd (“Wimbledon Studios”).

Panther, as an investor, originally subscribed £150,000 for 25 per cent of the original start-up share capital of Wimbledon Studios, as well as providing working capital loan facility of £622,000, which was fully drawn down at today’s date. The investment was fully written down and all but £220,000 of the loan was provided against in the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2013.

The Group was also the landlord of the Studio property and assisted the Wimbledon Studios business by not collecting rent and lease payments for fixtures. At today’s date, the Group is owed £1,641,000 by Wimbledon Studios regarding these rental payments, of which £1,485,000 was provided within the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2013, leaving remaining exposure £156,000.

Therefore the total unprovided debt to the Group is currently £376,000.

Despite the Board of Panther being of the opinion that it could not provide any additional financing, Andrew Perloff, Chairman of Panther, personally loaned Wimbledon Studios additional finance of £250,000 as he believed the business still had some chance of survival through possible further outside investment or the sale of the business as a going concern.

Panther, who are a long term supporter of small businesses, has taken the view that it has a moral duty to smaller businesses and, as such, is prepared to support a slower close down process via administration, rather than a forced liquidation, which would result in lower costs to Panther. This slower close down will give the many small businesses in the media village time to prepare and find alternative premises.

The Group has lost significant funds on its corporate investment and loans to Wimbledon Studios, however, the majority of this was provided against in the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2013. The Company expects that it will suffer a further loss of between £376,000 (not provided against above) to circa £600,000 in the current financial year, depending on the success of the administration of Wimbledon Studios.

The Group continues to hold the property from which Wimbledon Studios has traded and is looking into other options for the site, including the two interested parties, mentioned in the announcement dated 29 July 2014.

Finally, the Group would like to thank David Smith, who was previously the financial controller of Wimbledon Studios, who has taken the responsibility and become a Director to assist the trading business close down in the least harmful manner. This has shown true loyalty to the various affected parties including the media village and studio employees, considering the sudden resignation of the previous managing director.

A further announcement will be made in due course.

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