

**FORM 8.5 (EPT/NON-RI)**

**PUBLIC OPENING POSITION DISCLOSURE/DEALING DISCLOSURE BY AN  
 EXEMPT PRINCIPAL TRADER WITHOUT RECOGNISED INTERMEDIARY ("RI") STATUS  
 (OR WHERE RI STATUS IS NOT APPLICABLE)**

**Rule 8.5 of the Takeover Code (the "Code")**

**1.**

**KEY INFORMATION**

(a) Name of exempt principal trader:	BARCLAYS CAPITAL SECURITIES LTD	
(b) Name of offeror/offeree in relation to whose relevant securities this form relates:	DOWLAIS GROUP PLC	
(c) Name of the party to the offer with which exempt principal trader is connected	DOWLAIS GROUP PLC	
(d) Date position held/dealing undertaken:	06 Jan 2026	
(e) In addition to the company in 1(b) above, is the exempt principal trader making disclosures in respect of any other party to the offer?	YES:  AMERICAN AXLE & MANUFACTURING HOLDINGS, INC.	

**2.**

**POSITIONS OF THE EXEMPT PRINCIPAL TRADER**

(a) **Interests and short positions in the relevant securities of the offeror or offeree to which the disclosure relates following the dealing (if any)**

Class of relevant security:	1p ordinary			
	Interests		Short Positions	
	Number	(%)	Number	(%)
(1) Relevant securities owned and/or controlled:	34,950,332	2.65%	1,369,838	0.10%
(2) Cash-settled derivatives: and/or controlled:	482,675	0.04%	34,859,381	2.64%
(3) Stock-settled derivatives (including options) and agreements to purchase/sell:	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>35,433,007</b>	<b>2.69%</b>	<b>36,229,219</b>	<b>2.74%</b>

(b) **Rights to subscribe for new securities (including directors and other executive options)**

Class of relevant security in relation to which subscription right exists	
Details, including nature of the rights concerned and relevant percentages:	

**3.**

**DEALINGS (IF ANY) BY THE EXEMPT PRINCIPAL TRADER**

(a) **Purchases and sales**

Class of relevant security	Purchase/sale	Total number of securities	Highest price per unit paid/received	Lowest price per unit paid/received
1p ordinary	Purchase	285,491	0.8575 GBP	0.8328 GBP
1p ordinary	Sale	278,277	0.8575 GBP	0.8340 GBP

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

Class of relevant security	Product description	Nature of dealing	Number of reference securities	Price per unit
1p ordinary	SWAP	Decreasing Short	13,390	0.8347 GBP
1p ordinary	SWAP	Decreasing Short	5,296	0.8356 GBP
1p ordinary	SWAP	Decreasing Short	13,236	0.8432 GBP
1p ordinary	SWAP	Decreasing Short	17,144	0.8485 GBP
1p ordinary	SWAP	Decreasing Short	35,821	0.8575 GBP
1p ordinary	SWAP	Increasing Short	150,000	0.8328 GBP

		Increasing Short	100,000	Decreasing Short
1p ordinary	SWAP	Increasing Short	12,525	0.8383 GBP
1p ordinary	SWAP	Increasing Short	8,494	0.8395 GBP
1p ordinary	SWAP	Increasing Short	2,742	0.8402 GBP
1p ordinary	SWAP	Increasing Short	3,595	0.8418 GBP
1p ordinary	SWAP	Increasing Short	6,069	0.8435 GBP
1p ordinary	SWAP	Increasing Short	1,331	0.8485 GBP
1p ordinary	SWAP	Increasing Short	13,052	0.8575 GBP
1p ordinary	CFD	Decreasing Short	15,732	0.8369 GBP
1p ordinary	CFD	Decreasing Short	7,933	0.8482 GBP
1p ordinary	CFD	Decreasing Short	19,248	0.8575 GBP
1p ordinary	CFD	Increasing Short	34,980	0.8334 GBP
1p ordinary	CFD	Increasing Short	8,249	0.8456 GBP

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

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

Class of relevant security	Product description	Writing, purchasing, selling, varying etc	Number of securities to which option relates	Exercise price per unit	Type	Expiry date	Option money paid/received per unit

**(ii) Exercising**

Class of relevant security	Product description	Exercising/exercised against	Number of securities	Exercise price per unit

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

Class of relevant security	Nature of Dealings	Details	Price per unit (if applicable)

**4. OTHER INFORMATION**

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

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>NONE</b>

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

Details of any agreement, arrangement or understanding, formal or informal, between the exempt principal trader making the disclosure and any other person relating to:
(i) the voting rights of any relevant securities under any option; or
(ii) the voting rights of future acquisition or disposal of any relevant securities to which any derivative is referenced:
<b>NONE</b>

**(c) Attachments**

Is a Supplemental Form 8 (Open Positions) attached?	<b>NO</b>
Date of disclosure:	<b>07 Jan 2026</b>
Contact name:	<b>Large Holdings Regulatory Operations</b>
Telephone number:	<b>020 3134 7213</b>

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