

# Responsibility Statement from the Legal Representatives

To the best of our knowledge, and in accordance with the applicable accounting principles, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the company, and the management report includes a fair review of the development and performance of the business and the position of the company, together with a description of the principal opportunities and risks associated with the expected development of the company.

New York, February 25, 2009

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**Capital Funding Trust III**

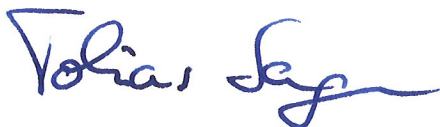
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