

Press Release

'SSAS Loan Backs are becoming more popular in current economic climate but there are pitfalls' say Premier Pension Services

12th February 2009, London: With the recession finally confirmed and with small businesses struggling to obtain finance from established sources, many companies with small self administered schemes (SSAS) are looking to their pension scheme for the money. But does this make good sense?

When the rules on loans came into force nearly 2 years ago, Premier Pension Services did not believe that SSAS loan backs would be as popular as they were before the new rules. In reality Premier Pension Services has seen a continuing appetite from SSAS clients wanting to use their SSAS to assist in the financing of the company, whether it is for the purchase of new machinery or for larger capital developments.

Nigel Manley, Head of Self Invested Pensions, Premier Pensions Services, says, "Experience has also shown that a small handful of clients do not fully understand the new requirements and ensuring the appropriate repayments are made is still hard work.

"Although we will always consider requests by clients to use their SSAS funds, we as the professional trustee, have a duty to inform the clients of the pitfalls of having such a loan, not least the possibility of an unauthorised payments charge arising if the repayments of capital and interest are not made."

Notes to Editors

Contact:

Nigel Manley
Isabella Young

029 2055 7050
020 7588 3387

About Premier Pension Services

<http://www.premierpensionservices.co.uk/>

Premier Pension Services supplies a range of SIPP and SSAS services to IFAs, accountants and lawyers and is part of JLT Benefit Solutions Ltd.

JLT Benefit Solutions Ltd (JLT) is one of the UK's leading employee benefit providers offering a wide range of benefit and pension services, including administration, actuarial and pension consultancy, investment, wealth management, Self Invested Personal Pensions (SIPPs), Small Self Administered Schemes (SSASs) flexible benefits, healthcare, benefit communication and financial education.

Authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority, JLT employs over 1000 professional staff in 11 offices in the UK with revenues of some £81.5m.

JLT Benefit Solutions Ltd is part of Jardine Lloyd Thompson Group plc.

As well as being a major provider of employee benefits services and related consultancy advice the Jardine Lloyd Thompson Group of companies is a leading risk management adviser, insurance and reinsurance broker.

Jardine Lloyd Thompson Group plc is quoted on the London Stock Exchange and is the largest European-headquartered company providing these services and is one of the largest firms of its type in the world. It operates out of more than 100 offices in over 30 countries and employs more than 5000 personnel.