

SIX CONTINENTS PLC  
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March 12, 2003

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington DC 20549**

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**FORM 6-K**

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 AND 15d-16 OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For 12th March 2003

**SIX CONTINENTS PLC**

(Registrant's name)

20 North Audley Street  
London W1K 6WN, England  
(Address of principal executive offices)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

Form 20-F

Form 40-F

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes

No

If ☐ Yes ☐ is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): Not applicable

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### **Six Continents PLC: Board Committee**

Given the speculation concerning possible approaches, the Board of Six Continents PLC ("Six Continents") considers it may be helpful to expand upon its statement of 6 March, in particular concerning the key comments in relation to the process regarding approaches or proposals made for any part of the business or for Six Continents as a whole.

The Board of Six Continents has given an explicit and public commitment that it will seriously consider any proposal that might be attractive to shareholders and that has a reasonable prospect of delivery.

The Board of Six Continents confirms there is an established process for these matters and that it has an independent committee (the "Committee") which is tasked with overseeing the process in respect of approaches or proposals, if any, made for any part of the business, or for Six Continents as a whole prior to the proposed demerger. The Committee's mandate is to advise and provide recommendations to the Six Continents Board as appropriate.

The Committee is chaired by Roger Carr (Senior Non-Executive Director of Six Continents) and comprises David Webster (who is to be appointed Deputy Chairman of InterContinental Hotels Group upon separation) and Robert Larson (a Non-Executive Director of Six Continents).

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Factors that could affect the business and the financial results are described in Item 3 Key Information – Risk Factors in the Six Continents Form 20-F for the financial year ended 30 September 2002 filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

**SIX CONTINENTS PLC**

(Registrant)

By: /s/ M.J.N. Bridge

Name: M.J.N. BRIDGE

Title: DEPUTY SECRETARY

Date: 12th March 2003

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