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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

11 August 2025

RECOMMENDED CASH OFFER

for

INSPIRED PLC

by

INTREPID BIDCO LIMITED

(a newly formed company indirectly wholly owned by funds managed and/or advised by HGGC, LLC and its affiliates)

ACCEPTANCE LEVEL ANNOUNCEMENT

On 26 June 2025, the boards of directors of each of Intrepid Bidco Limited (“**Bidco**”) and Inspired PLC (“**Inspired**”) announced that they had reached agreement on the terms of a recommended cash offer pursuant to which Bidco, a newly formed company owned indirectly by funds managed and/or advised by HGGC, LLC and its affiliates, would acquire the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Inspired (the “**Offer**”).

The offer document in relation to the Offer was published and made available to Inspired Shareholders, participants in the Inspired Share Plans, holders of Inspired Warrants, holders of Inspired CLNs and to persons with information rights on 11 July 2025 (the “**Offer Document**”), together with (for those Inspired Shareholders who hold their Inspired Shares in certificated form) the related Form of Acceptance.

Terms used but not defined in this announcement have the same meaning given to them in the Offer Document. This announcement should be read in conjunction with the full text of the Offer Document. All references to times in this announcement are to London times, unless otherwise stated. A copy of the Offer Document is available on Bidco’s website at www.hggc.com/announcement and on Inspired’s website at <https://inspiredplc.co.uk/investors/>.

As set out below, the Offer, which remains subject to the outstanding Conditions set out in the Offer Document, remains open until 1.00 p.m. on 9 September 2025 (the “**Unconditional Date**”).

Lapse of the Regent Offer

On 8 August 2025, Regent Acquisitions 2025 Limited (“**Regent**”, and Regent and its group being the “**Regent Group**”) announced that the acceptance condition of the Regent Offer has not been satisfied and consequently, the Regent Offer has now lapsed.

Level of acceptances

As is required pursuant to Rule 17 of the Takeover Code, Bidco announces that, as at 1.00 p.m. on 8 August 2025 (being the last Business Day prior to the date of this announcement), valid acceptances of the Offer had been received in respect of a total of 9,328,555 Inspired Shares, representing approximately 5.84% of Inspired's issued share capital (the "**Inspired Shares Valid Acceptances**").

Furthermore, Bidco announces that, as at 1.00 p.m. on 8 August 2025 (being the last Business Day prior to the date of this announcement), valid acceptances of the Rule 15 Proposals had been received in respect of (or Bidco or persons acting in concert with Bidco have acquired or agreed to acquire): (i) 7,779,157 Inspired Share Options representing approximately 100% of the Inspired Share Options; (ii) 37,635,525 Inspired Warrants representing approximately 70.84% of the Inspired Warrants (the "**Inspired Warrants Valid Acceptances**"); and (iii) £5,000,000 Inspired CLNs representing approximately 100% of the Inspired CLNs (the "**Inspired CLNs Valid Acceptances**").

So far as Bidco is aware, none of these acceptances have been received from persons acting in concert with Bidco.

Irrevocable undertakings and letters of intent

On 29 July 2025, Bidco was pleased to announce that it had received a conditional letter of intent from Regent, pursuant to which, Regent confirmed that following the Regent Offer lapsing, Regent intends to:

- (a) accept the Intrepid Offer in respect of the 46,865,710 Inspired Shares (representing approximately 29.36% of Inspired's issued share capital) currently held by the wider Regent Group; and
- (b) accept the proposals made on 11 July 2025 by Bidco under Rule 15 of the Takeover Code in respect of the 20,000,000 Inspired Warrants and the £2,000,000 Inspired CLNs held by the wider Regent Group,

(the "**Regent Letter of Intent**").

As a result of receiving the Regent Letter of Intent, Bidco has now received irrevocable undertakings or letters of intent in respect of:

- (a) 108,652,392 Inspired Shares, representing approximately 68.06 per cent. of Inspired's issued share capital;
- (b) 45,341,444 Inspired Warrants; and
- (c) £5,000,000 Inspired CLNs.

As described in paragraph 5 of Appendix IV (*Additional Information*) of the Offer Document and in the announcements of 23 July 2025 and 28 July 2025, Bidco procured the following irrevocable undertakings and letters of intent to accept (or procure the acceptance of, as applicable) the Offer:

- (a) in respect of Inspired Shares:
 - (i) irrevocable undertakings from the Inspired Directors who hold Inspired Shares, representing approximately 1.48% of Inspired's issued share capital, as at 1.00 p.m. on 8 August 2025. Acceptances have been received in respect of some but not all of these irrevocable undertakings;
 - (ii) irrevocable undertakings from certain Inspired Shareholders (being Gresham House, Otus and Richard Logan), representing approximately 33.83% of Inspired's issued share capital, as at 1.00 p.m. on 8 August 2025. Acceptances have been received in respect of some but not all of these irrevocable undertakings; and
 - (iii) letters of intent from certain Inspired Shareholders (being Otus, Castlefield and the Regent Group), representing approximately 32.74% of Inspired's issued share capital. Acceptances have not yet been received in respect of these letters of intent.
- (b) in respect of Inspired Warrants:
 - (i) irrevocable undertakings from certain holders of Inspired Warrants (being Gresham House, Otus and Richard Logan) in respect of 20,035,525 Inspired Warrants. Acceptances have been received in respect of some but not all of these irrevocable undertakings; and

- (ii) letters of intent from certain holders of Inspired Warrants (being William Currie, Otus, Castlefield and the Regent Group) in respect of 24,319,244 Inspired Warrants. Acceptances have been received in respect of some but not all of these letters of intent.
- (c) in respect of Inspired CLNs:
 - (i) an irrevocable undertaking from Gresham House in respect of £3,000,000 of Inspired CLNs. An acceptance has been received in respect of this irrevocable undertaking; and
 - (ii) a letter of intent from the Regent Group in respect of £2,000,000 of Inspired CLNs. An acceptance has been received in respect of this letter of intent.

Further details of each of the above irrevocable undertakings and letters of intent, including the terms on which they cease to be binding, are set out in paragraph 5 of Appendix IV (*Additional Information*) to the Offer Document and, in respect of the Regent Letter of Intent, the announcement made by Bidco on 28 July 2025.

Acceptance Condition

Pursuant to the Cooperation Agreement, Bidco has agreed with Inspired to waive down the Initial Acceptance Level (being 102,228,035 Inspired Shares equivalent to approximately 64.03 per cent. of the voting rights of Inspired Shares normally exercisable at a general meeting of Inspired) to the Revised Acceptance Level to take into account the number of Dilutive Securities which Bidco and any person acting in concert with Bidco acquires or agrees to acquire whether by way of acceptance of a Rule 15 Proposal or otherwise, subject always to compliance with Rule 10 of the Takeover Code.

As at 1.00 p.m. on 8 August 2025, based on valid acceptances of Dilutive Securities to date, the Revised Acceptance Level is equal to 82,831,115 Inspired Shares (equating to approximately 51.88 per cent. of the voting rights then normally exercisable at a general meeting of Inspired) and Bidco has hereby waived down the number of Inspired Shares which are required to satisfy the Acceptance Condition to the Revised Acceptance Level.

As at 1.00 p.m. on 8 August 2025, Bidco may count 9,328,555 Inspired Shares, representing approximately 5.84 per cent of Inspired's issued share capital, towards satisfaction of the Acceptance Condition.

Inspired Shareholders are reminded that, as set out in the Offer Document, the Offer is subject to the satisfaction of certain Conditions (including, in particular, the Acceptance Condition) which, as at the date of this announcement, remain outstanding. Subject to the satisfaction or (if permitted) waiver of the Conditions, it is currently expected that the Offer will become or will be declared Unconditional in the third quarter of 2025.

Unconditional Date

The Offer, which remains subject to the outstanding Conditions set out in the Offer Document, remains open until 1.00 p.m. on the Unconditional Date. The Unconditional Date may be brought forward or extended in accordance with the Takeover Code, as further described in paragraph 1 of Part C of Appendix I (*Conditions to and further terms of the Acquisition*) to the Offer Document. If the Offer becomes or is declared Unconditional, Bidco will keep the Offer open for acceptances for at least 14 days following the Unconditional Date (as defined in the Offer Document).

Acceptance procedure

Inspired Shareholders who have not yet accepted the Offer are urged to do so as soon as possible but, in any event, by no later than 1.00 p.m. (London time) on 9 September 2025.

Inspired Shareholders who have not yet accepted the Offer are urged to do so as soon as possible in accordance with the procedures set out in paragraph 20 of Part 1 (*Letter from Intrepid Bidco Limited*) of the Offer Document. By way of summary:

- to accept the Offer in respect of certificated Inspired Shares, you must complete and return the Form of Acceptance, together with your share certificate(s) and/or other document(s) of title, as soon as possible and, in any event, so as to be received by Equiniti Limited, Aspect House, Spencer Road, Lancing, West Sussex BN99 6DA by no later than 1.00 p.m. on the Unconditional Date; and
- acceptances in respect of uncertificated Inspired Shares should be made electronically through CREST so that the TTE instruction settles no later than 1.00 p.m. on the Unconditional Date. CREST sponsored members should refer to their CREST sponsor, as only the CREST sponsor will be able to send the necessary TTE instruction(s) to Euroclear.

If you have any questions about the Offer Document or are in any doubt as to how to complete the Form of Acceptance (if you hold Inspired Shares in certificated form), or how to make an Electronic Acceptance (if you hold Inspired Shares in uncertificated form), or if you want to request a further copy of the Offer Document (and/or any information incorporated into them by reference to another source) please contact the Receiving Agent, Equiniti, on +44 (0) 371 384 2030. Lines are open 8.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. (London time) Monday to Friday (excluding English and Welsh public holidays). Calls to the helpline from outside the UK will be charged at the applicable international rate. Different charges may apply to calls from mobile telephones and calls may be recorded and randomly monitored for security and training purposes. The helpline cannot provide advice on the merits of the Offer nor give any financial, legal or tax advice.

Inspired Shareholders who have previously accepted Regent's Offer and who now wish to withdraw their acceptance of Regent's Offer may do so by (i) sending written notice by post to Regent's receiving agent Neville Registrars Limited at Neville House, Steelpark Road, Halesowen B62 8HD or, by hand (only during normal business hours) at Neville Registrars Limited, Neville House, Steelpark Road, Halesowen B62 8HD; or (ii) for those Inspired Shareholders who hold Inspired Shares in uncertificated form, sending (or, if a CREST sponsored member, procuring that its CREST sponsor sends) an ESA instruction to settle in CREST in relation to each electronic acceptance to be withdrawn. Further details can be found on pages 31 and 32 of the offer document published by Regent on 7 May 2025.

Interests in securities

Save as disclosed in this Announcement, as at the close of business on 8 August 2025 (being the last Business Day prior to the date of this announcement), neither Bidco nor any Bidco Director, nor so far as the Bidco Directors are aware any other person acting, or deemed to be acting, in concert with Bidco:

- a) had an interest in, or right to subscribe for, relevant securities in Inspired;
- b) had any short position in (whether conditional or absolute and whether in the money or otherwise), including any short position under a derivative, any agreement to sell or any delivery obligation or right to require another person to purchase or take delivery of, relevant securities of Inspired;
- c) had procured an irrevocable commitment or letter of intent to accept the terms of the Offer in respect of relevant securities of Inspired; or
- d) had borrowed or lent any Inspired Shares.

Furthermore, neither Bidco nor any Bidco Director nor, so far as the Bidco Directors are aware, any other person acting, or deemed to be acting, in concert with Bidco is party to any arrangement in relation to relevant securities of Inspired. For these purposes, an "arrangement" includes any indemnity or option arrangement, any agreement or any understanding, formal or informal, of whatever nature, relating to Inspired Shares which may be an inducement to deal or refrain from dealing in such securities as detailed in Note 11 on the definition of acting in concert in the Takeover Code.

General

The calculations in this announcement are based on: (i) 159,649,070 Inspired Shares in issue as at the close of business on 8 August 2025 (being the last Business Day prior to the date of this announcement); and (ii), in respect of the Inspired Share Options, Inspired Warrants and Inspired CLNs, a fully diluted issued ordinary share capital of 226,328,477 Inspired Shares.

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otherwise, nor shall there be any sale, issuance or transfer of securities of Inspired in any jurisdiction in contravention of applicable law. The Acquisition will be implemented solely pursuant to the terms of the Offer Document which contains the full terms and conditions of the Acquisition, including details of how to accept the Offer. Any decision or response in relation to the Acquisition should be made only on the basis of the information contained in the Offer Document.

The release, distribution or publication of this announcement in whole or in part, directly or indirectly in, into or from jurisdictions outside the United Kingdom may be restricted by law and therefore persons into whose possession this announcement comes should inform themselves about, and observe, such restrictions. Any failure to comply with the restrictions may constitute a violation of the securities law of any such jurisdiction.

This announcement does not constitute a prospectus, prospectus equivalent document or exempted document.

If you are in any doubt about the contents of this announcement or the action you should take, you are recommended to seek your own independent financial advice immediately from your stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant or independent financial adviser duly authorised under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (as amended) if you are resident in the United Kingdom or, if not, from another appropriately authorised independent financial adviser.

Overseas Shareholders

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The availability of the Acquisition to Inspired Shareholders who are not resident in and citizens of the UK may be affected by the laws of the relevant jurisdictions in which they are located or of which they are citizens. Persons who are not resident in the UK should inform themselves of, and observe, any applicable legal or regulatory requirements of their jurisdictions. Any failure to comply with the applicable restrictions may constitute a violation of the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the companies and persons involved in the Acquisition disclaim any responsibility or liability for the violation of such restrictions by any person. Further details in relation to Overseas Shareholders are contained in the Offer Document.

Unless otherwise determined by Bidco or required by the Takeover Code, and permitted by applicable law and regulation, the Acquisition will not be made available, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, in, into or from a Restricted Jurisdiction where to do so would violate the laws in that jurisdiction and no person may accept the Offer by any such use, means, instrumentality or from within a Restricted Jurisdiction or any other jurisdiction if to do so would constitute a violation of the laws of that jurisdiction. Copies of this announcement and any formal documentation relating to the Acquisition are not being, and must not be, directly or indirectly, mailed or otherwise forwarded, distributed or sent in or into or from any Restricted Jurisdiction and persons receiving such documents (including, without limitation, agents, custodians, nominees and trustees) must not mail or otherwise forward, distribute or send it in or into or from any Restricted Jurisdiction. Doing so may render invalid any related purported acceptance of the Offer. Unless otherwise permitted by applicable law and regulation, the Offer may not be made directly or indirectly, in or into, or by the use of mails or any means or instrumentality (including, but not limited to, facsimile, e-mail or other electronic transmission, telex or telephone) of interstate or foreign commerce of, or of any facility of a national, state or other securities exchange of any Restricted Jurisdiction and the Offer may not be capable of acceptance by any such use, means, instrumentality or facilities.

Further details in relation to Overseas Shareholders are included in the Offer Document and Inspired Shareholders are advised to read carefully the Offer Document.

The Acquisition will be subject to English law, the applicable requirements of the Companies Act 2006, the Takeover Code, the Panel, the FCA and the London Stock Exchange and applicable securities law.

Note to U.S. holders of Inspired Shares

The Offer is being made for the securities of an English company that is listed on the London Stock Exchange by means of a contractual takeover offer under the Takeover Code and English law and is subject to disclosure requirements and practices that are different, in some cases materially, from the tender offer rules of the United States. The financial information included in the Offer Document has been prepared in accordance with accounting standards applicable in the United Kingdom and thus may not be comparable to financial information of U.S. companies or companies whose financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States.

For U.S. holders of Inspired Shares, the receipt of cash pursuant to the terms of the Acquisition as consideration for the transfer of their Inspired Shares, may be treated as a taxable transaction for U.S. federal income tax purposes and under applicable U.S. state and local, as well as foreign and other, tax laws. Each holder of Inspired Shares is urged to consult with its own legal, tax and financial advisers in connection with making a decision regarding this transaction and as to the U.S. federal, and applicable U.S. state, local, and foreign, tax consequences to it of the transaction contemplated hereby in light of such holders' specific circumstances.

The Offer will be made in the United States in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 14E under the U.S. Exchange Act to the extent applicable. The Offer qualifies for "Tier I" exemptions from the tender offer rules included in Regulation 14E under the U.S. Exchange Act for cross-border tender offers. Accordingly, the Offer will be subject to disclosure and other procedural requirements under the applicable laws of the United Kingdom, including with respect to withdrawal rights, offer timetable, settlement procedures and timing of payments that may be materially different from those applicable to tender offers for U.S. domestic companies and other companies for which "Tier I" exemptions do not apply.

Once the Offer becomes or is declared Unconditional, Bidco will acquire all Inspired Shares that have by that time been validly tendered (or deemed to have been validly tendered) in acceptance of the Offer and will, in accordance with the Takeover Code, settle the relevant consideration for all such accepted Inspired Shares (other than in respect of participants in the Inspired Share Plans, in respect of whom settlement will be effected through payroll or such other method as may be determined by Inspired): (i) in the case of acceptances received, valid and complete in all respects, by the date on which the Offer becomes or is declared Unconditional, within 14 days of such date; or (ii) in the case of acceptances of the Offer received, valid and complete in all respects, after the date on which the Offer becomes or is declared Unconditional but while it remains open for acceptance, within 14 days of the date of such receipt, in each case, rather than the three trading days that U.S. investors may be accustomed to in U.S. domestic tender offers. Similarly, if the Offer is terminated or withdrawn, all documents of title will be returned to Inspired Shareholders within 14 days of such termination or withdrawal. U.S. investors should closely read Appendix IV (Additional Information) of the Offer Document for further details.

In accordance with normal UK practice and Rule 14e-5(b) under the U.S. Exchange Act, Bidco and its nominees or brokers (acting as agents), may from time to time make certain purchases of, or arrangements to purchase, Inspired Shares outside the United States, other than pursuant to the Offer, before or during the period in which the Offer remains open for acceptance. Also, in accordance with Rule 14e-5(b) of the U.S. Exchange Act. These purchases may occur either in the open market at prevailing prices or in private transactions at negotiated prices. Such purchases, or arrangements to purchase, shall comply with applicable rules in the United Kingdom and the rules of the London Stock Exchange. Any information about such purchases will be disclosed as required in the United Kingdom, will be reported to a Regulatory Information Service of the FCA and will be available on the London Stock Exchange website: www.londonstockexchange.com.

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actions or in actions for enforcement of judgments of the U.S. courts, of civil liabilities predicated upon U.S. federal securities laws.

Publication on website and availability of hard copies

A copy of this announcement will be available free of charge, subject to certain restrictions relating to persons resident or located in Restricted Jurisdictions, for inspection on Bidco's website at www.hggc.com/announcement and on Inspired's website at <https://inspiredplc.co.uk/investors/>, by no later than 12.00 p.m. (London time) on the business day following publication of this announcement and during the course of the Offer. For the avoidance of doubt, unless otherwise stated, neither the contents of Bidco's website or Inspired's website nor the contents of any website accessible from hyperlinks on Bidco's website or Inspired's website (or any other websites referred to in this announcement) are incorporated into, or form part of, this announcement.

Pursuant to Rule 30.3 of the Takeover Code, you may, subject to certain restrictions relating to persons resident or located in any Restricted Jurisdictions, request a hard copy of this announcement and all information incorporated into this announcement by contacting the Registrar at Equiniti Limited, Aspect House, Spencer Road, Lancing, West Sussex BN99 6DA, United Kingdom, or on +44 (0) 333 207 6505 between 8.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. (London time) Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays in the United Kingdom). For deaf and speech impaired shareholders, calls can be made via Relay UK. Please see www.relayuk.bt.com for more information. Please note that Equiniti cannot provide any financial, legal or tax advice and calls may be recorded and monitored for security and training purposes. In accordance with Rule 30.3 of the Takeover Code, a person so entitled may also request that all future documents, announcements and information in relation to the Acquisition should be sent to them in hard copy form. If you have received this announcement in electronic form or via a website notification, hard copies of this announcement and any document or information incorporated by reference into this announcement will not be provided unless such a request is made.

Inspired Shareholders may also, subject to certain restrictions relating to persons resident or located in any Restricted Jurisdictions, request that all future documents, announcements and information sent to them in relation to the Acquisition be in hard copy form. A hard copy of such document (including this announcement), announcement or information will not be sent unless so requested.

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This announcement contains certain statements about Bidco and Inspired that are or may be forward-looking statements, including with respect to the Acquisition. Forward-looking statements are prospective in nature and are not based on historical facts, but rather on current assumptions, expectations, valuations, targets, estimates, forecasts and projections of Bidco and Inspired about future events, and are therefore subject to risks and uncertainties which could cause actual results, performance or events to differ materially from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. All statements other than statements of historical facts included in this announcement may be forward-looking statements. Without limitation, forward-looking statements often include words such as "targets", "plans", "believes", "hopes", "continues", "expects", "aims", "intends", "will", "may", "should", "would", "could", "anticipates", "estimates", "will look to", "budget", "strategy", "would look to", "scheduled", "goal", "prepares", "forecasts", "cost-saving", "is subject to", "synergy", "projects" or words or terms of similar substance or the negative thereof.

By their nature, forward-looking statements involve risk and uncertainty, because they relate to events and depend on circumstances that will occur in the future and the factors described in the context of such forward-looking statements in this announcement could cause actual results and developments to differ materially from those expressed in or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, the possibility that the Acquisition will not be pursued or consummated, failure to obtain necessary regulatory approvals or to satisfy any of the other conditions to the Acquisition if it is pursued, adverse effects on the market price of Bidco's or Inspired's ordinary shares and on Bidco's or Inspired's operating results because of a failure to complete the Acquisition, failure to realise the expected benefits of the Acquisition, negative effects relating to the announcement of the Acquisition or any further announcements relating to the Acquisition or the consummation of the Acquisition on the market price of Inspired Shares, significant transaction costs and/or unknown liabilities, the Inspired Group incurring and/or experiencing unanticipated costs and/or delays (including IT system failures, cyber-crime, fraud and

pension scheme liabilities), general economic and business conditions that affect the Inspired Group following the consummation of the Acquisition, changes in global, political, economic, business, competitive, market and regulatory forces (including exposures to terrorist activities), future exchange and interest rates, changes in tax laws, regulations, rates and policies, future business combinations or disposals, changes in general economic and business conditions, changes in the behaviour of other market participants, weak, volatile or illiquid capital and/or credit markets, interest rate and currency value fluctuations, changes in laws or in supervisory expectations or requirements and competitive developments. Although it is believed that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, no assurance can be given that such expectations will prove to have been correct and you are therefore cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements which speak only as at the date of this announcement. If any one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialises or if any one or more of the assumptions proves incorrect, actual results may differ materially from those expected, estimated or projected.

All forward-looking statements contained in this announcement are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements contained or referred to in this section.

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Under Rule 8.3(a) of the Code, any person who is interested in 1% or more of any class of relevant securities of an offeree company or of any securities exchange offeror (being any offeror other than an offeror in respect of which it has been announced that its offer is, or is likely to be, solely in cash) must make an Opening Position Disclosure following the commencement of the offer period and, if later, following the announcement in which any securities exchange offeror is first identified. An Opening Position Disclosure must contain details of the person's interests and short positions in, and rights to subscribe for, any relevant securities of each of (i) the offeree company and (ii) any securities exchange offeror(s). An Opening Position Disclosure by a person to whom Rule 8.3(a) applies must be made by no later than 3.30 pm (London time) on the 10th business day following the commencement of the offer period and, if appropriate, by no later than 3.30 pm (London time) on the 10th business day following the announcement in which any securities exchange offeror is first identified. Relevant persons who deal in the relevant securities of the offeree company or of a securities exchange offeror prior to the deadline for making an Opening Position Disclosure must instead make a Dealing Disclosure.

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If two or more persons act together pursuant to an agreement or understanding, whether formal or informal, to acquire or control an interest in relevant securities of an offeree company or a securities exchange offeror, they will be deemed to be a single person for the purpose of Rule 8.3.

Opening Position Disclosures must also be made by the offeree company and by any offeror and Dealing Disclosures must also be made by the offeree company, by any offeror and by any persons acting in concert with any of them (see Rules 8.1, 8.2 and 8.4).

Details of the offeree and offeror companies in respect of whose relevant securities Opening Position Disclosures and Dealing Disclosures must be made can be found in the Disclosure Table on the Takeover Panel's website at <https://www.thetakeoverpanel.org.uk>, including details of the number of relevant securities in issue, when the offer period commenced and when any offeror was first identified. You should contact the Takeover Panel's Market Surveillance Unit on +44 (0)20 7638 0129 if you are in any doubt as to whether you are required to make an Opening Position Disclosure or a Dealing Disclosure.

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