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11 July 2025

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To holders of JOE Options granted under the Inspired plc Long Term Incentive Plan 2017

Dear Participant

Recommended cash acquisition of Inspired plc ("Inspired") by Inspired Bidco Limited ("Bidco")

On 26 June 2025, Inspired and Bidco (a newly formed company owned by affiliates of HGGC, LLC) announced that they had reached an agreement on the terms of a recommended offer to be made by Bidco for the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Inspired (other than the Inspired Shares already owned or controlled by Bidco) at a price of 81 pence per Share. This is known as the **Offer** (which is more fully defined in Appendix 3 (Definitions) of this letter).

1 Why are we writing to you?

We are writing to explain how, if the Offer proceeds to Completion, it will affect your JOE Option, the choices you have and what you need to do. Please read everything in this letter and the Appendices carefully; the contents are very important. Once you have made your choice, you will not be able to change it.

2 What is the Offer?

In summary, under the Offer Inspired Shareholders will be entitled to receive 81 pence in cash for each Inspired Share they own (the **"Consideration"**).

The Offer will become effective when it becomes or is declared unconditional ("**Completion**"). This is currently expected to take place during the third quarter of 2025, but may happen sooner

depending on levels of acceptance in respect of the Offer. The date of Completion will be announced to the market in due course.

This letter and its Appendices should be read together with the Offer Document which contains the terms of the Offer in full. Copies of the Offer Document and this letter are available on the Inspired website at – https://inspiredplc.co.uk/investors/recommended-offer-from-hggc-doc/.

What is the proposal we are making to you?

Bidco is required by the Takeover Code to make an "appropriate proposal" to holders of options (including your JOE Option) to safeguard their interests in the context of the Offer.

The proposal is that you exercise your outstanding JOE Option that you hold on Completion in full and accept the Offer in respect of all of the Inspired Shares subject to your JOE Award (the "**Proposal**"). You will then receive 81 pence for each Inspired Share. This Proposal is referred to as **Choice 1** in Appendix 1 to this letter, which gives you more information on your JOE Option and the choices you have in respect of it.

Please note that if any dividend, distribution and/or return of value is proposed, authorised, declared, made or paid by Inspired (or becomes payable) in respect of Inspired Shares, Bidco reserves the right to reduce the Consideration by the amount of any such dividend, distribution and/or other return of value.

How to accept the Proposal

Please read this letter, together with the Appendices, in full.

If you then wish to accept the Proposal to exercise your outstanding JOE Option on Completion, you can do so by completing the enclosed Form of Instruction and returning it to Matt Ireland at Inspired by post or by hand (during normal business hours only) in the enclosed reply-paid envelope.

If you hold more than one JOE Option, the Form of Instruction includes details of all your outstanding JOE Options.

You should return the enclosed Form of Instruction as soon as possible and in any event so as to be received by no later than 5 pm (UK time) on 1 August 2025.

4 Recommendation

The Inspired Directors, who have been so advised by Evercore, consider the terms of the Proposal described in this letter to be fair and reasonable. In providing their advice, Evercore has taken into account the commercial assessment of the Inspired Directors.

The Inspired Directors recommend that you accept the Proposal as set out in this letter to exercise your JOE Option immediately following Completion and accept the Offer by electing for Choice 1 as described in Appendix 1. You should, however, consider your own personal circumstances, including your tax position, when deciding whether to accept Choice 1 and your preferred timing for exercising your JOE Option.

5 Further information

Your attention is drawn to the further information contained in the Appendices to this letter and accompanying Form of Instruction, which should be read in conjunction with this letter.

If you have any queries in relation to this letter or how to complete the Form of Instruction you should contact Matt Ireland at Inspired at matt.ireland@inspiredenergy.co.uk without delay. However, please note that neither Matt Ireland nor Inspired will able to provide you with any legal, financial, tax planning or investment advice on the merits of any particular choice or on the Offer itself. You are reminded if you fail to take any action, your JOE Option will lapse in due course and cease to be of any value.

Please also note that nothing in this letter is intended, nor should it be taken, as any advice as to any course of action you should take. If you are in any doubt as to the action you should take now, you should seek your own financial advice from an appropriately authorised independent financial adviser.

Yours faithfully

Name: Paul Connor



For and on behalf of Inspired

Name: David Chung



For and on behalf of Bidco

Impact of the Offer on your JOE Option and other Frequently Asked Questions

1 How will the Offer affect your JOE Option?

If the Offer completes, your JOE Option (to the extent it is not already exercisable) will become exercisable and may be exercised from the date of Completion and you will thereby own the entirety of the Inspired Shares which are subject to your JOE Award.

If you hold a JOE Option that is already exercisable and has not lapsed, the Offer will have no impact on it and it will remain exercisable.

Under the terms of your JOE Award, you have a limited period of time from the date of Completion to exercise your JOE Option and **if it has not been exercised by then, it will lapse**. The lapse date that applies to your JOE Option is set out in the enclosed Form of Instruction. You should note that waiting to exercise your JOE Option will not increase the number of Inspired Shares you can acquire under your JOE Option, nor the Consideration payable to you.

Please note that if your JOE Award is subject to (i) pro-rating as a result of your being able to exercise your JOE Option earlier than the normal exercise date; and/or (ii) performance conditions, the remuneration committee of Inspired has exercised its discretion to disapply any pro-rating and/or performance conditions on Completion. Therefore, your JOE Option may be exercised in full on Completion.

Any holding periods applicable to your JOE Award will cease to apply on Completion.

If Completion does not happen for any reason, your JOE Award will continue as normal, subject to the rules of the LTIP.

2 What are the choices available to you?

The alternative courses of action that you may take in relation to your JOE Option(s) are set out in detail in the following pages. In summary, these are:

Choice 1: exercise your JOE Option and accept the Offer, or

Choice 2: exercise your JOE Option and not accept the Offer.

Alternatively, you could do nothing. However, see section 5 below for the consequences of you taking no action.

Before deciding what action you should take, you may wish to consider your tax position. Please note, Appendix 2 to this letter gives some general guidance on the UK tax and national insurance consequences of exercising a JOE Option and disposing of Inspired Shares acquired as a result of the exercise of a JOE Option pursuant to the Offer. If you are in any doubt as to your tax position, you should consult an appropriate independent professional tax adviser without delay.

3 Choice 1: Exercise your JOE Option and accept the Offer

Under this Choice 1 (which is the Proposal recommended by the Inspired Directors), you would exercise your JOE Option in full on Completion (whether it is already exercisable or

becomes exercisable as a result of the Offer). The effect of exercising your JOE Option is that you will become the owner of the entirety of the Inspired Shares subject to your JOE Award. Each of the Inspired Shares will then be bought by Bidco as part of the Offer and you will receive the Consideration of 81 pence for each Inspired Share (subject to the deductions mentioned below).

Inspired and Bidco have agreed to operate a cashless exercise facility (the "Cashless Exercise Facility") further to which:

- the exercise price that you have to pay in respect of your JOE Option will be deducted automatically from the Consideration payable to you; and
- any income tax and employee national insurance contributions ("NICs") that the Inspired Group is required to withhold will also be deducted from the Consideration paid to you and paid to the relevant tax authority. You will receive the net proceeds via payroll (see paragraph 7 below).

Please note that the Cashless Exercise Facility is **only** available to you if you elect Choice 1 and choose to exercise your JOE Option and accept the Offer using the enclosed Form of Instruction.

If you want to elect for Choice 1, you must follow the instructions set out in section 6.1 below.

4 Choice 2: Exercise your JOE Option and not accept the Offer

Under this Choice 2, you may exercise your JOE Option in full on or after Completion (whether it is already exercisable or becomes exercisable as a result of the Offer). As above, you would then own the entirety of the Inspired Shares subject to your JOE Award. However, you would not have to accept the Offer but could instead retain the Inspired Shares or sell them in the market in the usual way (so long as the Inspired Shares continue to be admitted to trading). However, you should **note the following important information**:

- under Choice 2, the Cashless Exercise Facility will not be available to you and therefore, in order to exercise your JOE Option you will be required to pay the exercise price and any tax and NICs liability to Inspired using your own funds <u>before</u> the exercise of your JOE Option will be accepted;
- if you try to sell your Inspired Shares on the market you may find that it is not possible to sell them for the Consideration of 81 pence for each Inspired Share. In addition, you would ordinarily expect to incur dealing costs in respect of such a sale;
- subject to the Offer becoming or being declared unconditional in all respects and subject
 to any applicable legal or regulatory requirements, Bidco intends to procure the application
 by Inspired for the cancellation of the admission of Inspired Shares to trading on AIM (delisting). It is expected that such de-listing would significantly reduce the liquidity and
 marketability of any Inspired Shares; and
- Bidco intends, if it becomes entitled to do so, to buy Inspired Shares from shareholders
 who have not accepted the Offer using the Compulsory Purchase Procedure. This means
 that Bidco would automatically acquire your Inspired Shares from you for the same
 Consideration, but you will receive the Consideration later than if you would have elected
 for Choice 1.

If you want to pursue Choice 2, you must follow the instructions in section 6.2 below.

5 Do nothing

If you do not take any action in respect of your JOE Option, your JOE Option, to the extent unexercised, will **lapse and cease to be of any value** after the date of Completion. Please refer to the enclosed Form of Instruction which includes the lapse date that is relevant to your JOE Option.

6 Action to be taken

6.1 If you wish to proceed under Choice 1 (Exercise your JOE Option and accept the Offer)

You must complete the enclosed Form of Instruction using the enclosed reply-paid envelope and return it, to Matt Ireland by post or by hand (during normal business hours only). You should return the enclosed Form of Instruction as soon as possible and in any event so as to be received by no later than 5 pm (UK time) on 1 August 2025.

By electing for Choice 1 and completing the Form of Instruction, you agree and acknowledge that the exercise of your JOE Option, to the extent it becomes exercisable (if not otherwise exercisable), will take effect immediately following Completion or, if your Form of Instruction is received too late for this to occur, as soon as reasonably practicable after receipt of your Form of Instruction (provided that your JOE Option has not lapsed and the Offer remains open for acceptance at that time).

Please read the explanatory notes and the Terms and Conditions printed on the Form of Instruction carefully before you complete it. These notes tell you how to complete the Form of Instruction to exercise your JOE Option(s) and accept the Offer.

6.2 If you wish to proceed under Choice 2 (Exercise your JOE Option and not accept the Offer)

You should **not** complete or return the enclosed Form on Instruction but instead contact Matt Ireland at Inspired at matt.ireland@inspiredenergy.co.uk without delay, and he will let you know how to exercise your JOE Option and pay the appropriate exercise price and income tax and NICs liability.

6.3 If you take no action

If you take no action, you will not be able to exercise your JOE Option and accept the Offer. Your JOE Option will lapse after Completion and become worthless.

7 When will you receive your Consideration?

If Completion happens and you elect for Choice 1, the Consideration due to you under the Offer will be payable by Bidco in accordance with the settlement process set out in the Offer Document. This Consideration will be received on your behalf and then paid to you after the deduction of the exercise price payable for your JOE Option and any income tax and employee NICs (in accordance with the terms of the Cashless Exercise Facility), through the next practicable payroll after the Consideration has been despatched by Bidco.

If Completion happens and you pursue Choice 2, you will receive a share certificate in respect of the Inspired Shares you acquire the full interest over on exercise of your JOE Option within 30 days of such exercise. Should Bidco ultimately acquire your Inspired Shares through the

Compulsory Purchase Procedure, you will receive your Consideration through that process and further details will be given to you at that time. Please note that there is no guarantee that a Compulsory Purchase Procedure will take place.

8 What happens if Completion does not happen?

If Completion does not happen for any reason, any election you make for Choice 1 in accordance with this letter will not have effect and your JOE Award will continue and (if not already exercisable) will become exercisable as normal subject to and in accordance with the rules of the LTIP.

9 What happens if you leave the Inspired Group?

Your JOE Award remains subject to the rules of the LTIP. This means that your JOE Award would ordinarily lapse if you leave the Inspired Group unless you leave for certain good leaver rules as described in the rules of the LTIP. You will receive further details if this becomes applicable to you.

10 What are the tax implications?

Appendix 2 of this letter gives some general guidance on UK tax and NICs consequences of exercising your JOE Option and disposing of the Inspired Shares subject to your JOE Award pursuant to the Offer. However, if you are in any doubt as to your tax position, whether in respect of Choice 1, Choice 2, or otherwise, you are strongly advised to consult an independent professional tax adviser without delay.

UK Tax Summary

The information contained below is a summary of the current UK tax implications of exercising your JOE Option and accepting the Offer as outlined in this letter and applies only to JOE Option holders resident for tax purposes in the UK. It is for guidance only and is not a full description of all the circumstances in which a tax liability may occur and only considers the implications of accepting this choice in relation to your JOE Option. It does not constitute tax advice to any individual JOE Option holder. The precise implications for you will depend on your particular circumstances and, if you are in any doubt as to your tax position or are not resident in the UK for tax purposes, you should consult an appropriate independent professional adviser immediately. The summary is based on existing law and what is understood to be the current practice of HMRC.

1 Exercising your JOE Option

Upon exercise of your JOE Option, income tax at your marginal rate will arise. The taxable amount will be the market value of the interest in the Inspired Shares you acquire on exercise less the exercise price you have to pay to exercise your JOE Option. For these purposes, market value is likely to be an amount equal to the Consideration under the Offer of 81 pence per share.

An employee's National Insurance contribution ("NICs") charge will also arise on the taxable amount above. NICs is generally charged at approximately 2%.

Note that both income tax and NICs will be deducted automatically by payroll from the cash consideration due to you under the Offer.

2 Selling your Inspired Shares

You may be subject to capital gains tax ("CGT") on the subsequent sale of your Inspired Shares to Bidco under the Offer. Any CGT payable will be based on the increase in value of your JOE Interest in the Inspired Shares against the hurdle applicable to the JOE Award and any amount in respect of which you were subject to income tax upon the acquisition of the JOE Interest. As the hurdle of 195 pence per share is significantly higher than the Consideration under the Offer of 81 pence per share, it is unlikely that you would be subject to CGT on the sale of your Inspired Shares.

Please note that special rules on calculating CGT gains apply where you hold other Inspired Shares, whether or not acquired under the Inspired share plans, or you buy and sell portions of Inspired Shares at different times.

If you have to pay any CGT, you will have to pay it through self-assessment. It will not be deducted for you through payroll. This means that you will have to complete a self-assessment tax return (in hard copy or online). Note also that you will only have to pay CGT to the extent that your gains from the disposal of any Inspired Shares and any other chargeable gains you make in that tax year exceed your personal CGT allowance for the tax year in which the disposal takes place (which is £3,000 for the 2025/26 tax year). You may also be able to reduce your CGT liability by using losses or claiming reliefs.

3 Share identification

Notwithstanding the above, you should be aware that special rules apply when individuals acquire and dispose of shares in the same company during various periods. These rules could affect your capital gains tax position. You should take appropriate professional advice in relation to these rules if you think they may apply to you.

4 Accounting for tax under Self-Assessment

Under the self-assessment regime, taxpayers are required to provide HMRC with all the information needed to calculate their taxable income (from all sources) and any chargeable gains. The time limit for filing a return on-line and paying your CGT (if any) is 31 January after the end of the tax year in which the chargeable gain arises. For example, if you sell your Inspired Shares in the 2025/2026 tax year (i.e. between 6 April 2025 and 5 April 2026) the deadline is 31 January 2027.

Definitions

Business Day a day, not being a public holiday, Saturday or Sunday, on which

clearing banks in London are open for normal business

Completion the date on which the Offer becomes or is declared

unconditional

Compulsory Purchase

Procedure

the procedure under which if Completion happens and Bidco holds 90% or more of the Inspired Shares to which the Offer relates, Bidco may become entitled or bound under the Companies Act 2006 to acquire compulsorily, on the same terms as the Offer, the remaining Inspired Shares in respect of

which the Offer has not yet been accepted

Inspired Shareholders holders of Inspired Shares from time to time

Inspired Shares the existing unconditionally allotted or issued and fully paid (or

credited as fully paid) ordinary shares of £0.0125 each in the

capital of Inspired and any further shares which are

unconditionally allotted or issued before the Offer becomes or is

declared unconditional

JOE Award an award granted under the LTIP which comprises a JOE

Interest and a JOE Option

JOE Interest a joint interest in Inspired Shares held with the Trustee

JOE Option an option granted by the Trustee over the Trustee's joint interest

in the Inspired Shares subject to the relevant JOE Award

LTIP the Inspired plc Long Term Incentive Plan 2017

Offer the recommended cash offer by Bidco of the entire issued and

to be issued share capital of Inspired, other than any Inspired Shares already held by Bidco by means of a takeover as defined in Chapter 3 of Part 28 of the Companies Act on the terms set out in the Offer Document and including, where the context permits, any subsequent revision, variation, extension

or renewal of such offer

Offer Document the document sent to Inspired Shareholders and persons with

information rights containing terms and conditions of the Offer

on 11 July 2025

Proposal the proposal as set out in this letter to exercise your JOE Option

immediately following Completion and accept the Offer by electing for Choice 1 as described in Appendix 1 to this letter

Takeover Code the Takeover Code issued by the Panel (as defined in the Offer

Document) as amended from time to time

Trustee

Inspired EBT Limited, in its capacity as trustee of the Inspired plc Employee Benefit Trust

Legal Notes¹

Responsibility

The Bidco Director whose name is set out in paragraph 2(c) of Appendix IV of the Offer Document accepts responsibility for the information contained in this letter and the Form of Instruction, other than: (a) the information relating to Inspired, the Inspired Directors, their close relatives, related trusts and connected persons, (b) the recommendations and opinions of the Inspired Directors relating to the Offer contained in Part 1 of the Offer Document and (c) the information relating to HGGC, LLC, the HGGC, LLC Directors, their close relatives, related trusts and connected persons. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Bidco Director (who has taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case), the information contained in this letter for which they are responsible is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of that information.

The HGGC, LLC Responsible Persons whose names are set out in paragraph 2(b) of Appendix IV of the Offer Document accept responsibility for the information contained in this letter and the Form of Instruction, other than (a) the information relating to Inspired, the Inspired Directors, their close relatives, related trusts and connected persons, (b) the recommendations and opinions of the Inspired Directors relating to the Offer contained in Part I of the Offer Document and (c) the information relating to Bidco, the Bidco Directors, their close relatives, related trusts and connected persons. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the HGGC, LLC Responsible Persons (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case), the information contained in this document for which they are responsible is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of that information.

The Inspired Directors, whose names are set out in paragraph 2(a) of Appendix IV of the Offer Document, accept responsibility for the information contained in this letter and the Form of Instruction relating to the Inspired Group, the Wider Inspired Group, persons acting in concert with the Inspired Group, the Inspired Directors, their close relatives, related trusts and connected persons and the recommendations and opinions of the Inspired Directors relating to the Offer contained in Part I of the Offer Document. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Inspired Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case), the information contained in this letter for which they are responsible is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of that information.

Advisers

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¹ To conform with Offer Document once available

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Information

The enclosed Form of Instruction, including the notes, terms and conditions and instructions in those documents, shall be deemed to be incorporated into and form an integral part of the Proposal in this letter.

The Proposal set out in this letter and acceptances and instructions in respect of them shall be irrevocable and this letter and the Form of Instruction (and choices made under it) are governed by and should be construed in accordance with the laws of England and Wales. All acceptances of the Offer shall be governed by the provisions of the Offer Document.

Nothing in this letter shall be construed as investment advice or any investment recommendation given by Inspired.

Words and expressions defined in the Offer Document will, unless the context requires otherwise, have the same meaning in this letter and the enclosed Form of Instruction. Your JOE Option is governed by the rules of the LTIP and the applicable legislation. If there is any inconsistency between those rules and the applicable legislation and this letter (including the Appendices) and the Form of Instruction, the rules and such legislation will prevail.

Accidental omission to despatch this letter or the Form of Instruction to, or any failure to receive the same by, any person to whom the Proposal is made or should be made, will not invalidate the Proposal in this letter in any way. Receipt of documents will not be acknowledged and documents will be despatched at your own risk by post.