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This document is an admission document required by the AIM Rules for Companies and has been prepared in connection with the proposed admission to trading on AIM, a market operated by the London Stock Exchange, of the entire issued and to be issued share capital of the Company and has been drawn up in accordance with the AIM Rules for Companies. This document does not comprise a prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Rules.

The Directors, whose names appear on page 11, and the Company, whose address appears on page 11, accept individual and collective responsibility for the information contained in this document including individual and collective responsibility for compliance with the AIM Rules for Companies. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors and the Company (having taken all reasonable care to ensure such is the case), the information contained in this document is in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect the import of such information. In connection with this document, no person is authorised to give any information or make any representation other than as contained in this document.

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## Wilmcote Holdings plc

*(incorporated and registered in Jersey with registered number 123424)*

### Placing of 12,500,000 new Ordinary Shares at £1.20 per share and

### Admission of Ordinary Shares to trading on AIM

Numis Securities Limited

**Numis**

*Nominated Adviser, Joint Broker  
and Joint Bookrunner*

Macquarie Capital (Europe) Limited



MACQUARIE

*Joint Broker and Joint Bookrunner*

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Application has been made for the entire issued and to be issued ordinary share capital of the Company to be admitted to trading on AIM, a market operated by the London Stock Exchange. It is expected that Admission will become effective, and dealings in the Ordinary Shares will commence at 8 a.m. on 17 August 2017. This document does not contain an offer of transferable securities to the public in the United Kingdom within the meaning of section 102B of FSMA and is not required to be issued as a prospectus pursuant to section 85 of FSMA, but comprises an AIM admission document drawn up in accordance with the AIM Rules for Companies. Accordingly, this document has not been pre-approved by or filed with the Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA") or any other competent authority. However, this document does constitute a prospectus for the purposes of the Companies (Jersey) Law 1991 and the Companies (General Provisions) (Jersey) Order 2002.

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The Company is classified by the FCA’s National Private Placement Regime as a small non-EEA AIFM, which means that it cannot be marketed under either the AIF Managers’ Directive domestic marketing or passporting regimes and its assets under management do not exceed (i) €500 million for unleveraged AIFs which have no redemption rights exercisable during a five year period from initial investment, or (ii) €100 million in all other cases.

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The Shares will not be listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange Ltd. or on any other stock exchange or regulated trading facility in Switzerland.

The Shares will only be distributed to qualified investors in accordance with the Swiss Federal Act on Collective Investment Schemes and its implementing ordinances and the applicable guidelines of the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority (“**FINMA**”) and will not be distributed to non-qualified investors in or from Switzerland. Neither this document nor any other offering materials relating to the Company will be made available to non-qualified investors for distribution in or from Switzerland.

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No action has been taken or will be taken in any jurisdiction by the Company, the Brokers or the Co-Manager that would permit a public offering of the Ordinary Shares in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required, nor has any such action been taken with respect to the possession or distribution of this document other than in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required. Neither the Company, the Brokers nor the Co-Manager accept any responsibility for any violation of any of these restrictions by any other person.

*Restrictions on purchasers of Ordinary Shares*

Each investor in the Ordinary Shares offered in the Placing (and each subsequent investor in the Ordinary Shares) will be deemed to have represented and agreed as follows (terms used in this paragraph that are defined in Regulation S are used herein as defined therein):

- (i) the investor is acquiring the Ordinary Shares in an “offshore transaction” as defined in Regulation S;
- (ii) the Ordinary Shares have not been offered to it by the Company, the Brokers, the Co-Manager or their respective directors, officers, agents, employees, advisers or any others by means of any “directed selling efforts” as defined in Regulation S;
- (iii) the investor is aware that the Ordinary Shares have not been nor will be registered under the US Securities Act and may not be offered or sold in the US absent registration or in a transaction exempt from registration under the US Securities Act;
- (iv) the investor is aware that the Company has not registered under the US Investment Company Act and that the Company has put in place restrictions for transactions not involving any public offering in the US, and to ensure that the Company is not and will not be required to register under the US Investment Company Act;
- (v) no portion of the assets used by such investor to purchase, and no portion of the assets used by such investor to hold, the Ordinary Shares or any beneficial interest therein constitutes or will constitute the assets of: (i) an “employee benefit plan” that is subject to Title I of ERISA; (ii) a plan, individual retirement account or other arrangement that is subject to section 4975 of the US Tax Code; (iii) an entity whose underlying assets are considered to include “plan assets” of any plan, account or arrangement described in preceding clause (i) or (ii); or (iv) any governmental plan, church plan, non-US plan or other investor whose purchase or holding of Ordinary Shares would be subject to any state, local, non-US or other laws or regulations similar to Title I of ERISA or section 4975 of the US Tax Code or that could result in the assets of the Company being deemed to be assets of such plan or investor;
- (vi) if in the future it decides to offer, sell, transfer, assign or otherwise dispose of Ordinary Shares, it will do so only in compliance with an exemption from the registration requirements of the US Securities Act and under circumstances which will not require the Company to register under the US Investment Company Act. It acknowledges that any sale, transfer, assignment, pledge or other disposal of Ordinary Shares made other than in compliance with such laws and the above stated restrictions will be subject to the compulsory transfer provisions as provided in the Company’s Articles;
- (vii) it has received, carefully read and understands this document and has not, directly or indirectly, distributed, forwarded, transferred or otherwise transmitted this document or any other presentation or offering materials concerning the Ordinary Shares to any persons within the US, nor will it do any of the foregoing; and
- (viii) the Brokers, the Co-Manager, the Company, their respective directors, officers, agents, employees, advisers and others will rely upon the truth and accuracy of the foregoing representations and agreements. If any of the representations or agreements made by the investor are no longer accurate or have not been complied with, the investor will immediately notify the Company and, if it is acquiring any Placing Shares as a fiduciary or agent for one or more accounts, the investor has sole investment discretion with respect to each such account and it has full power to make such foregoing representations and agreements on behalf of each such account.

*ERISA restrictions*

Each investor and subsequent transferee of the Ordinary Shares will be deemed to represent and agree that no portion of the assets used to acquire or hold its interest in the Ordinary Shares constitutes or will constitute the assets of any US Plan Investor or any Other Plan Investor.

Purported transfers of Ordinary Shares to US Plan Investors or Other Plan Investors will, to the extent permissible by applicable law, be void *ab initio*.

If any Ordinary Shares are owned directly or beneficially by a person believed by the Directors to be in violation of the transfer restrictions set forth in this document, or by a US Plan Investor or Other Plan Investor whose investment was not approved in writing in advance by the Company, the Directors may give notice to such person requiring him either (i) to provide the Directors within 30 days of receipt of such notice with sufficient satisfactory documentary evidence to satisfy the Directors that such person is not in violation of the transfer restrictions set forth in this document or is not a US Plan Investor or Other Plan Investor, as applicable, or (ii) to sell or transfer his Ordinary Shares to a person qualified to own the same within 30 days, and within such 30 days to provide the Directors with satisfactory evidence of such sale or transfer. Where condition (i) or (ii) is not satisfied within 30 days after the serving of the notice, the Board is entitled to arrange for the sale of the Ordinary Shares on behalf of the person. If the Company cannot effect a sale of the Ordinary Shares within five business days of its first attempt to do so, the person will be deemed to have forfeited his Ordinary Shares.

#### *Plan asset representation and warranty*

By accepting an interest in any Ordinary Shares, each Shareholder will be deemed to have represented and warranted, or will be required to represent and warrant in writing, that no portion of the assets used to purchase or hold its interest in the Ordinary Shares constitutes or will constitute the assets of any US Plan Investor or Other Plan Investor. Any purported purchase or holding of the Ordinary Shares in violation of the requirement described in the foregoing representation will be void to the extent permissible by applicable law. If the ownership of Ordinary Shares by an investor will or may result in the Company's assets being deemed to constitute "plan assets" under the US Plan Asset Regulations, or similar law applicable to an Other Plan Investor, the Ordinary Shares of such investor will be deemed to be held in trust by the investor for such charitable purposes as the investor may determine, and the investor shall not have any beneficial interest in the Ordinary Shares.

#### *Jersey AIFMD regime*

The Company has been issued with a certificate by the JFSC under the Alternative Investment Funds (Jersey) Regulations 2012 (the "**AIF Regulations**"). The Company has been approved by the JFSC as a sub-threshold AIFM within the meaning of the Alternative Investment Funds (Jersey) Order 2013 (the "**AIF Order**") in accordance with the requirements of the AIF Regulations and AIF Order. The JFSC is protected by the AIF Regulations against liability arising from the discharge of its functions under those laws. However, it is anticipated that such certificate and approval as a sub-threshold AIFM will no longer be necessary once the Company has acquired a target, such that the Company envisages arranging for such certificate and approval to be revoked within two years of the Company's listing.

#### *FCA National Private Placement Regime*

The Company is classified by the FCA's National Private Placement Regime as a small non-EEA AIFM, which means that it cannot be marketed under either the AIF Managers' Directive domestic marketing or passporting regimes and its assets under management do not exceed (i) €500 million for unleveraged AIFs which have no redemption rights exercisable during a five year period from initial investment, or (ii) €100 million in all other cases.

#### *Switzerland selling restrictions*

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### **Data Protection**

The information that a prospective investor provides in documents in relation to a purchase of Ordinary Shares or subsequently by whatever means which relates to the prospective investor (if it is an individual) or a third party individual (“**personal data**”) will be held and processed by the Company (and any third party to whom it may delegate certain administrative functions in relation to the Company) in compliance with the relevant data protection legislation and regulatory requirements of the UK and Jersey. Such information will be held and processed by the Company (or any third party, functionary or agent appointed by the Company) for the following purposes:

- verifying the identity of the prospective investor to comply with statutory and regulatory requirements in relation to anti-money laundering procedures;
- contacting the prospective investor with information about products and services, or its affiliates, which may be of interest to the prospective investor;
- carrying out the business of the Group and the administering of interests in the Company;
- meeting the legal, regulatory, reporting and/or financial obligations of the Group in England and Wales, Jersey and elsewhere (as required); and
- disclosing personal data to other functionaries of, or advisers to, the Group to operate and/or administer the Group.

Where appropriate it may be necessary for a member of the Group (or any third party, functionary or agent appointed by a member of the Group) to:

- disclose personal data to third party service providers, agents or functionaries appointed by a member of the Group to provide services to prospective investors; and
- transfer personal data outside of the EEA to countries or territories which do not offer the same level of protection for the rights and freedoms of prospective investors as the UK or Jersey.

If a member of the Group (or any third party, functionary or agent appointed by a member of the Group) discloses personal data to such a third party, agent or functionary and/or makes such a transfer of personal data it will use reasonable endeavours to ensure that any third party, agent or functionary to whom the relevant personal data are disclosed or transferred is contractually bound to provide an adequate level of protection in respect of such personal data.

In providing such personal data, investors will be deemed to have agreed to the processing of such personal data in the manner described above. Prospective investors are responsible for informing any third party individual to whom the personal data relates of the disclosure and use of such data in accordance with these provisions.

### **Forward-looking Statements**

This document includes statements that are, or may be deemed to be, “forward-looking statements”. In some cases, these forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology, including the terms “targets”, “believes”, “estimates”, “anticipates”, “expects”, “intends”, “may”, “will” or “should” or, in each case, their negative or other variations or comparable terminology. They appear in a number of places throughout this document and include statements regarding the intentions, beliefs or current expectations of the Company and the Board concerning, among other things: (i) the Group’s objective, acquisition and financing strategies, returns

of capital, results of operations, financial condition, capital resources, prospects, capital appreciation of the Ordinary Shares and dividends; (ii) future deal flow and implementation of active management strategies; and (iii) trends in the sectors in which the Group may elect to invest. By their nature, forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties because they relate to events and depend on circumstances that may or may not occur in the future. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance. The Group's actual performance, results of operations, internal rate of return, financial condition, distributions to shareholders and the development of its financing strategies may differ materially from the impression created by the forward-looking statements contained in this document. In addition, even if the Group's actual performance, results of operations, internal rate of return, financial condition, distributions to shareholders and the development of its financing strategies are consistent with the forward-looking statements contained in this document, those results or developments may not be indicative of results or developments in subsequent periods.

Important factors that may cause these differences include, but are not limited to:

- the Company's ability to successfully complete an initial acquisition of a trading company, to source further add-on acquisition opportunities, and to propose effective growth strategies for any company the Group may acquire;
- changes in economic conditions generally (and specifically in the market in which any Platform Acquisition is made);
- the ability of the Company to retain key management and the Company's ability to attract and retain suitably qualified personnel;
- changes in interest rates and currency fluctuations, as well as the success of the Group's hedging strategies in relation to such changes and fluctuations (if such strategies are in fact used);
- revaluations and/or impairments in the value of the Group's assets;
- legislative and/or regulatory changes, including changes in taxation regimes;
- the Company's ability to invest the cash on its balance sheet and the Net Proceeds in a Platform Acquisition on a timely basis;
- the availability and cost of debt capital to finance any acquisitions; and
- the ability of the Company to raise additional equity financing to fund future acquisitions.

Prospective investors should carefully review the "Risk Factors" in Part II of this document for a discussion of additional factors that could cause the Company's actual results to differ materially, before making an investment decision. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this section constitutes a qualification of the working capital statement contained in paragraph 19 of Part IV of this document.

Forward-looking statements contained in this document apply only as at the date of this document. Save as required, the Company undertakes no obligation publicly to update or review any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise.

### **Presentation of financial information**

The financial information contained on pages 45 to 59 in this document, including financial information presented in a number of tables, has been rounded to the nearest whole number or the nearest decimal place. Therefore, the actual arithmetic total of the numbers in a column or row in a certain table may not conform exactly to the total figure given for that column or row.

### **Currency Presentation**

Unless otherwise indicated, all references in this document to "sterling", "£", "p" or "pence" are to the lawful currency of the UK; all references to "\$", "US\$" or "US dollars" are to the lawful currency of the US; and all references to "€" or "euro" are to the lawful currency of the Euro zone countries.

### **No Incorporation of Website**

The contents of the Company's website (or any other website) do not form part of this document.

### **Definitions**

A list of defined terms used in this document is set out at pages 13 to 16.

**Governing Law**

Unless otherwise stated, statements made in this document are based on the law and practice currently in force in England and Wales and Jersey, and are subject to changes therein.

## PLACING STATISTICS AND EXPECTED TIMETABLE OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS

### ADMISSION STATISTICS

Number of Existing Ordinary Shares	8,333,336
Number of Placing Shares to be allotted <sup>(1)</sup>	12,500,000
Placing Price (per new Ordinary Share)	£1.20
Number of Ordinary Shares post-Admission	20,833,336
Placing Shares as a percentage of the number of Ordinary Shares post-Admission	60 per cent.
Estimated gross proceeds of the Placing	£15,000,000
Estimated Net Proceeds receivable by the Company	£14,300,000
Expected market capitalisation of the Company on Admission at the Placing Price	£25,000,003
ISIN	JE00BZBYC658
SEDOL	BZBYC65
AIM SYMBOL	WCH

### EXPECTED TIMETABLE OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS<sup>(2)</sup>

Publication of this document	3 August 2017
Admission and expected commencement of dealings on AIM	8 a.m. on 17 August 2017
CREST accounts credited with Placing Shares issued pursuant to the Placing	17 August 2017
Where applicable, definitive share certificates in respect of the Placing Shares issued pursuant to the Placing dispatched by post by	24 August 2017

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#### Notes

(1) *Assuming the Placing is fully subscribed and becomes wholly unconditional.*

(2) *Each of the dates and times in the above timetable are indicative only and are subject to change. If any of the above times and/or dates change, the revised times and/or dates will be notified by an announcement through a Regulatory Information Service.*

## DIRECTORS, SECRETARY AND ADVISERS

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## DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply throughout this document, unless the context requires otherwise:

“A1 Shares”	the A1 ordinary shares of £1.00 each in the share capital of WHJL.
“A2 Shares”	the A2 ordinary shares of £1.00 each in the share capital of WHJL.
“Admission”	the admission of the Ordinary Shares to trading on AIM becoming effective in accordance with the AIM Rules for Companies.
“Affiliate”	in relation to Marwyn, any collective investment undertaking or person managed or advised by Marwyn or whose board of directors or other management body includes a partner of Marwyn Investment Management and any investors in such collective investment undertaking or person.
“AIF”	an alternative investment fund.
“AIF Managers Directive”	Directive 2011/61/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2011 on Alternative Investment Fund Managers.
“AIM”	AIM, a market operated by the London Stock Exchange.
“AIM Rules for Companies”	the AIM Rules for Companies published by the London Stock Exchange from time to time (including, without limitation, any guidance notes or statements of practice) which govern the obligations and responsibilities of companies whose shares are admitted to trading on AIM.
“AIM Rules for Nominated Advisers”	the rules for nominated advisers to AIM companies published by the London Stock Exchange from time to time.
“Articles”	the articles of association of the Company, a summary of which is set out in paragraph 5 of Part IV of this document.
“Axio”	Axio Capital Solutions Limited, which is regulated by the JFSC.
“Board” or “Directors”	the directors of the Company whose names are set out on page 11 of this document.
“Brokers”	Numis and Macquarie.
“Broker Agreement”	the broker agreement between the Company and Macquarie dated 11 July 2017, a summary of which is set out in paragraph 17.4 of Part IV of this document.
“certified” or “certified form”	recorded on the relevant register of the share or security concerned as being held in certificated form in physical paper (that is, not in CREST).
“Co-Manager”	Liberum.
“Companies Act”	the UK Companies Act 2006, as amended.
“Companies Law”	the Companies Law (Jersey) 1991, as amended.
“Company” or “Wilmcote”	Wilmcote Holdings plc, a public limited company incorporated in Jersey under registration number 123424 and registered as a UK establishment under registration number BR019423.
“Convertible Shares”	the convertible shares of no par value in the share capital of the Company.
“CREST”	the electronic transfer and settlement system for the paperless settlement of trades in listed securities operated by Euroclear.
“CREST Regulations”	the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001 (SI 2001/3755) and the Companies (Uncertificated Securities) (Jersey) Order 1999 as amended from time to time, and any applicable rules made under those regulations.

<b>“DTRs” or “Disclosure and Transparency Rules”</b>	the Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules published by the FCA from time to time in its capacity as the UK Listing Authority under Part VI of FSMA, as amended, and contained in the UK Listing Authority publication of the same name.
<b>“EEA”</b>	the European Economic Area.
<b>“Enlarged Share Capital”</b>	the entire issued share capital of the Company following Admission.
<b>“ERISA”</b>	the United States Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder.
<b>“Euroclear”</b>	Euroclear UK and Ireland Limited, the operator (as defined in the CREST Regulations) of CREST.
<b>“EU” or “European Union”</b>	the European Union.
<b>“Excluded Territory”</b>	the United States of America, Canada, Australia, Japan, the Republic of South Africa and any other jurisdiction where the extension or availability of the Placing would breach any applicable law.
<b>“Existing Ordinary Shares”</b>	the 8,333,336 Ordinary Shares as of the date of this document.
<b>“FATCA”</b>	the US Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act of 2010, as amended from time to time.
<b>“FCA”</b>	the UK Financial Conduct Authority.
<b>“FSMA”</b>	the UK Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended.
<b>“Group”</b>	the Company and its subsidiaries from time to time (being as at the date of this document, WHJL).
<b>“HMRC”</b>	HM Revenue & Customs.
<b>“Investment Policy”</b>	the Company’s investment policy, as set out in paragraph 4 of Part I of this document.
<b>“JFSC”</b>	the Jersey Financial Services Commission.
<b>“Liberum”</b>	Liberum Capital Limited.
<b>“Lock-in Deed”</b>	the lock-in deed dated 3 August 2017 entered into between the Company, Numis, Macquarie, MVI II LP and, separately, MVI II Co-Invest LP, a summary of which is set out in paragraph 14.8 of Part IV of this document.
<b>“London Stock Exchange”</b>	London Stock Exchange plc.
<b>“Macquarie”</b>	Macquarie Capital (Europe) Limited.
<b>“Marwyn”</b>	Marwyn Investment Management and entities owned or controlled by it, or under common ownership or control with it, from time to time, including Marwyn Asset Management and Marwyn Capital, but excluding Marwyn 11 Buckingham Street LLP.
<b>“Marwyn Asset Management”</b>	Marwyn Asset Management Limited, which is regulated by the JFSC.
<b>“Marwyn Capital”</b>	Marwyn Capital LLP, which is authorised and regulated by the FCA.
<b>“Marwyn Funds”</b>	MVI Limited, MVI LP and MVI II LP, each of which are managed by Marwyn Asset Management.
<b>“Marwyn Investment Management”</b>	Marwyn Investment Management LLP, which is authorised and regulated by the FCA.
<b>“MLTI”</b>	Marwyn Long Term Incentive LP.
<b>“MVI Limited”</b>	Marwyn Value Investors Limited.
<b>“MVI LP”</b>	Marwyn Value Investors LP.

“MVI II Co-Invest LP”	a stapled co-investment vehicle of MVI II LP.
“MVI II LP”	Marwyn Value Investors II LP, a fund comprising Jersey limited partnerships registered pursuant to the Limited Partnership (Jersey) Law 1994, being Marwyn Value Investors II LP itself and, after 11 May 2017, MVI II Co-Invest LP.
“Net Proceeds”	the net proceeds of the Placing, expected to be approximately £14.3 million.
“Nominated Adviser and Broker Agreement”	the nominated adviser and broker agreement between the Company and Numis dated 3 August 2017, a summary of which is set out in paragraph 17.3 of Part IV of this document.
“Numis”	Numis Securities Limited.
“Official List”	the Official List of the UK Listing Authority.
“Ordinary Shares”	ordinary shares of no par value in the share capital of the Company.
“Other Plan Investor”	governmental plan, church plan, non-US plan or other investor whose purchase or holding of Ordinary Shares would be subject to any state, local, non-US or other laws or regulations similar to Title I of ERISA or section 4975 of the US Tax Code or that could result in the assets of the Company being deemed to be assets of such plan or investor.
“Placee”	any person or entity subscribing for Placing Shares pursuant to the Placing.
“Placing”	the conditional placing of the Placing Shares by Numis, Macquarie and Liberum at the Placing Price pursuant to the Placing Agreement.
“Placing Agreement”	the conditional agreement dated 3 August 2017 between the Company, the Directors, Numis, Macquarie and Liberum relating to the Placing, a summary of which is set out in paragraphs 14.1 to 14.6 of Part IV of this document.
“Placing Price”	£1.20 per Placing Share.
“Placing Shares”	the 12,500,000 new Ordinary Shares to be allotted to Placees pursuant to the Placing.
“Platform Acquisition”	the first acquisition of a trading business or company by the Company.
“PLC Managed Services Agreement”	the agreement entered into between the Company, Axio and Marwyn Capital dated 21 March 2017, a summary of which is set out in paragraph 17.6 of Part IV of this document.
“Prospectus Rules”	the prospectus rules of the FCA made under Part VI of FSMA.
“Registrar”	Capita Registrars (Jersey) Limited.
“Registrar Agreement”	the agreement entered into between the Company and the Registrar dated 29 June 2017, a summary of which is set out in paragraph 17.5 of Part IV of this document.
“Regulation S”	Regulation S promulgated under the US Securities Act.
“Reverse Takeover”	a reverse takeover as defined in the AIM Rules for Companies.
“Service Agreement(s)”	the service agreements entered into on 21 March 2017 between the Company and each of (i) Adrian Whitfield, (ii) James Corsellis, and (iii) Mark Brangstrup Watts.
“Shareholders”	the holders of Ordinary Shares and, where applicable, the holders of Convertible Shares.
“subsidiary”	as defined in section 1158 of the Companies Act.
“Takeover Code”	the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers published by the Takeover Panel.

<b>“Takeover Panel”</b>	the UK Panel on Takeovers and Mergers.
<b>“Total Enterprise Value”</b>	the total enterprise value of a business or company acquired by the Group calculated as the total value of the consideration paid by the Group for the acquired equity or assets (as the case may be) plus the net debt of the acquired business or company, such net debt to be reduced pro-rata where less than 100 per cent. of the entire issued share capital of the target business or company is acquired, as calculated by the Board acting reasonably and in good faith.
<b>“UK” or “United Kingdom”</b>	the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
<b>“UK Listing Authority”</b>	the FCA acting in its capacity as the competent authority for the purposes of Part VI of FSMA and in the exercise of its functions in respect of admission to the Official List.
<b>“uncertified form”</b>	a share or other security recorded on the relevant register of the share or security concerned as being held in uncertificated form in CREST and title to which by virtue of the CREST Regulations, may be transferred by means of CREST.
<b>“US” or “United States”</b>	the United States of America, its territories and possessions, any State of the United States, and the District of Columbia.
<b>“US Exchange Act”</b>	the United States Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
<b>“US Investment Company Act”</b>	the United States Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.
<b>“US Person”</b>	as defined in Rule 902 of Regulation S.
<b>“US Plan Asset Regulation”</b>	US Department of Labor 29 CFR section 2510.3-101, as modified by section 3(42) of ERISA.
<b>“US Plan Investor”</b>	(i) an employee benefit plan that is subject to the fiduciary responsibility or prohibited transaction provisions of Title I of the ERISA (including, as applicable, assets of an insurance company general account) or a plan that is subject to the prohibited transaction provisions of section 4975 of the US Tax Code (including an individual retirement account); (ii) an entity whose underlying assets include “plan assets” by reason of a plan’s investment in the entity; or (iii) any “benefit plan investor” as otherwise defined in section 3(42) of ERISA or regulations promulgated by the US Department of Labor.
<b>“US Securities Act”</b>	the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended.
<b>“US Tax Code”</b>	the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and regulations relating thereto promulgated by the US Treasury Department, as amended.
<b>“W.H. Ireland”</b>	W.H. Ireland Limited.
<b>“WHJL”</b>	WHJ Limited, a private limited company incorporated in Jersey under registration number 123215.

# PART I – INFORMATION ON THE COMPANY

## 1. INTRODUCTION

### *Overview*

Wilmcote Holdings plc has been established with the objective of creating value for its investors through the acquisition and subsequent development of target businesses in the downstream and specialty chemicals sector.

The Company intends to acquire a platform trading asset with an enterprise value in the region of £500 million to £2 billion. The Directors believe that the opportunity exists to create significant shareholder value through a well-executed buy-and-build strategy in the identified sector. The Company will be led by Adrian Whitfield in his role as Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”).

Adrian has 35 years of industrial and international business experience. He joined the Company subsequent to his role as chief executive officer of Synthomer plc (“**Synthomer**”) (previously called Yule Catto & Co plc), the FTSE 250 specialty polymer operator. Synthomer is a global manufacturer of specialty polymers for the coatings, construction, textiles, paper and healthcare industries. During Adrian’s eight-year tenure as chief executive officer of Synthomer he was responsible for growing revenue from £340 million to nearly £1 billion, improving profit before tax margins from 5.7 per cent. to 8.7 per cent., increasing free cash flow 6 times, and increasing market capitalisation 13 times from turnaround lows. As part of the transformation of Synthomer Adrian led the £376 million acquisition of PolymerLatex, a major German based competitor.

Prior to his role at Synthomer, Adrian was a divisional chief executive at DS Smith, a manufacturer of paper and packaging products, for seven years. There he set up a new plastics division, growing its turnover to £200 million organically and through the acquisition of six international businesses.

Adrian will develop Wilmcote’s business alongside Marwyn, the asset management and corporate finance group which has launched 16 investment vehicles<sup>1</sup> since it was founded in 2002. Marwyn will provide corporate development support including a range of corporate finance and business services. Marwyn’s principals, Mark Brangstrup Watts and James Corsellis, are executive directors of the Company.

### *Market background*

Downstream chemicals are those products produced and consumed at the later stages of the chemical value chain, closer to the end consumer. Specialty chemicals are application-specific and differentiated chemicals which are typically produced in smaller volumes and at a higher price point than upstream and commodity chemicals. Downstream and specialty chemicals are used across a broad range of end-markets including construction, automotive and aerospace, performance apparel, manufacturing, industrial and household chemicals, food, agriculture, healthcare and personal care products.

It is intended that the Company will acquire, integrate and manage businesses in the downstream and specialty chemicals sector. The Directors see strong opportunities for growth in this sector, which is expected to be driven primarily by the demands of the end-markets it serves supported by, among other things, the following characteristics: (i) a large and mature addressable market; (ii) economies of scale; (iii) high levels of fragmentation and (iv) a constantly evolving customer preference and regulatory environment.

Within this sector, the Company intends to acquire an established operator of scale that leads or is in a position to become a leader in specific niches, headquartered in the UK, Europe or North America. In addition, the Company may subsequently invest in businesses located in global emerging markets in light of geographical shifts in the industry towards new and emerging markets.

The principal purpose of this document is to provide information on the Company’s strategy and management, and to give details of the Placing. The Placing is expected to raise approximately £15 million before expenses. It is intended that these funds will be used to meet general working capital requirements and to undertake due diligence on potential target acquisitions in line with the Investment Policy, further details of which are set out in paragraph 4 of this Part I. In accordance with the AIM Rules for Companies, the Company will raise a minimum of £6 million under the Placing.

Application will be made for the Existing Ordinary Shares and the Placing Shares to be admitted to trading on AIM and the Placing is conditional on Admission. It is expected that Admission will

<sup>1</sup> Excluding those launched through MVI LP Class B1 which was redeemed in November 2014.

become effective and that trading in the Ordinary Shares will commence on 17 August 2017 or such later time as Numis, Macquarie and the Company may agree.

**2. INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

The investment objective of the Company is to provide Shareholders with attractive total returns achieved through capital appreciation and, when prudent, the payment of a dividend in line with the Dividend Policy described in paragraph 15 of this Part I. The Directors believe that opportunities exist to create significant value for Shareholders through properly executed, acquisition-led growth strategies in the downstream and specialty chemicals sector.

**3. INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

The Directors intend to use their multiple years of industrial and managerial experience to drive business transformation through the application of a buy-and-build strategy in the downstream and specialty chemicals sector in order to achieve attractive, compounding returns for Shareholders.

Wilmcote will seek to acquire a controlling stake in a company or group of companies (quoted or private), together being a single target business, with a priority given to assets outside of the competitive process. The Directors expect the acquired target to act as a platform for follow-on acquisitions that complement the initial business. The Company is expected to need to raise additional external funding for these purposes, and may use both equity and/or debt in this regard.

It is the Directors’ belief that the downstream and specialty chemicals sector offers opportunities for capitalising on attractive structural trends and consolidation in fragmented markets. The Directors see opportunities to create significant value by implementing operational improvements in the acquired businesses, and ultimately transitioning them to being customer-led and application-centric.

The Directors believe that the downstream and specialty chemicals sector provides a favourable deal flow environment, with current transaction trends, which have seen increased acquisition activity, expected to continue. The Admission to trading of the Ordinary Shares will provide greater flexibility to the Company when structuring transactions and provide it with access to investment opportunities that may not otherwise be available to typical financial sponsors. In particular, deal flow in the sector is expected to be supported by the following drivers:

- product portfolio refocus and cost optimisation, resulting in ongoing consolidation activity in the sector and further disposals by large multi-national chemical companies;
- costs associated with more stringent regulatory requirements and environmental concerns resulting in a focus on direct and indirect costs and a greater emphasis on cost optimisation through enlarged scale;
- increasing competition resulting in a need for diversification, cycle resilience and an ability to serve new geographies; and
- consistent financial sponsor and trade interest in chemical sector M&A resulting in a high turnover of assets.

The market opportunity is believed to be supported by the following market hypotheses:

<b>Market Hypotheses</b>	<b>Description</b>
Large and mature addressable markets with steady growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The addressable market should be sufficiently large to accommodate substantial additional growth for a platform asset that may be of market leading scale in its local market(s) at the point of acquisition.</li> <li>● Stable sectors are more conducive to operators retaining their competitive advantage (and hence value creation) than unstable sectors.</li> </ul>
Economies of scale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Economies of scale and integration synergies create a clear rationale for a buy-and-build growth strategy.</li> <li>● Economies of scale are particularly relevant for businesses with high levels of operational leverage (fixed costs relative to variable indivisible costs) as this results in a greater proportion of revenue uplift flowing through to earnings.</li> </ul>

<b>Market Hypotheses</b>	<b>Description</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Scale can provide improved pricing power with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Suppliers, due to increased dependence and volume discounts; and</li> <li>○ Customers, for whom the enlarged group will represent an increasingly important counterparty.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
High levels of fragmentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Fragmented markets present the opportunity for consolidation, which enables accretive M&amp;A.</li> </ul>
Multiple assets of scale exist for the Platform Acquisition (market entry)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Having a large population of eligible Platform Acquisition targets allows Wilmcote to be more selective in choosing a platform asset to acquire.</li> </ul>
Identifiable bolt-on assets where a clear rationale for consolidation exists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Wilmcote intends to drive value through the accretive acquisition of multiple complementary operators. While the type of synergy will depend on the specific assets in question and may include cost and/or revenue synergies, the Directors anticipate economies of scale to be a recurring theme (as described above).</li> </ul>

The Investment Restrictions described in paragraph 5 below outline the strategies and assets or businesses which the Directors intend to avoid.

#### *Asset selection*

Within the downstream and specialty chemicals sector framework described above, Wilmcote intends to acquire a platform asset of scale exhibiting the following characteristics (set out below). Prospective investors are reminded that it is unlikely that the Platform Acquisition will fulfil each and every criterion, however the structure represents the framework within which assets will be assessed and selected.

<b>Metric</b>	<b>Preferred Platform Acquisition characteristic(s)</b>	<b>Rationale</b>
Size	Enterprise value in the region of £500 million to £2 billion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Scale to enable the business to reach a market-leading position (see below).</li> <li>● Provides critical mass and infrastructure from which to acquire and effectively integrate follow-on targets.</li> <li>● Equity value is large enough to deliver an appropriate level of liquidity for shareholders on the public markets.</li> </ul>
Geography	Headquartered in the UK, Europe or North America with global reach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● These markets are typically amongst the largest and most mature global markets in the downstream and specialty chemicals sector, which helps to deliver stability for the Platform Acquisition.</li> <li>● Relative political and economic stability.</li> <li>● These markets typically have good corporate governance behaviours and principles.</li> </ul>
Market position	A current market leader in its area of specialism (or clear path to become one)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Market leading operators tend to benefit from competitive advantages versus other operators which may be</li> </ul>

Metric	Preferred Platform Acquisition characteristic(s)	Rationale
		the result of, for example, purchasing power, improved market visibility, increased customer awareness and publicity, broader networks and/or greater expertise.
Earnings profile	Stable underlying revenues and margins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stable revenues and margins are indicative of customer stickiness and pricing power respectively, which help sustain an asset's competitive advantage and resilience in performance.</li> <li>The Directors wish to acquire a business with predictable, stable revenues and earnings from which to pursue follow-on deals.</li> </ul>
Ownership	Family-owned, controlled by a financial sponsor or a carve-out from a larger conglomerate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wilmcote has the capacity to offer vendors of private businesses the ability to roll their existing equity and participate in any future equity upside.</li> <li>The Directors believe the use of Wilmcote's publicly listed equity as consideration in M&amp;A is attractive given the transparent market valuation and liquidity.</li> <li>While Wilmcote may acquire a publicly listed company, the associated complexity of public-to-public processes makes this option less likely.</li> </ul>
Capital intensity	Low to medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low to medium capital expenditure requirements support a high level of cash flow conversion.</li> </ul>

The Directors intend for the quality of the operations, reporting and controls of the Platform Acquisition to be sufficiently high at the point of acquisition (or following minor adjustment) so as to support the successful integration of follow-on acquisitions. The Directors believe their experience in identifying, establishing and improving such environments will be a key factor in helping to avoid pitfalls and unlocking value from Wilmcote's acquisitive growth strategy.

#### *Fundraising*

The Directors expect acquisition funding to be arranged as follows:

- Platform Acquisition:* The Company will need to raise additional funds for the Platform Acquisition and may use equity and/or debt in this regard. Should debt finance be used, the Directors intend for leverage to be moderate in order to retain balance sheet flexibility for follow-on acquisitions. Wilmcote's publicly listed equity may also be used as consideration for the Platform Acquisition.
- Follow-on acquisitions:* The Directors intend to fund follow-on acquisitions by way of existing cash resources, debt and/or further equity funding rounds (as required) to maintain an appropriate capital structure for the Company. Wilmcote's publicly listed equity could be used as consideration in any follow-on acquisition.

### *Follow-on acquisitions (buy-and-build)*

Following the Platform Acquisition, the Company will pursue further accretive and complementary bolt-on acquisitions as part of its value creation strategy. In doing so, the Company may invest internationally although it is expected that a substantial portion of the enlarged group's sales will be from the UK, Europe or North America.

Having acquired a bolt-on asset, the Directors intend to consistently implement the following series of scalable and repeatable steps:

- ***Integrate any acquired business into the platform business:*** The Company intends to acquire businesses which are strategically beneficial to it, and where the acquisition is accretive to Shareholder value. Integrating the acquired businesses should allow the extraction of revenue and cost synergies.
- ***Make operational improvements:*** Where possible, the Directors will utilise their industrial and commercial experience to improve the operating efficiency of acquired businesses (including, but not limited to, yield improvement, increased throughput, product rationalisation, purchasing improvement, energy and cost efficiency).
- ***Implement effective financial controls, procedures and reporting:*** The Directors take very seriously the importance of effective systems to support effective decision making, identify opportunities as well as issues and to safeguard the interests of Shareholders. A priority following any acquisition will be ensuring the acquired business has systems in place to achieve these goals.

### *Execution*

The Directors believe that multiple years of in-market experience and extensive industry networks support proprietary deal flow opportunities, and that Wilmcote's sector remit covers a substantial number of eligible assets for the Platform Acquisition. Wilmcote is not currently in any formal or exclusive discussions with respect to any potential targets for the Platform Acquisition.

Any Platform Acquisition is expected to constitute a Reverse Takeover under the AIM Rules for Companies and will be subject to the prior approval of Shareholders in a general meeting.

Due diligence is expected to be carried out on all potential acquisition targets and will be undertaken by the Directors assisted by the Company's independent professional advisers. Where applicable, the due diligence process will involve a comprehensive asset testing and evaluation process.

Upon Admission, the Company will be an "investing company" for the purposes of the AIM Rules for Companies. Following completion of the Company's Platform Acquisition, the Company will cease to be an "investing company", and as such its Investment Policy will cease to apply.

## **4. INVESTMENT POLICY**

The Company will look to achieve its investment objective by taking an active approach to investments made within the following parameters:

- **Geographic focus:** The Company may invest globally, including emerging markets, however its principal focus will be on the UK, Europe and North America.
- **Sector focus:** The Company intends to focus on the downstream and specialty chemicals sector. The Directors believe that opportunities exist to create significant value for Shareholders through a properly executed, acquisition-led strategy in this sector.
- **Target companies:** The Company will target companies with either a well-established presence in their specific segments or companies which are in a position to become leaders in their specific segments, and which fit into the stated geographic and asset criteria guidelines.
- **Types of investment and control of investments:** It is anticipated that the Company will acquire controlling stakes in one or more businesses or companies (quoted or private) on a long term basis. The investments made by the Company may take a variety of legal forms; for example, it may acquire complete control or a majority stake of a business, or form a joint venture or partnership.
- **Investment size:** The Directors intend that initial funds raised will be used for the purposes of working capital and to undertake due diligence on potential target acquisitions. It is envisaged that the Company's first acquisition will be of a controlling stake in a business with an enterprise value in the region of £500 million to £2 billion.

- **Nature of returns:** It is anticipated that returns to Shareholders will be delivered primarily through an appreciation in the Company's share price.

The Company will need to raise additional funds for the Platform Acquisition in the form of equity and/or debt. Depending on the composition of Wilmcote's share register, it is possible that any equity fundraising for those purposes will, subject to the necessary shareholder approval, be carried out on a non-pre-emptive basis to allow for the diversification of the Company's shareholder register and to obtain sufficient equity funding.

The Directors do not currently intend to propose any material changes to the Company's Investment Policy, save in the case of exceptional or unforeseen circumstances. Any material change to the Investment Policy will be made only with the approval of Shareholders.

In accordance with the AIM Rules for Companies, if the Company fails to make an acquisition or has not substantially implemented its Investment Policy within 18 months of Admission, the Company will seek Shareholder approval for its Investment Policy at each subsequent annual general meeting until such time as there has been an acquisition or the Investment Policy has been substantially implemented. The Directors will, at any subsequent annual general meeting, ask Shareholders to consider whether to wind up the Company and return funds (after payment of the expenses and liabilities of the Company) to Shareholders.

## 5. INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS

The Directors do not intend to pursue strategies or acquire assets or businesses where equity returns are primarily driven by turn-around or restructuring plays, drastic cost cutting, high levels of financial leverage or through seeking fundamental strategic change.

## 6. TRACK RECORD OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND MARWYN

*Adrian Whitfield (Chief Executive Officer), aged 56*

Adrian is an experienced chief executive who recently spent eight years at Synthomer where he successfully implemented a turnaround and growth strategy. Synthomer is a global manufacturer of specialty polymers for the coatings, construction, textiles, paper and healthcare industries.

Adrian was appointed chief executive officer of Synthomer in 2006 and led the transformation of a traditional chemical conglomerate into a segment-leading specialty polymer chemical business. In doing so, he was able to grow revenue from £340 million to nearly £1 billion, while also improving profit before tax margins from 5.7 per cent. to 8.7 per cent. During Adrian's tenure, Synthomer's market capitalisation increased 13 times from turnaround lows, and free cash flow increased 6 times.

As part of the transformation of Synthomer, Adrian led a number of successful non-core disposals and strategic acquisitions, including the acquisition and integration of PolymerLatex, a major competitor of Synthomer, in 2010 for £376 million, extracting annual cost synergies of over £20 million per year.

In recognition of his efforts, he was awarded Turnaround of the Year at the 2011 UK PLC Awards.

Prior to his role at Synthomer, Adrian was a divisional chief executive at DS Smith, a manufacturer of paper and packaging products, for seven years. There he set-up a new plastics division, growing it to £200 million of turnover organically and through the acquisition of six international businesses.

Adrian holds an honours degree in Mechanical Engineering from Imperial College London.

*Marwyn*

Marwyn Asset Management manages MVI Limited, MVI LP and MVI II LP (the "Marwyn Funds"), and has appointed Marwyn Investment Management as its investment adviser. Marwyn Capital provides corporate finance services to the investment vehicles invested into by the Marwyn Funds. James Corsellis and Mark Brangstrup Watts are joint Managing Partners of Marwyn Investment Management and Marwyn Capital, and directors of Marwyn Asset Management. Marwyn Investment Management works closely with Marwyn Asset Management in executing the investment strategy of the Marwyn Funds.

Marwyn was founded in 2002 by James and Mark and has launched 16 investment vehicles<sup>2</sup>, investing over £340 million in partnership with experienced management teams across a range of sectors including automotive, computer software, media and entertainment, training, drug testing and

<sup>2</sup> Excluding those launched through MVI LP Class B1 which was redeemed in November 2014.

laboratories, leisure, reinsurance, food and confectionary, construction and heavy aggregates. In all of these investment vehicles, Marwyn partners have taken board-level positions to identify and work with executive management to execute their strategies. These vehicles have raised over £2.7 billion of co-investor equity funding.

Marwyn's portfolio companies have generated an aggregate gross money multiple of 2.6 times across its 10 realised investments. Selected Marwyn investments have included the following:

	<u>Enterprise Value ("EV") / EV at exit</u>
BCA Marketplace plc <sup>(1)</sup>	£1,778 million
Zegona Communications plc <sup>(1)</sup>	£542 million
Entertainment One Limited <sup>(2)</sup>	£1,110 million
Breedon Aggregates plc <sup>(2)</sup>	£503 million
Advanced Computer Software plc <sup>(2)</sup>	£453 million
Inspicio plc <sup>(2)</sup>	£271 million
Talarius plc <sup>(2)</sup>	£158 million
Concateno plc <sup>(2)</sup>	£154 million
Melorio plc <sup>(2)</sup>	£113 million

(1) For current investments enterprise value was calculated as at 30 June 2017 using the last reported net debt figure.

(2) Exited investments.

Marwyn's highly differentiated private equity investment strategy is executed through sector specific, publicly listed portfolio platforms that pursue buy-and-build acquisitions and investments of both private and quoted companies. Portfolio platforms are initially identified by recruiting and working with industry leading management teams who bring extensive industry networks and expertise to bear in the proprietary identification of acquisition opportunities and in pursuing operational enhancements.

As a long-term equity investor Marwyn takes an active approach to value creation, exercising constructive influence over company management, strategy and key corporate actions. Marwyn also helps to appoint the board of directors for each platform and holds at least one non-executive board seat. Since inception, Marwyn has backed 16 management platforms<sup>3</sup> and has gone on to complete over 95 private company acquisitions. Over 90 per cent. of these transactions were completed outside competitive auction processes.

#### *Marwyn Funds*

MVI Limited is a listed feeder fund on the Specialist Fund Segment of the Main Market of the London Stock Exchange, which has invested all of its available capital into MVI LP. MVI LP has seeded a second fund, MVI II LP, a private equity fund structure through which the majority of MVI LP's future investments will be made and further investment capital may be raised through private equity limited partnership investors. On 11 May 2017, MVI II LP successfully completed its first third party close, securing commitments of approximately £41 million from limited partners. Following the third party close, MVI LP's holding in MVI II LP was reduced to 82 per cent., with external investors holding the remaining 18 per cent.

MVI II LP is a Jersey registered limited partnership with the same investment strategy of executing buy-and-build investments via sector-specific portfolio platforms. MVI II LP is expected to hold approximately 60 per cent. of the Enlarged Share Capital immediately following Admission.

## **7. DIRECTORS**

The Directors are responsible for the overall management and control of the Company. The Directors will review the operations of the Company at regular meetings and it is currently intended that the Board will meet at least six times a year.

The Directors have been assembled to provide the Company with the necessary combination of operational, strategic and M&A experience that will be key to the Company's success.

In addition to Adrian Whitfield, who will serve as CEO, the Company intends to appoint a highly reputable Chairman and a senior independent director to the Board at or around the time of the Platform Acquisition. As at the date of this document, aside from Adrian, the Board comprises:

<sup>3</sup> Excluding those launched through MVI LP Class B1 which was redeemed in November 2014.

*James Corsellis (Executive Director), aged 47*

James Corsellis founded Marwyn, the asset management and corporate finance group, in 2002 with Mark Brangstrup Watts. James is joint Managing Partner of Marwyn Capital, an FCA regulated provider of corporate finance advice, and Marwyn Asset Management, a regulated, Jersey-based provider of asset management services. James is also a trustee of the Marwyn Trust, a charity focused on initiatives supporting education and entrepreneurship for young people in disadvantaged communities.

Marwyn has launched 16 companies<sup>4</sup> across a variety of sectors with James providing support to these companies, using his experience of working on the boards of several Official List and AIM quoted companies, including as Chairman of Entertainment One Limited and as a director of Breedon Aggregates Limited, Concateno plc and Catalina Holdings Limited; as well as his operating experience as the chief executive officer and founder of technology business, iCollector plc and CM Interactive, James was educated at Oxford Brookes University, The Sorbonne and London University.

It is currently intended that, following completion of the Company's Platform Acquisition, James will adopt a non-executive role.

*Mark Brangstrup Watts (Executive Director), aged 43*

Mark Brangstrup Watts founded Marwyn, the asset management and corporate finance group, in 2002 with James Corsellis. Mark is joint Managing Partner of Marwyn Capital, an FCA regulated provider of corporate finance advice, and Marwyn Asset Management, a regulated, Jersey-based provider of asset management services. Mark is also a trustee of the Marwyn Trust, a charity focused on initiatives supporting education and entrepreneurship for young people in disadvantaged communities.

Marwyn has launched 16 companies<sup>5</sup> across a variety of sectors with Mark providing support to these companies, using his experience of working on the boards of several Official List and AIM quoted companies, including Entertainment One Limited, Advanced Computer Software plc, Inspicio plc and Talarius plc. Mark has also provided strategic consultancy services to some of the world's leading companies including Ford, Toyota, Shell and Barclays. Mark was educated at the London University and he serves on the Committee of the Royal Academy School.

It is currently intended that, following completion of the Company's Platform Acquisition, Mark will adopt a non-executive role.

## **8. STRUCTURE OF THE GROUP**

The Company is incorporated in Jersey and has one Jersey-domiciled subsidiary, WHJ Limited ("WHJL"), which has been established to provide an incentive arrangement for management and Marwyn.

The Company owns the entire issued ordinary share capital of WHJL. A1 Shares have been issued to Adrian Whitfield and another of the Company's employees, and A2 Shares have been issued to MLTI in accordance with the arrangements described in more detail in paragraphs 13 to 14 of this Part I.

The ordinary shares, the A1 Shares and A2 Shares in WHJL each carry rights to attend and vote at any meeting of the shareholders of WHJL. The Company currently holds approximately 82 per cent. of the collective voting rights of WHJL, and pursuant to the articles of association of WHJL, even if the A1 Shares and A2 Shares are fully issued, it will always hold a minimum of 75 per cent. of such rights, provided the number of ordinary shares in WHJL that the Company currently holds is not reduced. The A1 Shares and A2 Shares may convert into Ordinary Shares subject to certain conditions being satisfied, as described at paragraphs 13 to 14 of this Part I.

## **9. RELATIONSHIP WITH MARWYN**

James Corsellis and Mark Brangstrup Watts are partners in Marwyn Investment Management and Marwyn Capital and are beneficially interested in MLTI. In addition, James Corsellis and Mark Brangstrup Watts are directors and beneficial owners of Marwyn Asset Management and beneficial owners of Axio, the secretary and administrator of the Company.

<sup>4</sup> Excluding those launched through MVI LP Class B1 which was redeemed in November 2014.

<sup>5</sup> Excluding those launched through MVI LP Class B1 which was redeemed in November 2014.

The Company has entered into corporate finance advisory agreements with Marwyn Capital (the “**Marwyn Capital Corporate Finance and Advisory Agreements**”) and the PLC Managed Services Agreement with Axio and Marwyn Capital. Further details of these agreements are set out in paragraphs 17.2 and 17.6, respectively of Part IV of this document.

The Existing Ordinary Shares are held by MVI II LP which subscribed for them for an aggregate consideration of approximately £10 million. Immediately following Admission, MVI II LP will hold 12,591,670 Ordinary Shares representing 60.4 per cent. of the Enlarged Share Capital of the Company, assuming the Placing is fully subscribed.

Further, MLTI has subscribed for 500 A2 Shares in WHJL. Details of the A2 Shares are set out in paragraphs 13 and 14 of this Part I.

Marwyn has in place a conflicts of interest policy which contains details of the procedures it follows in order to avoid, minimise and manage conflicts or potential conflicts arising between itself and the Company. Marwyn is structured and organised in a way so as to minimise the risks of the Company’s interests being prejudiced by conflicts of interest and will wherever possible try to ensure that a conflict of interest does not arise.

The conflicts of interest policy is reviewed by senior management at Marwyn at least once a year or whenever there are material changes in the business services offered by Marwyn.

## **10. USE OF PLACING PROCEEDS**

Subject to Admission, the Company will issue 12,500,000 Placing Shares which will raise £15 million (before expenses). The Net Proceeds of the Placing, estimated at approximately £14.3 million, will be used for the purposes of demonstrating credible funding support to potential target vendors as well as to fund working capital and due diligence in relation to potential acquisition targets, in accordance with the Investment Policy.

The Placing Shares will represent 60 per cent. of the Enlarged Share Capital. Details of the Placing Agreement are set out in paragraphs 14.1 to 14.6 of Part IV of this document.

## **11. REASONS FOR ADMISSION TO AIM**

The Directors believe that Admission to AIM will have the following benefits:

- quoted shares may be an attractive form of consideration to vendors of potential acquisition targets;
- AIM may provide access to substantial equity funding from investors to support future acquisitions;
- it should enhance the Company’s reputation and profile with acquisition targets, consumers and suppliers by virtue of its status as a quoted company; and
- it should enhance the Company’s ability to retain and attract key staff with share incentive arrangements.

## **12. DIRECTORS’ REMUNERATION**

James Corsellis and Mark Brangstrup Watts are each paid an annual salary equal to the prevailing national minimum wage for 17.5 hours per week (inclusive of any fees due to them as an officer of any member of the Group). On completion of the Platform Acquisition they will become non-executive directors of the Company.

Adrian Whitfield will receive a fixed annual salary of £300,000 payable monthly in arrears. He is also entitled to receive a guaranteed bonus of £100,000, which is pro-rated in the first year in accordance with the time he has been employed. On completion of the Platform Acquisition, Adrian will be entitled to an additional cash bonus calculated as a percentage of the Total Enterprise Value.

Additionally, Adrian owns 50 per cent. of the aggregate number of A1 Shares which may be issued. It is expected that the remaining unissued A1 shares will be issued to other members of the senior management team as and when they join the Company.

Further details relating to remuneration and the Service Agreements are set out in paragraph 10 of Part IV of this document.

### 13. MANAGEMENT INCENTIVE ARRANGEMENTS

The Directors believe that the success of the Company will depend to a high degree on the future performance of the management team. The Company has established incentive arrangements which will only reward the participants if Shareholder value is created, thereby aligning the interests of management directly with those of Shareholders. In order to make these arrangements most efficient, they are based around a subscription for A1 Shares in WHJL by Adrian Whitfield and other employees of the Company. In addition, MLTI has subscribed for all of the A2 Shares in WHJL.

#### *WHJL A1 and A2 Shares*

Adrian Whitfield holds 50 per cent. of the A1 Shares which are capable of being issued in WHJL, and MLTI holds all of the authorised and issued A2 Shares in WHJL. Subject to a number of provisions detailed below, if the growth condition and at least one of the vesting conditions have been met, the holders of the A1 Shares and A2 Shares can give notice to redeem their A1 Shares or A2 Shares (as appropriate) for an aggregate value equivalent to 15 per cent. of the excess of the market value of the Company (based on a 30 day volume weighted average mid-market price at the time the holder gives notice or any live takeover offer price) (taking dividends and any prior return of capital into account) over and above its aggregate paid up share capital (the “**Growth**”). Upon receipt of a notice to redeem to WHJL (provided the Ordinary Shares have been admitted to trading on AIM or any other stock or investment exchange), the Company and the holders of A1 Shares and A2 Shares have the right to exchange each A1 Share and/or A2 Share that would otherwise have been redeemed for Ordinary Shares. If neither the Company nor the holders of A1 Shares or A2 Shares exercise such right, the holders of A1 Shares and A2 Shares shall receive cash in the usual manner. Holders of A1 Shares are entitled to two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) of the Growth and holders of A2 Shares are entitled to one-third ( $\frac{1}{3}$ ) of the Growth, adjusted downwards for any prior redemptions.

Any additional management team members receiving A1 Shares subsequently will act to dilute the interests of the existing A1 shareholders who, at present, are entitled to the full two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) of the Growth. In accordance with the articles of association of WHJL, there are an additional 400 A1 Shares available for issue.

#### *Growth condition*

The growth condition is the “compound annual growth rate” (as defined in the WHJL articles of association) of the Shareholders’ invested capital in the Company being equal to or greater than 10 per cent. per annum.

The “compound annual growth rate” is calculated by comparing the aggregate proceeds of the Placing and all past and subsequent equity issuances adjusted for the amount of any dividends paid or capital returned by the Company to the Shareholders, in each case compounded per annum from the relevant date, to the prevailing equity value of the Company upon the satisfaction of any vesting condition (as set out below).

#### *Vesting condition*

The A1 and A2 Shares are subject to certain vesting conditions, at least one of which must be (and continue to be) satisfied in order for a holder of A1 Shares or A2 Shares to exercise his/her/its redemption rights and which right begins on the third anniversary and ends on the fifth anniversary of the date of the Platform Acquisition or such later date as is agreed between the Company and the holders of at least 90 per cent. of the ordinary shares in WHJL, A1 Shares and A2 Shares.

The vesting conditions for the A1 Shares and A2 Shares are as follows:

- (i) it is later than the third anniversary of the Platform Acquisition;
- (ii) a sale of all or a material part of the business of WHJL;
- (iii) a sale of all of the issued ordinary shares of WHJL or a merger of WHJL;
- (iv) a winding up of WHJL; or
- (v) a sale, merger or change of control of the Company.

If any of the vesting conditions described at (ii) to (v) above is satisfied before the third anniversary of the Platform Acquisition, the A1 Shares or A2 Shares will be treated as having vested in full.

If Adrian Whitfield ceases to be involved with the Company either before it completes its Platform Acquisition or before the second anniversary of the Platform Acquisition, then all of his A1 Shares will be forfeited.

### *One year lock-in*

The Ordinary Shares held by management following an exchange of A1 Shares, regardless of the party that requested the exchange, will be subject to a twelve month lock-in prohibiting their sale or transfer, save for any sale required to pay tax arising from the exchange.

### *Compulsory Redemption*

If the growth condition is not satisfied on or before the fifth anniversary of the date of the Platform Acquisition, or such later date as the Company and the holders of 90 per cent. of the ordinary shares in WHJL, A1 Shares and A2 Shares agree, the A1 Shares and A2 Shares must be sold to the Company or, at its election, redeemed by WHJL, in both cases at a price per A1 Share and/or A2 Share equal to their subscription price unless and to the extent that the remuneration committee (once established) determines otherwise.

### *Leaver provisions*

In addition to the vesting conditions above, there are leaver provisions in relation to the A1 Shares which are set out in the subscription agreement entered into between Adrian Whitfield and the Company dated 21 March 2017. If Adrian leaves in circumstances in which he is deemed to be a “Good Leaver” (being any reason other than a bad leaver circumstance), then providing he remains with the Company for two years following the Platform Acquisition, he will remain entitled to such number of his A1 Shares as have vested (vesting is on a straight line basis and the vesting period runs for three years from the Platform Acquisition), and the remainder of the A1 Shares will be sold back to WHJL for a price per A1 Share equal to the subscription price. Adrian will be required to redeem his vested A1 Shares on the later of 180 days following his departure date or on the third anniversary of the Platform Acquisition. If he is deemed to be a “Bad Leaver” (such as termination of employment for gross misconduct, fraud or criminal acts) he will be required to sell his A1 Shares back to WHJL for a total consideration of £1.00.

## **14. MARWYN INCENTIVES**

MLTI owns 500 A2 Shares. These shares have been issued on the same terms as the A1 Shares held by Adrian Whitfield, save that they are not subject to the leaver provisions described above and the holders of A2 Shares are entitled to a different percentage of the Growth, as summarised at paragraph 13 above.

In addition, the holders of more than 50 per cent. of the A2 Shares in issue will be permitted by notice to the Company to require that the approval of the Shareholders is obtained to approve any corporate action which would require shareholder approval if the Company were incorporated in England and Wales and its share capital was admitted to trading on the Premium Segment of the Official List.

## **15. DIVIDEND POLICY**

The Company has not yet commenced trading and the Directors therefore consider it inappropriate to make a forecast on the likelihood of any future dividends. Moreover, the Company’s future dividend policy will depend on the nature of its acquisitions, which is not yet known. The Directors intend, however, to commence the payment of dividends when it becomes commercially prudent to do so. The payment of dividends will be subject to maintaining an appropriate level of dividend cover and the need to retain sufficient funds to finance the development of the Company’s activities (including financing of businesses acquired), and for other working capital purposes. Within these parameters, the Company’s dividend policy will remain continually under review.

## **16. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The Directors recognise the importance of sound corporate governance commensurate with the size of the Company and the interests of the Shareholders. So far as is practicable, the Directors intend to comply with the Quoted Companies Alliance (QCA) guidelines for small and mid-sized quoted companies to the extent appropriate to the size and nature of the Company, upon completion of the Platform Acquisition by the Company. The Company intends to appoint a Chairman and a senior independent director to the Board at or around the time of the Platform Acquisition.

At present, the Company does not consider it necessary to establish an audit and risk committee given the nature of its board structure and operations. The Board will undertake all functions that would normally be delegated to the audit and risk committee, including reviewing annual results,

receiving reports from its auditors, agreeing the auditors' remuneration and assessing the effectiveness of the audit and internal control environment. Where necessary the Board will obtain specialist external advice from either its auditors or other advisers. The Board will establish an audit and risk committee upon completion of the Platform Acquisition by the Company, that will be chaired by an independent director.

The Company does not intend to establish a nomination and remuneration committee until the completion of the Platform Acquisition as this committee is not currently appropriate given the nature of the Company's board structure and operations. Accordingly, the Board will review the remuneration of the Directors annually and agree reasonable and market-standard (as regards level) fees, based upon market information sourced from appropriate external consultants. Consideration will be given by the Board to future succession plans for members of the Board, as well as consideration as to whether the Board has the skills required to manage the Company effectively. The Board intends to establish a nomination and remuneration committee upon completion of the Platform Acquisition by the Company.

#### *Share dealing*

The Company has adopted, with effect from Admission, a share dealing policy regulating trading and confidentiality of inside information for the Directors and other persons discharging managerial responsibilities (and their persons closely associated) which contains provisions appropriate for a company whose shares are admitted to trading on AIM (particularly relating to dealing during closed periods which will be in line with the EU Market Abuse Regulation (No. 596/2014)). The Company will take all reasonable steps to ensure compliance by the Directors and any relevant employees with the terms of that share dealing policy. The Directors believe that the share dealing policy adopted by the Board is appropriate for a company quoted on AIM. The Board will comply with Rule 21 of the AIM Rules for Companies relating to directors' dealings and will take all reasonable steps to ensure compliance by the Company's "applicable employees" (as defined in the AIM Rules for Companies).

MVI II LP will remain the Company's largest shareholder immediately following Admission. MVI II LP is managed by Marwyn Asset Management on an arms' length basis. Marwyn Investment Management is the investment adviser to Marwyn Asset Management. Marwyn Capital provides corporate finance services to the Company and other portfolio companies invested into by the Marwyn Funds. Partners and employees of Marwyn who are involved with the Company will be treated as applicable employees whilst the Company remains an investing company.

## **17. THE CITY CODE ON TAKEOVERS AND MERGERS**

The Company is incorporated in Jersey, the Channel Islands, and application will be made for the Enlarged Share Capital to be admitted to trading on AIM. The Takeover Code applies to all companies who have their registered office in the UK, Channel Islands or Isle of Man and whose securities are traded on a regulated market in the UK or a stock exchange in the Channel Islands or Isle of Man or a multilateral trading facility (such as AIM). The Takeover Code is issued and administered by the Takeover Panel and governs (amongst other things) transactions involving companies to which the Takeover Code applies. The Company is subject to the Takeover Code and therefore its Shareholders are entitled to the protection afforded by the Takeover Code.

Under Rule 9 of the Takeover Code when (i) a person acquires an interest (as defined by the Takeover Code) in shares which (taken together with shares in which he and persons acting in concert with him are interested) carry 30 per cent. or more of the voting rights of a company subject to the Takeover Code; or (ii) any person who, together with persons acting in concert with him, is interested in shares which in the aggregate carry not less than 30 per cent. of the voting rights of a company, but does not hold shares carrying more than 50 per cent. of the voting rights of the company subject to the Takeover Code, and such person, or any persons acting in concert with him, acquires an interest in any other shares which increases the percentage of the shares carrying voting rights in which he is interested, then in either case, that person together with the persons acting in concert with him, is normally required to make a general offer to all remaining shareholders to acquire their shares. Any such offer must be in cash, at the highest price paid by him (or any persons acting in concert with him) for any interest in shares in the company within the preceding 12 months. Under the Takeover Code, a concert party arises where persons acting together pursuant to an agreement or understanding (whether formal or informal) co-operate to obtain or consolidate control of, or frustrate the successful outcome of an offer for, a company subject to the Takeover Code.

Control means an interest or interests in shares carrying, in aggregate, 30 per cent. or more of the voting rights of the company, irrespective of whether the holding or holdings give de facto control.

#### *Share buy-back*

While the Company does not intend to commence a buy-back programme, any buyback which results in an increase in the percentage of voting shares held by MVI II LP, or an increase in the aggregate percentage of voting shares held by MVI II LP, may need to be approved by a vote of independent Shareholders to avoid MVI II LP being required to make a mandatory offer for the Company pursuant to Rule 9 of the Takeover Code. The Company may propose such a ‘whitewash’ resolution at its future annual general meetings.

Following Admission, as set out in paragraph 9.3 of Part IV of this document, MVI II LP will hold more than 50 per cent. of the voting rights attached to the issued share capital of the Company. If, as a result of a buy-back programme, the holding of MVI II LP (together with any persons acting in concert with them) falls below 50 per cent., MVI II LP and each individual member of its concert party group would potentially become subject to the restrictions in the Takeover Code which would prevent MVI II LP and each member of its concert party group from then making acquisitions of shares in the Company without making a general offer for the Company under Rule 9 of the Takeover Code.

#### *MVI II LP*

Following Admission, as set out in paragraph 9.3 of Part IV of this document, MVI II LP (together with any persons acting in concert with them) will hold more than 50 per cent. of the voting rights attached to the issued share capital of the Company. Therefore, it will be free to increase its aggregate holding of Ordinary Shares without any obligation to make a general offer for the Company under Rule 9 of the Takeover Code.

In addition, MVI II LP and MVI II Co-Invest LP are considered to be a concert party for the purposes of the Takeover Code as control of the voting and investment decisions of both funds is held by the same entity, Marwyn Asset Management. The interests of MVI II LP and MVI II Co-Invest LP in the voting rights attached to the issued share capital of the Company are therefore considered by the Takeover Panel to be aggregated for the purposes of Rule 9 of the Takeover Code. On Admission, MVI II LP and MVI II Co-Invest LP will hold 56.35 per cent. and 4.09 per cent. respectively of the voting interests in the Company. This means that if the interests in the voting rights in the Company held by MVI II LP fall below the 50 per cent. threshold, but the aggregated holdings of MVI II LP and MVI II Co-Invest LP remains above 50 per cent., there would be no obligation on MVI II LP to make a general offer for the Company under Rule 9 of the Takeover Code if it subsequently acquired further voting interests in the Company.

If the interest of MVI II LP (together with any persons acting in concert with them) falls below 50 per cent., MVI II LP and each individual member of its concert party group would potentially become subject to the restrictions in the Takeover Code which would prevent MVI II LP and each member of its concert party group from then making acquisitions of shares in the Company without making a general offer for the Company under Rule 9 of the Takeover Code.

The Articles allow MVI II LP (or any Affiliate) to subscribe for Convertible Shares instead of Ordinary Shares in connection with any future share issue by the Company. The Convertible Shares carry the same rights as the Ordinary Shares other than that they carry no voting rights and are therefore disregarded for the purposes of Rule 9 of the Takeover Code. The purpose of the Convertible Shares is to provide MVI II LP (and any Affiliate) with the ability to continue to invest in the Company in connection with the Platform Acquisition and any future acquisition without triggering a mandatory offer under Rule 9 of the Takeover Code. Any subscription by MVI II LP (or any Affiliate) for Convertible Shares would be on the same basis that Ordinary Shares are subscribed for by other investors. The Convertible Shares would not be admitted to trading on AIM or listed on any other stock exchange. The terms of the Convertible Shares are summarised at paragraph 5.2.4 of Part IV of this document.

## **18. RESTRICTIONS ON THE DISPOSAL OF ORDINARY SHARES**

The Company has not been independent and earning revenue for at least two years. Therefore, in accordance with Rule 7 of the AIM Rules for Companies, MVI II LP and, separately, MVI II Co-Invest LP have agreed, conditionally upon Admission (i) not to dispose of any interest in Ordinary Shares for a period of 12 months following Admission (the “**Restricted Period**”) save for in

those circumstances specified in Rule 7 of the AIM Rules for Companies; and (ii) for a period of six months following the expiry of the Restricted Period, except in certain limited circumstances, not to dispose of any interest in Ordinary shares without the written consent of the Company, Numis and Macquarie. In aggregate, 12,591,670 Ordinary Shares representing 60.4 per cent. of the Enlarged Share Capital will be subject to such arrangements. No lock-in provisions will apply to any other Shareholders. Further details of the Lock-in Deed are set out in paragraph 14.8 of Part IV of this document.

## **19. COMPANY'S FEES AND EXPENSES**

### ***Company formation and initial expenses***

The formation and initial expenses of the Company are those which have been or are necessary for the incorporation of the Company and the Placing. These expenses include a fee of up to £0.4 million payable to Numis, Macquarie, Liberum and W.H. Ireland in relation to the Placing. These expenses, including company registration and admission fees, printing and distribution costs and legal fees will be charged to equity together with any other applicable expenses. The costs and expenses incurred by the Company which are not considered, for accounting purposes, to directly relate to the Placing (such as marketing expenses, Directors' fees and pre-Admission employee costs) will be expensed to the income statement in the first period of account. It is anticipated that the formation and initial expenses incurred since March 2017, excluding ongoing operating costs, should not exceed 6.5 per cent. of the gross proceeds of the Placing and 3.9 per cent. of the aggregate funds raised since incorporation.

### ***Ongoing and annual expenses of the Company***

The Company will also incur ongoing annual listing, secretarial, administration and operating expenses which will include the following:

(a) *Nominated Adviser and Broker Agreement*

Numis has agreed to act as nominated adviser and joint broker to the Company for the purposes of the AIM Rules for Companies. Numis will receive an annual fee of £50,000 which will be reviewed on an annual basis. Further details relating to this agreement are set out in paragraph 17.3 of Part IV of this document.

(b) *Broker Agreement*

Macquarie has agreed to act as joint broker to the Company for the purposes of the AIM Rules for Companies. Macquarie will receive an annual fee of £30,000. Further details to this agreement are set out in paragraph 17.4 of Part IV of this document.

(c) *Marwyn Corporate Finance and Advisory Agreements*

The Company has entered into corporate finance advisory agreements with Marwyn Capital, pursuant to which Marwyn Capital has agreed to provide corporate finance advice to the Company. Further details of this agreement and the fees payable pursuant to it are set out at paragraph 17.2 of Part IV of this document.

(d) *PLC Managed Services Agreement*

The Company has entered into a managed services agreement with Axio and Marwyn Capital, pursuant to which Axio will provide financial and accounting services, transactional support, company secretarial and administrative services; and Marwyn Capital will provide services related to the ongoing management of the Group's incentive scheme, certain human resources services and office services to the Company and WHJL. Further details of this agreement and the fees payable pursuant to it are set out at paragraph 17.6 of Part IV of this document.

(e) *Other operational expenses*

The Company will, in addition, pay the costs and expenses of the Group including: (i) charges and expenses of legal advisers and independent auditors; (ii) joint brokers' commissions (if any) and any issue or transfer taxes chargeable in connection with its investment transactions; (iii) all taxes and corporate fees payable to governments or agencies; (iv) communication expenses with respect to investor services and all expenses of meetings of Shareholders and of preparing, printing and distributing financial and other reports, proxy forms, admission documents and similar documents; (v) the cost of insurance for the benefit of its Directors (if any) and Directors' fees; (vi) litigation and indemnification expenses and extraordinary expenses not

incurred in the ordinary course of business; and (vii) other organisational and operating expenses including any fees payable to the Registrar. These expenses will be deducted solely from the assets of the Company.

## **20. TAXATION**

Attention is drawn to the sections on Jersey taxation and UK taxation contained in paragraphs 15 and 16 respectively of Part IV of this document. If you are in any doubt as to your tax position, or you are subject to tax in a jurisdiction other than Jersey or the UK, you should consult your own professional adviser immediately.

## **21. REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The Group's accounting reference date is 30 June and accordingly the Group's first annual financial statements will be made to 30 June 2018. Interim financial statements will be made up to 31 December in each year, starting 31 December 2017. Following completion of the Platform Acquisition, the Company may change its accounting reference date to align with that of the company it acquires. Audited financial statements of the Company will be available to Shareholders as soon as practicable and in any event within six months of the financial year end and the interim financial statements of the Company will be available to Shareholders as soon as practicable and in any event within three months of the half-year end.

The Company's financial statements will be prepared in accordance with applicable International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted in the European Union, with the interim financial statements presented and prepared in a form consistent with that which will be adopted in the annual financial statements. Initially, the Company's financial statements will be reported in sterling. If however, the Group's Platform Acquisition is in respect of a US or European based business or company, the Company may subsequently amend its accounting policies to report in US dollars or Euros (as the case may be).

As the Company is an acquisition vehicle, it does not propose to publish its net asset value other than through the publication of its accounts.

## **22. SETTLEMENT, DEALING ARRANGEMENTS AND CREST**

Application has been made to the London Stock Exchange for all the Ordinary Shares and Placing Shares to be admitted to trading on AIM. It is expected that Admission will be effective and that dealings in the Enlarged Share Capital of the Company will commence on 17 August 2017.

Following Admission all of the Ordinary Shares will be in registered form and share certificates representing the new Ordinary Shares to be issued pursuant to the Placing are expected to be despatched by post to subscribers who wish to receive Ordinary Shares in certificated form, by no later than 24 August 2017. No temporary documents of title will be issued in connection with the Placing. Pending the despatch of the definitive share certificates, instruments of transfer will be certified against the register of members of the Company.

In respect of subscribers who will receive Placing Shares in uncertificated form, Ordinary Shares will be credited to their CREST stock accounts on 17 August 2017. The Company reserves the right to issue any Ordinary Shares in certificated form should it consider this to be necessary or desirable.

CREST is a paperless settlement procedure enabling securities to be evidenced otherwise than by a certificate and transferred otherwise than by a written instrument. CREST is a voluntary system and applicants who wish to receive and retain certificates will be able to do so. The Articles permit the holding of Ordinary Shares in CREST. The Company will apply for the Enlarged Share Capital to be admitted to CREST on the date of Admission. Accordingly, settlement of transactions in the uncertificated Ordinary Shares following Admission may take place within the CREST system if any Shareholder so wishes.

## **23. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The attention of prospective investors is drawn to Part IV of this document which provides additional information on the Company. In particular, prospective investors are advised to consider carefully Part II of this document, entitled "Risk Factors".

#### **24. USE OF DERIVATIVES**

The Company may consider the use of certain financial derivative products in order to effect its investment strategy, from time to time, as decided by the Board.

#### **25. TREASURY POLICY**

The Company is permitted to invest cash held by it in cash deposits, gilts and money market funds. The Company intends to ensure that surplus cash balances will be managed with the following objectives: (i) to ensure they are sufficiently liquid; and (ii) to deliver appropriate returns having regard to risk.

The Company may hold cash in currencies other than pounds sterling. Cash held pending investment will not, as a matter of course, be placed in escrow pending approval of the Platform Acquisition.

## PART II – RISK FACTORS

**An investment in Ordinary Shares involves a high degree of risk. Accordingly, before making a final decision prospective investors should carefully consider the specific risk factors set out below in addition to the other information contained in this document before investing in Ordinary Shares. No assurance can be given that Shareholders will realise a profit or will avoid a loss on their investment.**

The Board has identified the following risks which it considers to be the most significant for potential investors in the Company. The risks referred to below do not purport to be exhaustive and are not set out in any particular order of priority and potential investors should review this document carefully in its entirety and consult with their professional advisers before acquiring Ordinary Shares.

If any of the following events identified below occur, the Company's business, financial condition, capital resources, results and/or future operations and prospects could be materially adversely affected. In that case, the market price of the Ordinary Shares could decline and investors may lose part or all of their investment.

Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to the Board or which the Board currently deem immaterial may also have an adverse effect on the Company's business. In particular, the Company's performance may be affected by changes in the market and/or economic conditions and in legal, regulatory and tax requirements. An investment in Ordinary Shares described in this document is speculative. A prospective investor should consider carefully whether an investment in the Company is suitable in light of his, her or its individual circumstances and the financial resources available to him, her or it. If you are in any doubt about the action you should take, you should consult your independent financial adviser authorised under FSMA.

### **RISKS RELATING TO THE COMPANY'S FUTURE BUSINESS AND POTENTIAL STRUCTURE**

#### ***Lack of trading history***

The Company has not, since incorporation, carried on any trading activities. Accordingly, as at the date of this document, the Company has no meaningful historical financial data upon which prospective investors may base an evaluation of the Company. The value of any investment in the Company is, therefore, wholly dependent upon the successful implementation of the Investment Policy described in paragraph 4 of Part I of this document. As such, the Company is subject to all of the risks and uncertainties associated with any newly established business enterprise including the risk that the Company will not achieve its investment objectives and that the value of an investment in the Company could decline and may result in the loss of capital invested. The past performance of companies, assets or funds managed by the Directors, or persons affiliated with them, in other ventures in a similar sector or otherwise, is not necessarily a guide to the future business, results of operations, financial condition or prospects of the Company. Investors will be relying on the ability of the Company and the Directors to identify potential acquisition targets, evaluate their merits, conduct diligence and negotiations.

#### ***The Company's ability to complete an acquisition***

Although the Company has identified a number of potential investment opportunities, it is not currently in formal or exclusive discussions with any asset vendors. The Company's future success is dependent upon its ability to not only identify opportunities but also to execute successful acquisitions and/or investments. There can be no assurance that the Company will be able to conclude agreements with any target business and/or shareholders in the future and failure to do so could result in the loss of an investor's investment. In addition, the Company may not be able to raise the additional funds required to acquire any target business and fund its working capital requirements in accordance with its Investment Policy.

In accordance with the AIM Rules for Companies, if the Company fails to make an acquisition or has not substantially implemented its Investment Policy within 18 months of Admission, the Company will seek Shareholder approval for its Investment Policy at each subsequent annual general meeting until such time as there has been an acquisition or the Investment Policy has been substantially implemented. The Directors will, at any subsequent annual general meeting, ask Shareholders to consider whether to wind up the Company and return funds (after payment of the expenses and liabilities of the Company) to Shareholders.

In such circumstances, there can be no assurance as to the particular amount or value of the remaining assets at such future time of any such distribution either as a result of costs from an unsuccessful acquisition or from other factors, including disputes or legal claims which the Company

is required to pay out, the cost of the liquidation event and dissolution process, applicable tax liabilities or amounts due to third party creditors. Upon distribution of assets on a liquidation event, such costs and expenses will result in investors receiving less than the initial subscription price and investors who acquired Ordinary Shares after Admission potentially receiving less than they invested.

***The Company may face significant competition for acquisition opportunities***

There may be significant competition in some or all of the acquisition opportunities that the Company may explore. Such competition may for example come from strategic buyers, sovereign wealth funds, special purpose acquisition companies and public and private investment funds, many of which are well established and have extensive experience in identifying and completing acquisitions. A number of these competitors may possess greater technical, financial, human and other resources than the Company. The Company cannot assure investors that it will be successful against such competition. Such competition may cause the Company to be unsuccessful in executing an acquisition or may result in a successful acquisition being made at a significantly higher price than would otherwise have been the case which could materially adversely impact the business, financial condition, result of operations and prospects of the Company.

***Material facts or circumstances may not be revealed in the due diligence process***

Prior to making or proposing any investment, the Company intends to undertake due diligence on potential acquisition targets to a level considered reasonable and appropriate by the Company on a case by case basis. However, these efforts may not reveal all facts or circumstances that would have a material adverse effect upon the value of the investment. In undertaking due diligence, the Company will need to utilise its own resources and may be required to rely upon third parties to conduct certain aspects of the due diligence process. Further, the Company may not have the ability to review all documents relating to the target company and assets. Any due diligence process involves subjective analysis and there can be no assurance that due diligence will reveal all material issues related to a potential investment. Any failure to reveal all material facts or circumstances relating to a potential investment may have a material adverse effect on the business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects of the Company.

***Investments in private companies are subject to a number of risks***

The Directors' intention is to maintain moderate leverage across the Group. However, the Company may invest in or acquire privately held companies or assets that may:

- (i) be highly leveraged and subject to significant debt service obligations, stringent operational and financial covenants and risks of default under financing and contractual arrangements, which may adversely affect their financial condition;
- (ii) have limited operating histories and smaller market shares than publicly held businesses making them more vulnerable to changes in market conditions or the activities of competitors;
- (iii) be more dependent on a limited number of management and operational personnel, increasing the impact of the loss of any one or more individuals; and
- (iv) require additional capital.

All or any of these factors may have a material adverse effect on the business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects of the Company.

***The Company may not acquire total voting control of any target company or business***

Although the Company intends to acquire total voting control of any target company or business, it may also consider acquiring a controlling interest constituting less than total voting control or less than the entire equity interest of that target company or business if such opportunity is considered attractive or where the Company expects to acquire sufficient influence to implement its strategy. In such circumstances, the remaining ownership interest will be held by third parties and the Company's decision-making authority may be limited. Such acquisitions may also involve the risk that such third parties may become insolvent or unable or unwilling to fund additional investments in the target. Such third parties may also have interests which are inconsistent or conflict with the Company's interests, or they may obstruct the Company's strategy for the target or propose an alternative strategy. Any third party's interests may be contrary to the Company's interests. In addition, disputes among the Company and any such third parties could result in litigation or arbitration. Any of these events could impair the Company's objectives and strategy, which could have a material adverse effect

on the continued development or growth of the acquired company or business and therefore on the Company.

#### ***Need for additional funding and dilution***

The Net Proceeds of the Placing will be insufficient to fund in full suitable acquisitions and/or investments identified by the Board. Accordingly, the Company intends to seek additional sources of financing (equity and/or debt) to implement its strategy. There can be no assurance that the Company will be able to raise those funds, whether on acceptable terms or at all.

If further financing is obtained or the consideration for an acquisition is provided by issuing equity securities or convertible debt securities, Shareholders at the time of such future fundraising or acquisition may be diluted and the new securities may carry rights, privileges and preferences superior to the Ordinary Shares.

The Company may seek debt financing to fund all or part of any future acquisition. The incurrence by the Company of substantial indebtedness in connection with an acquisition could result in:

- (i) default and foreclosure on the Company's assets, if its cash flow from operations was insufficient to pay its debt obligations as they become due; or
- (ii) an inability to obtain additional financing, if any indebtedness incurred contains covenants restricting its ability to incur additional indebtedness.

An inability to obtain debt financing may have a material adverse effect on the business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects of the Company. If such financing is obtained the Company's ability to raise further finance and its ability to operate its business may be subject to restrictions.

The occurrence of any or a combination of these, or other, factors could decrease Shareholders' proportional ownership interests in the Company or have a material adverse effect on its financial condition and results of operations.

The companies or businesses in which the Company invests may also have borrowings. Although such facilities may increase investment returns, they also create greater potential for loss. This includes the risk that the borrower will be unable to service the interest repayments, or comply with other requirements, rendering the debt repayable, and the risk that available capital will be insufficient to meet required repayments. There is also the risk that existing borrowings will not be able to be refinanced or that the terms of such refinancing will not be as favourable as the terms of existing borrowings. A number of factors (including changes in interest rates, conditions in the banking market and general economic conditions), all of which are beyond the Company's control, may make it difficult for the Company to obtain new financing on attractive terms or at all, which could have a material adverse effect on the business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects of the Company.

#### ***Gearing***

The Company, either directly or through subsidiaries, may be geared through borrowings, which would typically be secured on its investments. The Company has a high borrowing capacity with borrowings limited to an amount equal to 1,000 times the amount paid up on its issued share capital and the amount due to the Company's capital account and revenue reserves. The Company's borrowing may exceed this threshold, subject to Shareholder approval by way of an ordinary resolution. If the costs of the Group's borrowings exceed the return on the Group's assets, the borrowings may have a negative effect on the Group's performance. If the Group cannot generate adequate cash flows to meet any debt service obligations, it may suffer a partial or total loss of its capital. In the event that the Group enters into a bank facility agreement, such agreement may contain financial covenants. The agreement may require that in the event that any such financial covenant is breached or if any other covenant is breached the Group may be required to repay the borrowings in whole or in part. In such circumstances, the Group may be required to sell, in a limited time, some or all of its assets, potentially in circumstances where there has been a downturn in values in the sector generally, such that the realisation proceeds do not reflect the Group's valuation of the assets.

#### ***The value of the Net Proceeds may decrease pending completion of the Platform Acquisition***

In order to mitigate foreign exchange risks, the Company may transfer its liquid assets to a bank account denominated in a currency other than pounds sterling, as approved by the Directors. In

connection with the completion of the Platform Acquisition, the Company may transfer its liquid assets to a cash account. The Company's assets will be subject to market fluctuations and there can be no assurance that any appreciation in the value of the assets will occur; as a result, the value of such assets is not guaranteed. The Net Proceeds will not be placed in any form of trust or escrow account. The Company may be exposed to the insolvency of Barclays Bank plc or any other institution which holds its liquid assets. In case of their failure, the Company may lose all, or a material part of its assets or be subject to catastrophic liquidity constraints. The Company will principally seek to preserve capital and therefore the interest rate earned on these deposits is likely to reflect the highly rated, investment grade status of the instrument. Interest on the Net Proceeds so deposited may be significantly lower than the potential returns on the Net Proceeds had the Company completed an acquisition sooner or deposited or held the money in other ways.

***Success of Investment Policy not guaranteed***

The Company's level of profit will be reliant upon the performance of the assets acquired and the Investment Policy. The success of the Investment Policy depends on the Directors' ability to identify investments in accordance with the Company's investment objectives and to interpret market data correctly. No assurance can be given that the strategy to be used will be successful under all or any market conditions or that the Company will be able to generate positive returns for Shareholders. If the Investment Policy is not successfully implemented, this could adversely impact the business, development, financial condition, results of operations and prospects of the Company.

***Changes in Investment Policy may occur***

The Company's Investment Policy may be modified and altered from time to time with the approval of Shareholders, so it is possible that the approaches adopted to achieve the Company's investment objectives in the future may be different from those the Directors currently expect to use and which are disclosed in this document. Any such change could adversely impact the business, development, financial condition, results of operations and prospects of the Company.

***Inability to refocus and improve the operating and financial performance of an acquired business***

The success of the Company's acquisitions may depend in part on the Company's ability to implement the necessary technological, strategic, operational and financial change programmes in order to transform the acquired business and improve its financial performance. Implementing change programmes within an acquired business may require significant modifications, including changes to hardware and other business assets, operating and financial processes and technology, software, business systems, management techniques and personnel, including senior management. There is no certainty that the Company will be able to successfully implement such change programmes within a reasonable timescale and cost, and any inability to do so could have a material adverse impact on the Company's performance and prospects.

***Reliance on expertise of Directors***

The Company will be highly dependent on the expertise and continued service of the Directors and other senior employees. The experience and commercial relationships of Adrian Whitfield in particular should help provide the Company with a competitive edge. However, any one of the Directors could give notice to terminate their employment agreements at any time and their loss may have an adverse effect on the Company's business.

In addition, there is a risk that the Company will not be able to recruit executives of sufficient expertise or experience to maximise any opportunities that present themselves, or that recruiting and retaining those executives is more costly or takes longer than expected. The failure to attract and retain those individuals may adversely affect the Company's operations.

***The Company could incur costs for transactions that may ultimately be unsuccessful***

There is a risk that the Company may incur substantial legal, financial and advisory expenses arising from unsuccessful transactions which may include public offer and transaction documentation, legal, accounting and other due diligence which could have a material adverse effect on the business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects of the Company.

***If a Platform Acquisition is completed, the Company will be a holding company whose principal source of operating cash will be income received from the business it has acquired***

If a Platform Acquisition is completed, the Company may be dependent on the income generated by the acquired business to meet the Company's expenses, operating cash requirements and any debt costs. The amount of distributions and dividends, if any, which may be paid from any operating subsidiary to the Company will depend on many factors, including such subsidiary's results of operations and financial condition, limits on dividends under applicable law, its constitutional documents, documents governing any indebtedness of the Company, and other factors which may be outside the control of the Company. If the acquired business is unable to generate sufficient cash flow, the Company may be unable to pay its expenses or make distributions and pay dividends on the Ordinary Shares.

***Potential dilution from the incentivisation of management and Marwyn***

The Company has in place an incentivisation scheme through which Adrian Whitfield, other members of management that may be employed by the Company, certain employees of the Company and MLTI will be rewarded for increases in shareholder value, subject to certain conditions and performance hurdles as set out in paragraphs 13 and 14 of Part I of this document. Adrian Whitfield and MLTI have subscribed for A1 Shares and A2 Shares respectively as part of the incentivisation scheme. In certain circumstances, the Company may purchase the A1 Shares and A2 Shares either for the issue of new Ordinary Shares or for cash. There is discretion for the holders of A1 Shares and A2 Shares to exchange each A1 Share and/or A2 Share that would otherwise have been redeemed for Ordinary Shares or cash.

If Ordinary Shares are to be issued in order to satisfy the incentivisation scheme, the existing Shareholders may face significant dilution. If the Company has sufficient cash resources the incentivisation scheme may be settled with cash, thereby reducing the Company's cash resources.

***Interest rates***

Changes in interest rates can affect the Group's profitability by affecting the spread between, among other things, the income on its assets and the expense of any interest-bearing liabilities it has, the value of any interest earning assets and its ability to make an acquisition. In the event of a rising interest rate environment and/or economic downturn, loan defaults may increase and result in credit losses that may be expected to affect the Group's operating results adversely. Interest rates are highly sensitive to many factors, including governmental, monetary and tax policies, domestic and international economic and political considerations, fiscal deficits, trade surpluses or deficits, regulatory requirements and other factors beyond the control of the Group.

The Group may finance its activities with both fixed and floating rate debt. With respect to any floating rate debt, the Group's performance may be affected adversely if it fails to limit the effects of changes in interest rates on its operations by employing an effective hedging strategy, including engaging in interest rate swaps, caps, floors or other interest rate contracts, or buying and selling interest rate futures or options on such futures. There can, however, be no assurance that such arrangements will be entered into or be available at all times when the Group wishes to use them or that they will be sufficient to cover the risk. The Group may be exposed to the credit risk of any relevant counterparty with respect to relevant payments under derivative instruments it enters into pursuant to any hedging strategy and any of those factors may affect the Group's operating results adversely.

***The Company may make disposals at a loss***

Although the Company intends to hold any acquired companies or businesses, together being a single target business, on a long term basis, the Company may make investments that it cannot realise through trade sale or flotation at an acceptable price. Some investments may be lost through insolvency. Any of these circumstances could have a negative impact on the profitability and value of the Company.

***Foreign investment and exchange risks***

The Company's functional and presentational currency is pounds sterling. As a result, the Company's consolidated financial statements will carry the Company's assets in pounds sterling. Any business the Company acquires may denominate its financial information, conduct operations or make sales in currencies other than pounds sterling. When consolidating a business that has functional currencies other than pounds sterling, the Company will be required to translate, *inter alia*, the balance sheet

and operational results of such business into pounds sterling. As a result, changes in exchange rates between pounds sterling and other currencies could lead to significant changes in the Company's reported financial results from period to period. Among the factors that may affect currency values are trade balances, levels of short-term interest rates, differences in relative values of similar assets in different currencies, long-term opportunities for investment and capital appreciation and political or regulatory developments. Although the Company may seek to manage its foreign exchange exposure, including by active use of hedging and derivative instruments, there is no assurance that such arrangements will be entered into or available at reasonable cost at all times when the Company wishes to use them or that they will be sufficient to cover the risk and this may have a negative impact on the profitability and value of the Company. Alternatively, the Company may consider changing its reporting currency in the future to a currency other than pounds sterling if the Platform Acquisition or any bolt-on acquisition makes it practical to do so.

***Internal controls may be insufficient to enable effective management***

Future growth and prospects for the Company will depend on its management's ability to manage the business of the Company and to continue to improve internal operational and financial management information and control systems on a timely basis, whilst at the same time maintaining effective cost controls. Any failure to improve such information and control systems in line with the Company's growth could adversely impact the business, development, financial condition, results of operations and prospects of the Company.

***The Company will be subject to restrictions in offering its Ordinary Shares as consideration for an acquisition in certain jurisdictions and may have to provide alternative consideration, which may have an adverse effect on its operations***

The Company may offer its Ordinary Shares or other securities as part of the consideration to fund, or in connection with, an acquisition. However, certain jurisdictions may restrict the Company's use of its Ordinary Shares or other securities for this purpose, which could result in the Company needing to use alternative sources of consideration. Such restrictions may limit the Company's available acquisition opportunities or make certain acquisitions more costly which may have an adverse effect on its operations.

***The Company may be unable to transfer to an appropriate listing venue following the Platform Acquisition***

Following completion of the Platform Acquisition, the Directors may seek to transfer from the Company's admission on AIM to a Standard Listing, Premium Listing or other appropriate listing venue, based on the track record of the company or business it acquires, subject to fulfilling the relevant eligibility criteria at the time. There can be no guarantee that the Company will meet such eligibility criteria or that a transfer to a Standard Listing, Premium Listing or other appropriate listing venue will be achieved. For example, such eligibility criteria may not be met, due to the circumstances and internal control systems of the acquired business or if the Company acquires less than a controlling interest in the target. In addition there may be a delay, which could be significant, between the completion of the Platform Acquisition and the date upon which the Company is able to seek or achieve a Standard Listing, Premium Listing or a listing on another stock exchange.

If the Company does not achieve a listing on another appropriate listing venue, the Company will need to meet the eligibility criteria for re-admission to AIM following the Platform Acquisition. A change of or failure to change listing venue may have an adverse effect on the valuation of the Ordinary Shares. Alternatively, in addition to, or in lieu of seeking a Standard or Premium Listing, the Company may determine to seek a listing on another stock exchange, which may not have standards of corporate governance comparable to those required by AIM, or a Standard or Premium Listing, or which Shareholders may otherwise consider to be less attractive or convenient.

## **RISKS RELATING TO DOWNSTREAM AND SPECIALTY CHEMICALS**

***Industry specific risks***

It is anticipated that the Company will invest in businesses with a particular focus on the downstream and specialty chemicals sector within the UK, Europe and North America. The performance of this sector may be cyclical in nature, with some correlation to gross domestic product and, specifically, levels of demand within targeted end-markets. As a result, the identified sector may be affected by changes in general economic activity levels which are beyond the Company's control but which may have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition and prospects.

In addition, the political risks associated with operating across a broad number of jurisdictions and markets could affect the Company's ability to manage or retain interests in its business activities and could have a material adverse effect on the profitability of its business following a Platform Acquisition.

The markets in which the Company and its proposed acquisition targets will operate are highly competitive with significant competition from large international producers and smaller regional competitors. The Group may lose market share to other producers of chemicals or to other products that can be substituted for the products of the Group. Increased competition and unanticipated actions by competitors or customers, which could arise as a result of, among other things, unforeseen changes in the competitive landscape due to the introduction of disruptive technologies, could lead to an adverse effect on results and hinder the Company's growth potential.

The Company intends that the Group will, where necessary, invest in new facilities to allow it to maintain its key market positions. Following a Platform Acquisition, the ability of the Group to compete in the downstream and specialty chemicals sector will be dependent on its ability to develop technological innovations, to introduce new products and to protect its intellectual property, trade secrets and know-how. In addition, any failure by the Group to procure key raw materials may lead to production interruptions and volatility in the long term prices of such raw materials and energy prices (including oil, natural gas and electricity) which may adversely affect the profitability of the Group and its working capital position.

#### ***Chemical manufacturing and environment***

The manufacture, storage and transportation of specialty chemicals is inherently dangerous and any incidents relating to the hazards, including but not limited to, explosions and fires, chemical spills or other discharges of toxic substances which the Group faces may adversely impact its productivity, financial condition, results of operations and reputation. In addition, the occurrence of one of these risks may result in personal injury and loss of life, damage to property and contamination of the environment, which may result in a suspension of operations and the imposition of civil or criminal penalties, including governmental fines.

The production and use of hazardous materials will be subject to extensive environmental and health and safety laws and regulations at both the national and local level in the relevant jurisdictions. Many of these laws and regulations have become more stringent over time and the costs of compliance with these requirements may increase, including costs associated with any necessary capital investments. Compliance with environmental and health and safety laws generally increases the costs of transportation and storage of raw materials and finished products, as well as the costs of storage and disposal of wastes; any such increase in costs could adversely impact the business, development, financial condition, results of operations and prospects of the Company.

#### ***Product price changes***

Following completion of a Platform Acquisition, the purchase price of any raw products used by the Company in its production processes could fluctuate, thereby potentially affecting the Company's results of operations. There could be significant increases in the cost of specific raw materials leading to a diminution in margins if substitute products need to be sourced from elsewhere. In addition, a period of commodity price deflation may lead to reductions in the price and value of the Company's products where sales prices are indexed or if competitors reduced their selling prices. If this was to occur, the Company's revenue and, as a result, its profits, could be reduced and the value of inventory held in stock may not be fully recoverable.

#### ***Product liability***

The sale of products produced by the Company's future Group will involve the risk of product liability claims. A successful product liability claim or series of claims against the Company and/or the Group could have a material adverse effect on the financial condition or results of operations of the Group.

#### ***Disruption to infrastructure***

Following completion of a Platform Acquisition, a catastrophic loss of the use of all or a portion of any distribution facilities that the Company operates due to accident, labour issues, fire, terrorist attack, natural disaster, information technology failure, political unrest or otherwise, whether short or long term, could adversely affect the Company's ability to meet the demands of its customers. This

may also result in reputational damage, financial impact (fines by regulators, suspension of operating licences, compensation etc.), and criminal and civil action against the Company or its individuals.

***The Company may be vulnerable to hacking, identity theft and fraud***

The Company will adopt security guidelines in an effort to prevent hacking, identity theft and fraud, including the loss of intellectual property. However, the Company's systems may not be able to fully protect the Group and its customers from unauthorised access or hacking. For example, the Group is subject to the risk that unauthorised persons could access any online payment systems used by the Group and fraudulently transfer funds. If there is unauthorised access to the Group's or the Group's customers' data, whether or not such access results in financial loss, the Group may experience reputational damage and parties could seek damages from the Group, which may have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition and prospects.

***New entrants to the market***

The Company will always be at risk that new entrants to the market are able to procure, by way of acquisition or licence, downstream and specialty chemical businesses. Any new entrant in this space could have a disruptive effect on the Company and its ability to implement the Investment Strategy and deliver significant value for Shareholders. If any new entrant was able to establish a foothold in the market, this could have a corresponding negative effect on the financial prospects of the Company.

**RISKS RELATING TO THE ORDINARY SHARES AND THEIR TRADING ON AIM**

***No prior trading record for the Ordinary Shares***

Prior to Admission, there will have been no public market for the Ordinary Shares. The Placing Price has been agreed between the Company and Placees under the Placing and may not be indicative of the market price following Admission. The subsequent market price of the Ordinary Shares may be subject to wide fluctuations in response to many factors, as referred to above. These conditions may substantially affect the market price of the Ordinary Shares.

***Trading on AIM***

The Ordinary Shares will be admitted to trading on AIM. An investment in shares quoted on AIM may be less liquid and may carry a higher risk than an investment in shares quoted on the Official List. The AIM Rules for Companies are less demanding than those which apply to companies traded on the Premium Segment of the Official List. Further, the FCA has not itself examined or approved the contents of this document. A prospective investor should be aware of the risks of investing in such shares and should make the decision to invest only after careful consideration and, if appropriate, consultation with an independent financial adviser authorised under FSMA.

***Value and liquidity of the Ordinary Shares***

It may be difficult for an investor to realise his, her or its investment. The shares of publicly traded companies can have limited liquidity and their share prices can be highly volatile.

The price at which the Ordinary Shares will be traded and the price at which investors may realise their investment will be influenced by a large number of factors, some specific to the Company and its operations and others which may affect companies operating within a particular sector or quoted companies generally. A relatively small movement in the value of an investment or the amount of income derived from it may result in a disproportionately large movement, unfavourable as well as favourable, in the value of the Ordinary Shares or the amount of income received in respect thereof.

Prospective investors should be aware that the value of the Ordinary Shares could go down as well as up, and investors may therefore not recover their original investment. Furthermore, the market price of the Ordinary Shares may not reflect the underlying value of the Company's net assets.

The investment opportunity offered in this document may not be suitable for all recipients of this document. Potential investors are therefore strongly recommended to consult an independent financial adviser authorised under FSMA who specialises in advising on investments of this nature before making an investment decision.

***Investing Company status***

The Company is currently considered to be an Investing Company for the purposes of the AIM Rules for Companies. As a result, it may benefit from certain partial carve-outs to the AIM Rules for

Companies, such as those in relation to the classification of Reverse Takeovers. Were the Company to lose Investing Company status for any reason, such carve-outs would cease to apply. It is anticipated that any Platform Acquisition will constitute a Reverse Takeover.

#### ***Reverse takeovers***

As the Company is an Investing Company, it is likely that the Company's financial resources will be invested in just one or a small number of projects or investments. Either route may trigger a Reverse Takeover under the AIM Rules for Companies which will be subject to prior Shareholder approval and re-admission to AIM or another listing venue for the enlarged entity.

Shareholders should note that where a transaction is considered to be a Reverse Takeover for the purposes of the AIM Rules for Companies and the Shareholders approve any such transaction, trading on AIM in the Ordinary Shares will be cancelled and re-admission to AIM or another listing venue will be required to be sought in the same manner as any other applicant applying for admission of its securities for the first time. Trading in the Ordinary Shares will normally be suspended following the announcement of any such transaction until the Company has published a re-admission document in respect of the Company.

#### ***The interests of significant Shareholders may conflict with those of other Shareholders***

On Admission, approximately 80 per cent. of the Company's issued share capital will be held by 2 Shareholders. Such Shareholders will as a result be able to exercise sufficient control over the Company's corporate actions so as not to require the approval of the Company's other Shareholders. The interests of such significant Shareholders may conflict with those of other holders of Ordinary Shares.

#### ***Dilution of Shareholders' interest as a result of additional equity fundraising***

The Company intends to issue additional Ordinary Shares in subsequent public offerings or private placements to fund acquisitions or as consideration for acquisitions. As Jersey law does not grant Shareholders the benefit of pre-emption rights in relation to a further issue of Ordinary Shares, pre-emption rights have been included in the Company's Articles. However, it is possible that existing Shareholders may not always be offered the right or opportunity to participate in such future share issues, which may dilute the existing Shareholders' interests in the Company. Furthermore, the issue of additional Ordinary Shares may be on more favourable terms than the Placing.

The Group may need to raise additional funds in the future to finance, amongst other things, working capital, expansion of the business, new developments relating to existing operations or new acquisitions. If additional funds are raised through the issuance of new equity or equity-linked securities of the Company other than on a *pro rata* basis to existing Shareholders, the percentage ownership of the existing Shareholders may be reduced. Shareholders may also experience subsequent dilution and/or such securities may have preferred rights, options and pre-emption rights senior to the Ordinary Shares.

#### ***The Company has a controlling Shareholder***

Immediately following Admission, MVI II LP will own approximately 60 per cent. of the issued Ordinary Shares of the Company. As a result, MVI II LP will be able to exercise significant influence to pass or veto matters requiring Shareholder approval, including future issues of Ordinary Shares and the election of directors and to veto or seek to approve fundamental changes of business. This concentration of ownership may have the effect of delaying, deferring, deterring or preventing a change in control, depriving Shareholders of the opportunity to receive a premium for their Ordinary Shares as part of a sale of the Company. The interests of MVI II LP may not necessarily be aligned with those of the other Shareholders. Accordingly, MVI II LP could influence the Company's business in a manner that may not be in the interests of other Shareholders. For example, MVI II LP can prevent special resolutions of the Company being passed and can approve ordinary resolutions of the Company without the assent of any other Shareholders. The concentration of ownership could also affect the market price and liquidity of the Ordinary Shares. If MVI II LP seeks to influence the Company's business in a manner that may not be in the interests of other Shareholders, the Company's business, results of operations, financial condition and prospects, and the trading price of the Ordinary Shares could be adversely affected.

### ***Lock-in arrangements***

MVI II LP and, separately, MVI II Co-Invest LP have agreed, among other things, not to offer, sell, contract to sell, grant options over or otherwise dispose of, directly or indirectly, any of their Ordinary Shares for a 12 month period after Admission, subject to certain exceptions. Although there is no present intention or arrangement to do so, either or both of MVI II LP and MVI II Co-Invest LP may, following the expiry of the initial one year lock-in period, sell their Ordinary Shares without restriction. The market price of Ordinary Shares could decline significantly as a result of any sales of Ordinary Shares by MVI II LP or MVI II Co-Invest LP following expiry of the lock-in period (or otherwise), as detailed in the paragraph entitled “Lock-In and Orderly Market Arrangements” in paragraph 14.8 of Part IV of this document or the perception that such a sale could occur.

## **RISKS RELATING TO US SECURITIES LAWS**

***The Company cannot be certain that its assets will not be deemed to be “plan assets” under the US Plan Asset Regulations, or other similar law, and a prospective investor’s ability to invest in the Ordinary Shares, or to transfer any Ordinary Shares that it holds, may be limited by certain ERISA, US Tax Code and other considerations***

The Company will use commercially reasonable efforts to restrict the ownership and holding of its Ordinary Shares so that none of its assets will constitute “plan assets” under the US Plan Assets Regulations or other similar law. The Company intends to impose such restrictions based on actual or deemed representations. However, the Company may permit limited participation by certain US Plan Investors or Other Plan Investors and cannot guarantee that Ordinary Shares will not be acquired by other US Plan Investors or Other Plan Investors. If the Company’s assets were deemed to be plan assets of any benefit plan investor and the Company did not qualify as an operating company within the meaning of the US Plan Asset Regulations, among other consequences: (i) the prudence and fiduciary responsibility standards of ERISA would apply to assets of the Company; and (ii) certain transactions, including transactions that the Company may enter into, or may have entered into, in the ordinary course of business might constitute or result in non-exempt prohibited transactions under section 406 of ERISA or section 4975 of the US Tax Code and might have to be rescinded. A non-exempt prohibited transaction, in addition to imposing potential liability on fiduciaries of the benefit plan investor, may also result in the imposition of an excise tax on “parties in interest” (as defined in ERISA) or “disqualified persons” (as defined in the US Tax Code), with whom the benefit plan investor engages in the transaction. Governmental plans, certain church plans and non-US plans, while not subject to the fiduciary duty provisions of ERISA, section 4975 of the US Tax Code, or the US Plan Asset Regulations, may nevertheless be subject to other state, local, non-US or other regulations that have similar effect.

Please refer to the “Important Information” section for a more detailed description of restrictions on investments in the Company’s Ordinary Shares as result of certain ERISA, US Tax Code and other considerations. However, the procedures described therein may not be effective in avoiding characterisation of the Company’s assets as “plan assets” under the US Plan Asset Regulations or other similar law, and, as a result, the Company may suffer the consequences described above.

## **RISKS RELATING TO LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS**

### ***Legislative and regulatory risks***

Any investment is subject to changes in regulation and legislation. As the direction and impact of changes in regulations can be unpredictable, there is a risk that regulatory developments will not bring about positive changes and opportunities, or that the costs associated with those changes and opportunities will be significant. In particular, there is a risk that regulatory change will bring about a significant downturn in the prospects of one or more acquired businesses, rather than presenting a positive opportunity.

### ***Jersey company law***

The Company is incorporated in Jersey. Accordingly, UK legislation regulating the operations of companies does not generally apply to the Company. In addition, the laws of Jersey apply with respect to the Company and these laws provide rights, obligations, mechanisms and procedures that do not apply to companies incorporated in the UK. The rights of Shareholders are governed by Jersey law and the Articles, and these rights differ in certain respects from the rights of shareholders in the UK and other jurisdictions. A comparison of the key differences between company law in

England and Wales and company law in Jersey is contained at paragraph 6 of Part IV of this document.

### ***Taxation***

There can be no certainty that the current taxation regime in England and Wales or overseas jurisdictions in which the Company may operate in the future will remain in force or that the current levels of corporation taxation will remain unchanged. Any change in the tax status of the Company or to applicable tax legislation may have a material adverse effect on the financial position of the Company.

### ***Suitability for investment***

As an investment vehicle incorporated in Jersey, the Company may only be marketed to, and is only suitable as an investment for, sophisticated investors with an understanding of the risks inherent in investment and an ability to accept the potential total loss of all capital invested in the Company.

## **GENERAL RISKS**

### ***United Kingdom exit from the European Union***

The determination by the United Kingdom to serve notice on 29 March 2017 to exit the European Union pursuant to Article 50 of the Treaty of Lisbon (“**Brexit**”), means the United Kingdom is likely to leave the European Union no later than April 2019.

Brexit could have significant impact on the Company. The extent of the impact would depend in part on the nature of the arrangements that are put in place between the UK and the EU following Brexit and the extent to which the UK continues to apply laws that are based on EU legislation. In addition, the macroeconomic effect of Brexit on the Company’s business is unknown. As such, it is not possible to state the impact that Brexit would have on the Company. It could also potentially make it more difficult for the Company to operate its business in the EU as a result of any increase in tariffs and/or more burdensome regulations being imposed on UK companies. This could restrict the Company’s future prospects and adversely impact its financial condition.

### ***Risks relating to the Company’s potential acquisitions in emerging markets***

The Company may in the future invest in businesses located in global emerging markets. The economies of emerging countries may differ favourably or unfavourably from the economies of more developed or other emerging market countries in such respects as growth of gross domestic product, higher rates of inflation, rapid interest rate fluctuations, currency appreciation or depreciation, asset reinvestment, state of technological development, resource self-sufficiency, dependency upon international trade, capital flows and balance of payments position.

Government and political regimes, local laws and regulations, central bank policies, social and economic stability, protection of legal rights and the effectiveness of the legal and financial system differ materially across many emerging market countries, and are often subject to change at a faster pace than in more developed countries. Government intervention in the private sector and financial markets varies between different emerging market countries, and may include nationalisation, expropriation, confiscatory levels of taxation, imposition of withholding or other taxes on dividends, interest, capital gains or other income as well as capital. Emerging market governments may introduce new or impose additional registration requirements for domestic investments and restrictions on the repatriation of foreign direct or indirect investments, wage and price controls, trade barriers and other protectionist measures.

Similarly, emerging market countries have been and may continue to be adversely affected by trade barriers, exchange controls, managed adjustments in relative currency values and other protectionist measures imposed or negotiated by the countries with which they trade, as well as by shifts in the social and economic conditions and policies in the countries with which they trade. All these and related factors remain volatile and there can be no assurance that future developments in emerging markets or more developed markets will not lead to social, economic or political developments in emerging markets that are or may become detrimental to and adversely affect the value of the Company’s portfolio.

Where the Company holds or acquires securities of issuers based in certain emerging markets, this may carry a greater degree of risk than an acquisition of securities of issuers based in more developed countries. Among other things, such emerging market securities may carry the risks of less publicly available and less reliable information, lower liquidity, significantly more volatile markets and

temporary trading suspensions, less strict securities market and other financial regulation, less favourable tax provisions, settlements being slower and subject to greater risk of failure, intermediaries being less experienced or technologically equipped, as well as custodians not offering the level of service, administration and safe-keeping that is customary in more developed markets.

Fraud, bribery and corruption are more common in some jurisdictions than in others. Doing business in international developing markets brings with it inherent risks associated with enforcement of obligations, fraud, bribery and corruption. Although the Company will put in place policies in respect of fraud, bribery and corruption, it may not be possible for the Group to detect or prevent every instance of fraud, bribery and corruption in every jurisdiction to which it has exposure. The Group may therefore be subject to civil and criminal penalties and to reputational damage. Instances of fraud, bribery and corruption, and violations of laws and regulations in the jurisdictions in which the Group may operate could have a material adverse effect on its business, prospects, financial condition or results of operations.

#### ***Terrorist action***

There is a risk of terrorist attacks on the UK and elsewhere carrying significant loss of life and property damage and disruptions in global markets. Economic and diplomatic sanctions may be in place or imposed on certain states and military action may be commenced. The impact of these events is unclear, but could potentially have a material effect on general economic conditions which could negatively impact the Company.

#### ***The general economic climate may be adverse for the Company***

The Company may acquire or make investments in companies and businesses that are susceptible to economic recessions or downturns. During periods of adverse economic conditions, the markets in which the Company operates may decline, thereby potentially decreasing revenues and causing financial losses, difficulties in obtaining access to, and fulfilling commitments in respect of, financing, and increased funding costs. In addition, during periods of adverse economic conditions, the Company may have difficulty accessing financial markets, which could make it more difficult or impossible for the Company to obtain funding for additional investments and negatively affect the Company's net asset value and operating results. Accordingly, adverse economic conditions could adversely impact the business, development, financial condition, results of operations and prospects of the Company.

There is also a risk that new economic, legal, social and tax policies may be introduced in certain countries under new national and regional administrations, including the United States, which could potentially have an adverse impact on the trading conditions for the Company.

**THE LIST OF RISK FACTORS ABOVE DOES NOT PURPORT TO BE A COMPLETE ENUMERATION OR EXPLANATION OF THE RISKS INVOLVED IN AN INVESTMENT IN THE COMPANY. PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS SHOULD READ THIS ENTIRE DOCUMENT AND CONSULT WITH THEIR OWN LEGAL, TAX AND FINANCIAL ADVISERS BEFORE DECIDING TO INVEST IN THE COMPANY.**

#### **FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This document contains forward-looking statements that relate to the Company's prospective financial condition, results of operations, and its business plan, strategies, forecasts, prospective competitive position and growth opportunities. This document also contains forward-looking statements that relate to the market, financial and regulatory environments in which the Company plans to operate, the plans and objectives of the Company's management and various other matters. These forward-looking statements are identifiable by words such as "anticipate", "estimate", "project", "plan", "intend", "expect", "believe", "forecast" or, in each case, their negative or other variations or comparable terminology, although these are not the exclusive means of identifying such statements. Prospective investors should be aware that these statements are estimates, reflecting only the judgment of the Directors. As such, prospective investors should not place reliance on any forward-looking statements.

## PART III – HISTORICAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF THE GROUP

### SECTION A

#### ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON THE HISTORICAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF THE GROUP



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3 August 2017

Dear Sirs

#### **Wilmcote Holdings plc**

We report on the financial information for the period ended 31 May 2017 set out in Section B of Part III below (the “**Financial Information Table**”). The Financial Information Table has been prepared for inclusion in the admission document dated 3 August 2017 (the “**Admission Document**”) of Wilmcote Holdings plc (the “**Company**”) on the basis of the accounting policies set out in Note 2 to the Financial Information Table. This report is required by Schedule Two of the AIM Rules for Companies published by the London Stock Exchange plc (the “**AIM Rules**”) and is given for the purpose of complying with that Schedule and for no other purpose.

#### **Responsibilities**

The Directors of the Company are responsible for preparing the Financial Information Table in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union.

It is our responsibility to form an opinion as to whether the Financial Information Table gives a true and fair view, for the purposes of the Admission Document and to report our opinion to you.

Save for any responsibility which we may have to those persons to whom this report is expressly addressed and for any responsibility arising under paragraph (a) of Schedule Two of the AIM Rules to any person as and to the extent there provided, to the fullest extent permitted by law we do not assume any responsibility and will not accept any liability to any other person for any loss suffered by any such other person as a result of, arising out of, or in connection with this report or our statement, required by and given solely for the purposes of complying with Schedule Two to the AIM Rules, consenting to its inclusion in the Admission Document.

**Basis of opinion**

We conducted our work in accordance with the Standards for Investment Reporting issued by the Auditing Practices Board in the United Kingdom. Our work included an assessment of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial information. It also included an assessment of significant estimates and judgments made by those responsible for the preparation of the financial information and whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our work so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial information is free from material misstatement whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error.

**Opinion**

In our opinion, the Financial Information Table gives, for the purposes of the Admission Document dated 3 August 2017, a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at the dates stated and of its losses, cash flows and changes in equity for the period then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union.

**Declaration**

For the purposes of paragraph (a) of Schedule Two of the AIM Rules we are responsible for this report as part of the Admission Document and declare that we have taken all reasonable care to ensure that the information contained in this report is, to the best of our knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import. This declaration is included in the Admission Document in compliance with Schedule Two of the AIM Rules.

Yours faithfully

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP  
Chartered Accountants

**WILMCOTE HOLDINGS PLC**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

**SECTION B**  
**HISTORICAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF THE GROUP**

	Note	For the period ended 31 May 2017
		£'000
Administrative expenses	6	(1,042)
<b>Total operating expenses/ Loss before income tax</b>		<b>(1,042)</b>
Income tax expense	7	—
<b>Loss for the period</b>		<b>(1,042)</b>
Total other comprehensive income		—
<b>Total comprehensive loss for the period</b>		<b>(1,042)</b>
<b>Attributable to:</b>		
Owners of the parent		(1,042)
<b>Loss per ordinary share</b>		
Basic (£)	14	(0.125)
Diluted (£)	14	(0.125)

**WILMCOTE HOLDINGS PLC  
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET**

	Note	As at 31 May 2017
		<b>£'000</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Office Equipment		3
<b>Current assets</b>		
Other receivables	9	94
Cash and cash equivalents	10	9,805
		<u>9,899</u>
<b>Total assets</b>		<u><u>9,902</u></u>
<b>Capital and reserves attributable to the equity shareholders of the parent</b>		
Stated Capital	12	10,000
Share based payment reserve	17	213
Accumulated losses	14	(1,042)
<b>Total equity</b>		<u>9,171</u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Trade and other payables	11	731
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<u>731</u>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>		<u><u>9,902</u></u>

**WILMCOTE HOLDINGS PLC**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**

	Note	Stated Capital	Share based payment reserve	Accumulated losses	Total equity
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>Opening balance</b>		—	—	—	—
Loss for the period		—	—	(1,042)	(1,042)
<b>Total comprehensive loss</b>		—	—	(1,042)	(1,042)
Share based payment expense	17	—	177	—	177
Proceeds from ordinary shares issued	12	10,000	36	—	10,036
<b>Transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity</b>		10,000	213	—	10,213
<b>Balance at 31 May 2017</b>		<b>10,000</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>(1,042)</b>	<b>9,171</b>

**WILMCOTE HOLDINGS PLC**  
**CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT**

	Note	For the period ended 31 May 2017
		<b>£'000</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Loss before income tax		(1,042)
Share based payment expense		177
Increase in other receivables		(94)
Increase in trade and other payables		731
		<hr/>
Net cash used in operating activities		<b>(228)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Proceeds from issue of ordinary share capital	12	10,000
Proceeds from issue of ordinary A share capital		36
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Net cash generated from financing activities		<b>10,036</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Purchase of office equipment		(3)
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Net cash used in investing activities		<b>(3)</b>
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Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		9,805
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period		—
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Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period		<b>9,805</b>
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## 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Wilmcote Holdings plc (the “**Company**”) is an Investing Company incorporated and domiciled in Jersey. It is a public limited company and the address of the registered office is One Waverley Place, Union Street, St Helier, Jersey, JE1 1AX. The Company is the holding company of WHJ Limited (“**WHJL**”) (collectively, the “**Group**”).

## 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### (a) Basis of preparation

The Company was incorporated on 17 March 2017. As at the balance sheet date, Marwyn Value Investors II LP held 100 per cent. of the share capital in the Company.

The historical financial information presents the financial track record of the Group for the period from 17 March 2017 until 31 May 2017 and is prepared for the purposes of admission to the Alternative Investment Market (“**AIM**”) operated by the London Stock Exchange. This special purpose financial information has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Schedule Two to the AIM Rules, in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and IFRS Interpretations Committee (IFRS IC) interpretations as adopted by the European Union.

The historical financial information is prepared in accordance with IFRS under the historical cost convention and is presented in British pounds sterling, which is the presentational and functional currency of the Company.

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the consolidated historical financial information are set out below. The policies have been consistently applied throughout the period presented, unless otherwise stated.

### (b) Going concern

This historical financial information relating to the Group has been prepared on a going concern basis, which assumes that the Group will continue to be able to meet its liabilities as they fall due for the foreseeable future from its current cash balance.

### (c) New standards and amendments to International Financial Reporting Standards

*Standards, amendments and interpretations effective and adopted by the Group:*

IFRSs applicable to the first financial statements of the Group for the period from 17 March 2017 to 31 May 2017 have been applied.

*Standards, amendments and interpretations issued but not yet effective:*

The following standards are issued but not yet effective. The Group intends to adopt these standards, if applicable, when they become effective. It is not expected that these standards will have a material impact on the Group.

- IFRS 9 Financial instruments – effective date 1 January 2018
- IFRS 15 Revenue from contracts with customers – effective date 1 January 2018
- IFRS 16 Leases – effective date 1 January 2019
- IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts – effective date 1 January 2021
- Amendments to IFRS2 Classification and measurement of share based payment transactions – effective 1 January 2018
- Amendments to IFRS 4: Applying IFRS 9 Financial Instruments with IFRS 4 Insurance Contracts – effective 1 January 2018
- IFRIC 22 Foreign Currency Transactions and Advance Consideration – effective 1 January 2018
- Amendments to IAS 40: Transfers of Investment Property – effective 1 January 2018
- IFRIC 23 Uncertainty over Income Tax – effective 1 January 2019

**(d) Basis of consolidation**

*Subsidiaries*

Subsidiaries are entities controlled by the Company. Control exists when the Company is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity. The financial information of subsidiaries is fully consolidated in the historical financial information from the date that control commences until the date that control ceases. Intragroup balances, and any gains and losses or income and expenses arising from intragroup transactions, are eliminated in preparing the historical financial information.

**(e) Other receivables**

Other receivables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment.

**(f) Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash balances at banks.

**(g) Stated capital**

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares are shown in stated capital as a deduction from the proceeds.

**(h) Trade and other payables**

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade payables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

**(i) Corporation tax**

Corporation tax for the period presented comprises current and deferred tax.

Current tax is the expected tax payable on the taxable income for the period, using tax rates enacted or substantially enacted at the balance sheet date, and any adjustment to taxes payable in respect of previous periods.

Deferred tax is provided using the balance sheet liability method, providing for temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes.

A deferred tax asset is recognised only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the asset can be utilised. Deferred tax assets are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realised.

**(j) Loss per ordinary share**

The Group presents basic earnings per ordinary share (“**EPS**”) data for its ordinary shares. Basic EPS is calculated by dividing the profit or loss attributable to ordinary shareholders of the Company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per share is calculated by adjusting the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding to assume conversion of all dilutive potential ordinary shares.

**(k) Share based payments**

The A1 Shares and A2 Shares in WHJL (the “**Participation Shares**”), represent equity-settled share-based payment arrangements under which the Company receives services as a consideration for the additional rights attached to these equity shares, over and above their nominal price.

Equity-settled share-based payments to Directors and others providing similar services are measured at the fair value of the equity instruments at the grant date. The fair value is expensed, with a corresponding increase in equity, on a straight line basis from the grant date to

the expected exercise date. Where the equity instruments granted are considered to vest immediately, the services are deemed to have been received in full, with a corresponding expense and increase in equity recognised at grant date.

### 3. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND ESTIMATES

The preparation of the Group's historical financial information under IFRS requires the Directors to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

A successful first acquisition reflects, therefore, an acceptance of the terms of the Participation Shares. Management has also considered at the grant date, the probability of a successful Platform Acquisition and the potential range of values for the Participation Shares, based on the circumstances on the grant date.

The fair value of the Participation Shares and related share-based payments were calculated using a Monte Carlo valuation model.

Further details on the share-based payments, including a summary of the terms, are set out in Note 17.

### 4. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Board of Directors is the Group's chief operating decision-maker. As the Group has not yet commenced trading, the Board of Directors considers the Group as a whole for the purposes of assessing performance and allocating resources, and therefore the group has one reportable operating segment.

### 5. EMPLOYEES AND DIRECTORS

#### (a) Staff costs for the Group during the period:

	<b>For the period ended 31 May 2017</b>
	<b>£'000</b>
Wages and salaries	91
Social security costs	12
Total employment cost expense	<b>103</b>

#### (b) Directors' emoluments

The Board considers the Directors of the Company to be the key management personnel of the Group.

The highest paid Director, Adrian Whitfield, received emoluments of £60,975 during the period excluding the guaranteed minimum bonus of which £19,624 has been accrued at the balance sheet date. Adrian Whitfield will receive a fixed annual salary of £300,000, payable monthly in arrears along with a guaranteed minimum bonus of £100,000. On the completion of a Platform Acquisition by the Group, Adrian Whitfield will be entitled to an additional cash bonus of an amount equal to 0.5 per cent. of the Total Enterprise Value, calculated as the total value of the consideration paid by the Company or Group company for the acquired equity or assets plus the net debt of the acquired business or Company, such net debt to be reduced pro-rata where less than 100 per cent of the entire issued share capital of the target business or company is acquired. A minimum of 50 per cent. of the Platform Acquisition bonus, net of tax, shall be automatically reinvested in return for ordinary shares in the Company.

(c) **Key management compensation**

The following table details the aggregate compensation due in respect of the members of the Board of Directors which is comprised of the Executive Directors.

	<b>For the period ended 31 May 2017</b>
	<b>£'000</b>
Salaries and short term employee benefits	84
	<b>84</b>

(d) **Employed persons**

The average monthly number of persons employed by the Group (including Directors) during the period was as follows:

Administrative	1
Directors	3
	<b>4</b>

6. **EXPENSES BY NATURE**

	<b>For the period ended 31 May 2017</b>
	<b>£'000</b>
Employment costs	103
Travel and entertaining	55
Office costs	24
Professional support	679
Share-based payment expense	177
Other expenses	4
Total administrative expenses	<b>1,042</b>

7. **INCOME TAX EXPENSE**

	<b>For the period ended 31 May 2017</b>
	<b>£'000</b>
<b>Analysis of credit in period</b>	
Current tax on profits for the period	—
<b>Total current tax</b>	—

## Reconciliation of effective rate and tax charge:

	For the period ended 31 May 2017
	<b>£'000</b>
Loss on ordinary activities before tax	(1,042)
Loss on ordinary activities multiplied by the rate of corporation tax in the UK of 20%	(208)
Effects of:	
Losses carried forward for which no deferred tax asset is recognised	208
<b>Total taxation charge</b>	<b>—</b>

As at 31 May 2017, cumulative tax losses available to carry forward against future trading profits were £1,042,000 subject to agreement with HM Revenue & Customs.

## 8. INVESTMENTS

### (a) Principal subsidiary undertakings of the Group

The Company substantially owns directly or indirectly the whole of the issued and fully paid ordinary share capital of its subsidiary undertakings.

Principal subsidiary undertakings of the Group as at 31 May 2017 are presented below:

	<u>Nature of business</u>	<u>Country of incorporation</u>	<u>Proportion of ordinary shares held by parent</u>	<u>Proportion of ordinary shares held by the Group</u>
<b>Subsidiary</b>				
WHJ Limited	Incentive vehicle	Jersey	100%	100%

There are no restrictions on the Company's ability to access or use the assets and settle the liabilities of the Company's subsidiaries.

## 9. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	As at 31 May 2017
	<b>£'000</b>
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>	
Prepayments	11
Other receivables	83
	<b>94</b>

Other receivables are all current.

There is no material difference between the book value and the fair value of the trade and other receivables. Trade and other receivables are considered to be past due once they have passed their contracted due date.

## 10. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	<b>As at 31 May 2017</b>
	<b>£'000</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents</b>	
Cash at bank and in hand	9,805
	<u>9,805</u>

Credit risk is managed on a group basis. Credit risk arises from cash and cash equivalents and deposits with banks and financial institutions. For banks and financial institutions, only independently rated parties with a minimum short-term credit rating of P-1, as issued by Moody's, are accepted. The utilisation of credit limits is regularly monitored.

## 11. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	<b>As at 31 May 2017</b>
	<b>£'000</b>
Trade payables	302
Other tax and social security payable	37
Accruals and other payables	392
	<u>731</u>
Trade and other payables due within 1 year	731
Trade and other payables due after 1 year	—
	<u>731</u>

There is no material difference between the book value and the fair value of the trade and other payables.

## 12. STATED CAPITAL

	<b>As at 31 May 2017</b>
	<b>£'000</b>
8,333,336 ordinary shares of no par value issued at £1.20 per ordinary share	10,000
	<u>10,000</u>

On incorporation 2 ordinary shares of no par value were issued at £1.20 per share for an aggregate consideration of £2.40. On 21 March 2017 a further 8,333,334 ordinary shares of no par value were issued at £1.20 for an aggregate consideration of £10,000,000.80.

The holders of ordinary shares are entitled to receive dividends as declared and are entitled to one vote per share at meetings of the Company.

## 13. RESERVES

The following describes the nature and purpose of each reserve within shareholders' equity:

### *Accumulated losses*

Cumulative losses recognised in the Group income statement.

#### *Share based payment reserve*

The share-based payment reserve is the cumulative amount recognised in relation to the equity settled share-based payment scheme as further described in Note 17.

#### **14. LOSS PER ORDINARY SHARE**

Basic earnings per ordinary share is calculated by dividing the profit attributable to equity holders of the Company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the year. Diluted earnings per share is calculated by adjusting the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding to assume conversion of all dilutive potential ordinary shares. The weighted average number of shares has not been adjusted in calculating diluted earnings per share as it would have an antidilutive effect. Refer to Note 17 for instruments that could potentially dilute basic earnings per share in the future.

<b>Group</b>	<b>For the period ended 31 May 2017</b>
Loss attributable to the owners of the parent (£'000)	(1,042)
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue	8,333,336
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for diluted earnings per share	8,333,336

#### **15. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

As at the balance sheet date, Marwyn Value Investors II LP held 100% of the share capital in the Company. The Company's ultimate controlling party is Marwyn Value Investors II LP ("MVI II").

Parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party, or the parties are under common control or influence, in making financial or operational decisions.

James Corsellis and Mark Brangstrup Watts are the managing partners of the Marwyn Group. MVI II holds 100 per cent. of the Company's issued ordinary shares. MVI II is managed by Marwyn Asset Management Limited of which James Corsellis and Mark Brangstrup Watts are both non-executive directors and of which they are the ultimate beneficial owners.

James Corsellis and Mark Brangstrup Watts are the managing partners of Marwyn Capital LLP which provides corporate finance advice and various office and finance support services to the Company. During the period Marwyn Capital LLP charged £173,161 (excluding VAT) in respect of services supplied and was owed an amount of £173,161 at the balance sheet date.

James Corsellis and Mark Brangstrup Watts are the ultimate beneficial owners of Axio Capital Solutions Limited which provides financial and accounting services, transactional support, company secretarial and administrative services to the Company. During the period Axio Capital Solutions Limited charged £70,016 in respect of services supplied and was owed £70,016 at the balance sheet date.

#### **16. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

There were no commitments or contingent liabilities outstanding at 31 May 2017 that require disclosure or adjustment in these financial statements.

#### **17. SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS**

##### *Implementation of Group share scheme – Participation shares*

Arrangements have been put in place to create incentives for those who are expected to make key contributions to the success of the Group. Success depends upon the sourcing of attractive investment opportunities, effective execution of transactions, and the subsequent integration and optimisation of target businesses. Accordingly, an incentive scheme has been created to reward the key contributors for the creation of value, once all investors have received a preferential level of return. In order to make these arrangements most efficient, they are based around a subscription for shares in WHJL by the Executive Founders in the "Participation Shares".

Adrian Whitfield and Marwyn Long Term Incentive LP (“MLTI”), in which James Corsellis and Mark Brangstrup Watts are beneficially interested partners, are defined as the Executive Founders.

On being offered, the Company will purchase the Participation Shares either for cash or for the issue of new Ordinary shares at its discretion. The valuation of the Participation Shares is discussed below. The Participation Shares may only be sold on this basis if both the growth and at least one of the vesting conditions have been satisfied. If these conditions have not been satisfied the Participation Shares must be sold to the Company for a nominal amount.

#### *Participation Shares*

During the period the Company issued A1 Shares to Adrian Whitfield and A2 Shares to MLTI, which have been accounted for in accordance with IFRS 2 “Share-based Payment” as equity settled share-based payment awards.

#### *Grant date*

The date at which the entity and another party agree to a share-based payment arrangement, for accounting purposes is the grant date. The grant date for the Participation Shares is 21 March 2017. This is in line with when the share-based payments were awarded.

#### *Growth Condition*

The Growth Condition is that the compound annual growth of the Company’s equity value must be at least 10 per cent. per annum. The Growth Condition takes into account new shares issued, dividends and capital returned to Shareholders.

#### *Service Conditions*

Adrian Whitfield has agreed that if he ceases to be involved with the Company before it completes its Platform Acquisition or in the first three years following such acquisition then in certain circumstances a proportion of his A1 Shares may be forfeited. If Adrian Whitfield leaves in circumstances in which he is deemed to be a “Good Leaver” (as defined in his subscription agreement), then providing he remains with the Company for two years post the Platform Acquisition, he will remain entitled to such of his A1 Shares as have vested. Adrian Whitfield will be required to redeem his vested A1 Shares on the later of 180 days following his departure date or on the third anniversary of the Platform Acquisition. If he is deemed a “Bad Leaver” he will be required to sell his A1 Shares back to WHJL for a total consideration of £1.00.

#### *Vesting Conditions and Vesting Period*

The A Shares are subject to certain vesting conditions, at least one of which must be (and continue to be) satisfied in order for a holder of A Shares to exercise his or her redemption rights and which ends on the fifth anniversary of the date of the Platform Acquisition or such later date as is agreed between the Company and the holders of at least 90 per cent. of the Ordinary Shares, A1 Shares and A2 Shares.

The vesting conditions are as follows:

- (i) it is later than the third anniversary of the Platform Acquisition;
- (ii) a sale of all or a material part of the business of WHJL;
- (iii) a sale of all of the issued ordinary shares of WHJL or a merger of WHJL;
- (iv) a winding up of WHJL occurring; or
- (v) a sale or change of control of the Company;

The A shares are subject to a three year vesting period and will lapse after five years. The vesting period commences from the date of the Platform Acquisition.

#### *Value*

Subject to the provisions detailed above, the Participation Shares can be sold to the Company for an aggregate value equivalent to 15 per cent. (of which A1 Shares as a class are entitled 10 per cent. and A2 Shares 5 per cent.) of the excess in the market value of the Company over and above its aggregate paid up share capital, allowing for any dividends and other capital movements.

### *Holding of Participation Shares*

Participation Shares have been created and shares have been allocated and issued as shown in the table below.

	<u>Nominal price</u>	<u>Issue Price</u>	<u>Number of Participation Shares</u>	<u>Fair value at grant date</u>
Adrian Whitfield (A1)	£1	£72.32	500	£205,465
Marwyn Long Term Incentive LP (A2)	£1	£72.32	500	£205,465
			<b>1,000</b>	<b>£410,930</b>

### *Valuation of Participation Shares*

The value of the Participation Shares granted under the scheme has been calculated using a Monte Carlo model. The fair value uses an ungeared volatility of 25 per cent. and is based on a weighted average share price over the vesting period. An expected term input of four years has been used, being the midpoint of the period of time between the date on which an acquisition is expected to take place and the start and end of the redemption period. The Participation Shares are subject to a Growth Condition, which is a market performance condition, and as such has been taken into consideration in determining their fair value. The risk free rate is taken from zero-coupon UK Government bonds with a redemption period in line with the expected term. The model incorporates a range of probabilities for the likelihood of an acquisition being made of a given size.

### *Expense related to Participation Shares*

£7,426 has been recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income in the period and in a share-based payment reserve within the Consolidated Balance Sheet as at the period end in relation to the A1 Participation Shares.

The full A2 expenses, being the fair value amount less the subscription proceeds, of £169,305 has been recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income in the period and in a share based payment reserve within the Consolidated Balance Sheet as at the period end, as the participant is not required to complete a specified period of service and the options are therefore deemed to have vested immediately.

## **18. SUBSIDIARY UNDERTAKINGS**

The Company has one subsidiary, WHJL, in which it owns 100 per cent. of the issued ordinary shares. WHJL is a private limited company whose registered office is One Waverley Place, Union Street, St Helier, Jersey JE1 1AX.

## **19. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS**

The Company has entered into a number of contracts for IPO-related costs in preparation for Admission.

## PART IV – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### 1. RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENTS

The Directors, whose names are set out on page 11 of this document, and the Company, accept responsibility, both individually and collectively, for the information contained in this document. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors and the Company, who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case, the information contained in this document is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

### 2. INCORPORATION AND STATUS OF THE COMPANY

- 2.1 The Company was incorporated and registered in Jersey on 17 March 2017 under the Companies Law as a public limited company with registered number 123424.
- 2.2 The Company is a public limited company and accordingly, the liability of its Shareholders is limited to the amount paid up or to be paid up on their shares.
- 2.3 The Company is governed by its memorandum and Articles, and the principal legislation under which the Company operates and under which the Placing Shares have been or will be created is the Companies Law and the regulations made thereunder. The Company is tax resident in the United Kingdom.
- 2.4 The Company is registered as a self-managed AIF and sub-threshold AIFM in Jersey for the purposes of the AIF Regulations. As such, until such time as the Company completes its Platform Acquisition (when the Company will cease to be an AIF for the purposes of the AIF Regulations), it will be subject to certain on-going reporting requirements.
- 2.5 The head and registered office of the Company is at One Waverley Place, Union Street, St. Helier, Jersey JE1 1AX (telephone numbers: +44 (0) 1534 761240 (Jersey), and +44 (0) 20 7004 2700 (London)).
- 2.6 The Company's website address, at which the information required by Rule 26 of the AIM Rules for Companies can be found, is [www.wilmcoteplc.com](http://www.wilmcoteplc.com).

### 3. SHARE CAPITAL

- 3.1 On incorporation the Company had an unlimited authorised share capital of no par value of which 2 Ordinary Shares were issued to MVI II LP, and held by Axio Nominees Limited and Axio Trustees Limited, as nominees on its behalf. The Ordinary Shares were each issued for consideration of £1.20 per Ordinary Share.
- 3.2 On 21 March 2017, the Company issued and allotted 8,333,334 Ordinary Shares of no par value each to MVI II LP (which Ordinary Shares are held by Axio Nominees Limited as nominee on its behalf), for aggregate consideration of approximately £10 million.
- 3.3 On 1 August 2017, conditional upon Admission becoming effective on or before 17 August 2017, the Company passed the following resolutions in general meeting:
  - (A) the Directors were unconditionally authorised in accordance with the Articles to exercise all the powers of the Company to allot equity securities (as defined in the Articles) in the Company up to:
    - (1) 12,500,000 new Ordinary Shares in connection with the Placing (the “**Initial Allotment**”);
    - (2) 6,944,000 Shares (as defined in the Articles), representing approximately one third of the Company's issued share capital immediately following Admission; and
    - (3) a further 6,944,000 Shares (as defined in the Articles), representing approximately one third of the Company's issued share capital immediately following Admission, in connection with a Rights Issue (as defined in the Articles),

and unless renewed, varied or revoked by the Company, such authority shall expire at the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company or on the date which is six months after the next accounting reference date of the Company (if earlier), but the Company may before this authority expires make an offer or agreement which would or

might require equity securities to be allotted after this authority expires and the Directors may allot equity securities pursuant to such offer or agreement as if this authority had not expired;

(B) the Directors were empowered in accordance with the Articles to allot equity securities as if Article 20(a) to Article 20(e) of the Articles did not apply to any such allotment, provided that such authority was limited to:

- (1) the Initial Allotment;
- (2) the allotment of equity securities for cash otherwise than pursuant to sub-paragraph 3.3(B)(1) above up to 1,041,660 Shares (as defined in the Articles) representing not more than 5 per cent. of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company immediately following Admission; and
- (3) the allotment of equity securities for cash otherwise than pursuant to sub-paragraphs 3.3(B)(1) and 3.3(B)(2) above up to 1,041,660 Shares (as defined in the Articles) representing not more than 5 per cent. of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company immediately following Admission to be used only for the purpose of financing (or refinancing if the authority is to be used within six months of the original transaction) a transaction which the Directors determine to be an acquisition or other capital investment of a kind contemplated by the Statement of Principles on Disapplying Pre-Emption Rights most recently published by the Pre-Emption Group prior to 1 August 2017,

and unless renewed, varied or revoked by the Company, such power shall expire at the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company or on the date which is six months after the next accounting reference date of the Company (if earlier), but the Company may before this power expires make an offer or agreement which would or might require equity securities to be allotted after such expiry and the Directors may allot equity securities pursuant to such offer or agreement as if this authority had not expired.

3.4 On 17 August 2017, 12,500,000 Placing Shares will, subject to Admission, be issued to the Placees at the Placing Price. The Placing Shares will be issued at the same valuation as the Existing Ordinary Shares subscribed by MVI II LP.

3.5 The Company's share capital is, at the date of this document, and is expected to be, immediately following Admission:

	<u>At the date of this document</u>	<u>Immediately following Admission<sup>(1)</sup></u>
Number of Ordinary Shares issued and fully paid	8,333,336	20,833,336

(1) Assuming the Placing is fully subscribed.

3.6 The Placing Shares to be issued pursuant to the Placing will, on Admission, be allotted fully paid in registered form and may be held in either certified or in uncertified form, and will rank *pari passu* in all respects with the Existing Ordinary Shares.

3.7 Assuming the Placing is fully subscribed and becomes unconditional, the existing Shareholders will suffer a dilution of approximately 40 per cent. as a result of the Placing.

3.8 The Placing Shares will be issued pursuant to the Companies Law and the memorandum and Articles.

3.9 Save in connection with the Placing, there is no present intention to issue any share or loan capital in the Company following Admission or ultimately, if necessary, in connection with the management incentive arrangement described in paragraph 13 of Part I of this document.

3.10 Save as set out in this document, no shares in the capital of the Company are under option or have been agreed, conditionally or unconditionally, to be put under option.

3.11 Application has been made for the Ordinary Shares to be admitted to trading on AIM. The Ordinary Shares are not listed or traded on and no application has been or is being made for the admission of the Ordinary Shares to listing or trading on any other stock exchange or securities market.

#### 4. SUBSIDIARIES AND OTHER INTERESTS

- 4.1 The Company has the following subsidiary, which is its only subsidiary undertaking and in which it has an interest held on a long-term basis:

Name	Registered office	Proportion of voting share capital held	Issued and fully paid share capital	Debts owed to/(by) the Company	Carrying value of investments
WHJ Limited	One Waverley Place, Union Street, St Helier, Jersey, JE1 1AX	81.8%	4,501 ordinary shares of £1.00, 500 A1 Shares of £1.00 and 500 A2 Shares of £1.00	£(76,821)	£4,501 (4,501 ordinary shares of £1.00 each)

- 4.2 WHJL was incorporated in Jersey on 22 February 2017 under the Companies Law with registered number 123215 as a private limited company. The Company directly holds all of the issued ordinary share of capital of WHJL; A1 Shares have to date been issued to Adrian Whitfield and another of the Company's employees and all of WHJL's A2 Shares have been issued to MLTI.

#### 5. MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

##### 5.1 Memorandum of Association

The memorandum of the Company does not restrict the activities of the Company and thus the Company will have unlimited legal capacity. Paragraph 4 of the memorandum provides that the objects of the Company are unrestricted.

##### 5.2 Articles of Association

For the purpose of this paragraph 5.2 the following definitions shall apply:

“**ordinary resolution**” means a resolution of the Company passed by a simple majority of the votes cast on that resolution.

“**special resolution**” means a resolution of the Company passed as a special resolution in accordance with the Companies Law by a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast on that resolution.

The Articles were adopted by the Company on incorporation on 17 March 2017, and subsequently amended by special resolutions passed on 28 March 2017 and 1 August 2017. The Articles include, *inter alia*, provisions to the following effect.

##### 5.2.1 General meetings

The Board shall convene and the Company shall hold general meetings and annual general meetings in accordance with the Companies Law.

The Board may convene general meetings whenever it thinks fit. At least 14 clear days' written notice shall be given of every annual general meeting and of all other general meetings. A meeting may also be called on shorter notice if it is so agreed that:

- (i) in the case of an annual general meeting, by all the Shareholders entitled to attend and vote at that meeting; and
- (ii) in the case of any other meeting, by a majority in number of the Shareholders having a right to attend and vote at that meeting, being a majority together holding not less than 95 per cent. where a special resolution is to be considered or 90 per cent. for all other meetings, of the total voting rights of the Shareholders who have that right.

The notice for any general meeting shall specify:

- (i) whether the meeting is an annual general meeting;
- (ii) the date, time and place of the meeting;
- (iii) the general nature of the business of the meeting;

- (iv) any intention to propose a resolution as a special resolution; and
- (v) that a person entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend, to speak and to vote instead of him and that a proxy need not also be a Shareholder.

All Shareholders who are entitled to receive notice under the Articles must be given notice. Where the Company has given an electronic address in any notice of meeting, any document or information relating to proceedings at the meeting may be sent by electronic means to that address, subject to any conditions or limitations specified in the relevant notice of meeting.

Before a general meeting starts, there must be a quorum, being two members present in person or by proxy.

A Director shall, notwithstanding that he is not a member, be entitled to attend and speak at any general meeting and at any separate meeting of the holders of any class of shares in the capital of the Company. The chairman may with the consent of a meeting at which a quorum is present, adjourn the meeting.

#### 5.2.2 Dividends

Subject to the provisions of the Companies Law, the Company may, by ordinary resolution, declare dividends to be paid to members of the Company according to their rights and interests in the Company, but no dividend shall be declared in excess of the amount recommended by the Board.

Subject to the provisions of the Companies Law, the Board may pay interim dividends if it appears to the Board to be justified, on such dates and in respect of such periods as it thinks fit.

The Board may, if authorised by an ordinary resolution, offer any holder of Shares the right to elect to receive additional Ordinary Shares, credited as fully paid, instead of cash in respect of the whole or some part (as determined by the Board) of any dividend specified by such ordinary resolution.

Except as otherwise provided by the rights attaching to, or terms of issue of, any shares, all dividends shall be apportioned and paid *pro rata* according to the amounts paid or credited as paid up (other than in advance of calls) on the shares during any portion or portions of the period in respect of which the dividend is paid. Any dividend unclaimed after a period of 10 years from the date of declaration shall be forfeited and shall revert to the Company.

The Board may withhold any dividend payable on shares representing not less than 0.25 per cent. by value of the issued shares of any class after there has been a failure to comply with any notice requiring the disclosure of information relating to interests in the shares concerned as referred to below.

#### 5.2.3 Return of capital

Pursuant to the Companies Law, subject to any enactment as to the order of payment of debts, the Company's property on a winding up will be applied in satisfaction of the Company's liabilities *pari passu* and any remaining property of the Company will be distributed among the members according to their rights and interests in the Company.

On a voluntary winding-up of the Company, the liquidator may, with the sanction of a special resolution of the Company and subject to the Companies Law, divide among the Shareholders the whole or any part of the assets of the Company. The liquidator may, with the like sanction, vest the whole or any part of the assets in trustees upon such trusts for the benefit of the members as he, with the like sanction, shall determine.

#### 5.2.4 Convertible Shares

The Articles permit the Directors to issue Convertible Shares to Marwyn (or any Affiliate), but not to any other person.

The rights attaching to the Convertible Shares are as follows:

- (i) on a distribution of profits, whether by dividend, capitalisation issue or otherwise, the Convertible Shares rank *pari passu* with those rights to distributions of profit attaching to the Ordinary Shares;

- (ii) on a return of capital, whether on a winding-up or otherwise, the Convertible Shares rank *pari passu* with those rights to the assets of the Company attaching to the Ordinary Shares; and
- (iii) the holders of Convertible Shares shall be entitled to receive copies of all notices, circulars and other information sent by the Company to the holders of Ordinary Shares, but shall not be entitled to attend and vote at any general meeting of the Company. However, where a Conversion Notice (as defined below) has been served and the Company (in breach of the Articles) has failed to effect to the conversion, then the holders of such Convertible Shares (being Marwyn (or any Affiliate)) shall, in addition to any other rights described in the Articles, be entitled to attend and vote at any general meeting of the Company, at which such Convertible Shares will carry one vote per share.

A holder of Convertible Shares may at any time give written notice (the “**Conversion Notice**”) to the Company that it requires any or all of its Convertible Shares to be converted into Ordinary Shares (on a one for one basis). The conversion of Convertible Shares pursuant to the Articles is effected by determination of the Board to re-designate the relevant Convertible Shares as Ordinary Shares, and will be deemed effective from the date specified in the Conversion Notice.

The Company shall use its best endeavours to procure that the Ordinary Shares arising on a conversion of the Convertible Shares are admitted to trading on any stock exchange upon which the Ordinary Shares are from time to time listed or traded. No admission to listing or admission will be sought for the Convertible Shares while they remain Convertible Shares.

The Convertible Shares are automatically converted into Ordinary Shares upon any transfer by Marwyn (or any Affiliate) to a person who is not an Affiliate or Marwyn.

#### 5.2.5 **Allotment of securities and pre-emption rights**

The Articles require that, whilst the Ordinary Shares are admitted to trading on AIM or the Official List, the Directors shall not exercise any power of the Company to allot Relevant Securities (as defined in the Articles) unless they are authorised to do so by the Company in a general meeting in accordance with the Articles. The maximum number of securities that may be allotted under such authority and the date on which the authority will expire must be stated, which date must not exceed 15 months from when the resolution was passed.

Although the Companies Law does not provide any statutory pre-emption rights, the Articles provide that whilst the Ordinary Shares are admitted to trading on AIM or the Official List, any Ordinary Shares to be allotted by the Company must first be offered to existing Shareholders in proportion to their respective holdings of Ordinary Shares, except that such pre-emption rights shall not apply with respect to any Ordinary Shares which may be issued or granted pursuant to the Company’s share incentive scheme, in connection with a Rights Issue (as defined in the Articles) or as approved by special resolution.

If, after completion of the allotments referred to above, not all of the Ordinary Shares have been allotted, the balance of such Ordinary Shares shall be offered to any other person(s) as the Directors may determine, at the same price and on the same terms as the offer to the Shareholders.

#### 5.2.6 **Variation of rights**

Subject to the provisions of the Companies Law and to any rights attaching to existing shares, all or any of the rights attached to any class of share may be varied (whether or not the Company is being wound up) either with the written consent of the holders of not less than two-thirds of the issued shares of that class (excluding any shares of that class held as treasury shares) or with the sanction of a special resolution passed at a separate general meeting of the holders of shares of the class duly convened and held. The quorum at any such general meeting is two persons together holding or representing by proxy at least one-third of the issued shares of that class (excluding any shares of that class held as treasury shares) and at an adjourned meeting the quorum is one holder present in person or by proxy, whatever the amount of his shareholding. Any holder(s) of

more than 5 per cent. of the issued shares of the class in question present in person or by proxy may demand a poll. Every holder of shares of the class shall be entitled, on a poll, to one vote for every share of the class held by him. Except as mentioned above, such rights shall not be varied.

The special rights conferred upon the holders of any shares or class of shares shall not, unless otherwise expressly provided in the Articles or the conditions of issue of such shares, be deemed to be varied by the creation or issue of new shares ranking *pari passu* therewith or subsequent thereto.

#### **5.2.7 Share capital and changes in capital**

Subject to and in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Law, the Company may issue redeemable shares. Without prejudice to any special rights previously conferred on the holders of any existing shares, any share may be issued with such rights or such restrictions as the Company shall from time to time determine by ordinary resolution.

Subject to the provisions of the Articles and the Companies Law, the power of the Company to offer, allot and issue any shares lawfully held by the Company or on its behalf (such as shares held in treasury) shall be exercised by the Board at such time and for such consideration and upon such terms and conditions as the Board shall determine.

The Company may by ordinary resolution alter its share capital in accordance with the Companies Law. The resolution may determine that, as between the holders of shares resulting from the sub-division, any of the shares may have any preference or advantage or be subject to any restriction as compared with the others.

Subject to the Companies Law, the Company may by special resolution reduce its share capital, any stated capital account or other reserve in any way. Subject to the Companies Law and to any rights conferred on the holders of any class of shares, the Company may purchase all or any of its own shares of any class (including any redeemable shares) in any way and at any price. The Company may only purchase Ordinary Shares out of cash or in specie (or partly in one way and partly in another way).

#### **5.2.8 Transfer of shares**

Without prejudice to any power of the Company to register as a Shareholder a person to whom the right to any share has been transmitted by operation of law, the instrument of transfer of a certificated share may be in the usual form or in any other form approved by the Board and shall be signed by or on behalf of the transferor and, unless the share is fully paid, by or on behalf of the transferee.

In respect of shares which are in uncertificated form, any shareholder may transfer all or any such shares subject to the CREST Regulations, by means of a relevant system, provided that legal title to such shares shall not pass until the transfer is entered in the register.

The Board may refuse to register the transfer of a share in certificated form unless the instrument of transfer (i) is lodged at the registered office of the Company or at another place appointed by the Board, accompanied by the certificate for the share to which it relates and such other evidence as the Board may reasonably require to show the right of the transferor to make the transfer; (ii) is in respect of only one class of share; and (iii) is in favour of not more than four transferees.

If the Board refuses to register a transfer of shares, it shall send the transferee notice of its refusal within two months after the date on which the instrument of transfer was lodged with the Company or, in the case of uncertificated shares, the instruction from Euroclear was received by the Company.

No fee shall be charged for the registration of any instrument of transfer or other document relating to or affecting the title to a share, or for making any other entry in the register.

If at any time the holding or beneficial ownership of Ordinary Shares in the Company by any person (whether on its own or taken with other shares), in the opinion of the Directors:

- (i) would cause the Company's assets to be deemed, for the purpose of ERISA or the US Tax Code, the assets of: (i) an "employee benefit plan" that is subject to Title I of ERISA; (ii) a plan, individual retirement account or other arrangement that is subject to section 4975 of the US Tax Code; (iii) an entity whose underlying assets are considered to include "plan assets" of any plan, account or arrangement described in preceding clause (i) or (ii); or (iv) any governmental plan, church plan, non-US plan or other investor whose purchase or holding of Ordinary Shares would be subject to any state, local, non-US or other laws or regulations similar to Title I of ERISA or section 4975 of the US Tax Code or that could result in the assets of the Company being deemed to be assets of such plan or investor;
- (ii) would or might result in the Company and/or its shares and/or any of its appointed investment managers or investment advisers being required to be registered or qualified under the US Investment Company Act, the US Securities Act, the US Exchange Act, or any similar legislation in any territory or jurisdiction that regulates the offering and sale of securities;
- (iii) may cause the Company not to be considered a "Foreign Private Issuer" under the US Exchange Act;
- (iv) may cause the Company to be a "controlled foreign corporation" for the purpose of the US Tax Code; or
- (v) may cause the Company to become subject to any withholding tax or reporting obligation under FATCA or any similar legislation in any territory or jurisdiction, or to be unable to avoid or reduce any such tax or to be unable to comply with any such reporting obligation (including by reason of the failure of the Shareholder concerned to provide promptly to the Company such information and documentation as the Company may have requested to enable the Company to avoid or minimise such withholding tax or to comply with such reporting obligation),

then the Board may declare the Shareholder in question a "Non-Qualified Holder" and the Board may require that any shares held by such Shareholder ("**Prohibited Shares**") shall (unless the Shareholder concerned satisfies the Board, within 21 days of service of notice by the Board, that he is not a Non-Qualified Holder) be transferred to another person who is not a Non-Qualified Holder within 21 days of service of such notice, failing which the Company may itself dispose of such Prohibited Shares at the best price reasonably obtainable and pay the net proceeds of such disposal to the former holder.

#### 5.2.9 Disclosure of interests in shares

The provisions of Chapter 5 of the DTRs are generally incorporated in the Articles and apply to the Company so that Shareholders are required under the Articles to notify the Company of the percentage of their voting rights when they hold 3 per cent. or more of the issued share capital of any Class, through their direct or indirect holding (or a combination of such holdings) and of any changes to such interest through a single percentage level. A Shareholder must make the notification without delay (and in any event within 2 working days) after becoming aware (or ought reasonably to have become aware) of the event or change.

If any Shareholder fails to comply with these requirements, the Directors may, by notice to the holder of the shares, suspend their rights as to vote otherwise exercise the rights referred to in the Articles in respect of any Shares.

During the period of such suspension, any dividend or other amount payable in respect of the Shares shall be retained by the Company without any obligation to pay interest thereon.

For so long as the Company has any of its Ordinary Shares admitted to trading on AIM or any other market operated by London Stock Exchange, every Shareholder must comply with the notification and disclosure requirements set out in Chapter 5 of the DTRs.

#### 5.2.10 Voting rights

Subject to any special terms as to voting attached to any shares and to the Articles, on a show of hands every member who is present in person, by proxy or by a duly authorised corporate representative shall have one vote, and on a poll every member who is present

in person, by proxy or by a duly authorised corporate representative shall have one vote for every share of which he is the holder. On a poll, a member entitled to more than one vote need not use all his votes or cast all the votes he uses in the same way. A member may appoint more than one proxy.

No member shall be entitled to vote at any general meeting unless all monies presently payable by him in respect of shares in the Company have been paid.

Unless the Board determines otherwise, a Shareholder is also not entitled to attend or vote at meetings of the Company in respect of any shares held by him in relation to which he or any other person appearing to be interested in such shares has been duly served with a notice and, having failed to comply with such notice within the period specified in such notice (being not less than 28 days from the date of service of such notice (or, in respect of shares representing at least 0.25 per cent. of their class for which there has been a failure to comply with such notice, 14 days)), is served with a disenfranchisement notice. Such disenfranchisement will apply only for so long as the notice from the Company has not been complied with or until the Company has withdrawn the disenfranchisement notice, whichever is the earlier.

#### **5.2.11 Untraced Shareholders**

Subject to various notice requirements, the Company may sell any of a shareholder's shares in the Company if, during a period of 12 years, at least three dividends on such shares have become payable and no dividend has been claimed during that period in respect of such shares and the Company has received no communication from such shareholder.

#### **5.2.12 Borrowing powers**

The Directors shall restrict the borrowings of the Company and exercise all voting and other rights or powers of control exercisable by the Company in relation to its subsidiaries so as to secure (as regards subsidiaries so far as by such exercise they can secure) that the aggregate amount for the time being remaining undischarged of all monies borrowed by the Group and for the time being owing to persons outside the Group shall not, without the previous sanction of an ordinary resolution of the Company, exceed an amount equal to 1,000 times the adjusted capital and reserves.

Subject to the foregoing restriction, the Directors may exercise all the powers of the Company to borrow or raise money, to mortgage or charge all or any of its undertaking, property, assets (present and future) and uncalled capital, to issue debentures and other securities, and to give security whether outright or as collateral security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Company, any subsidiary of the Company or of any third party.

The above borrowing powers may be varied by an alteration to the Articles which would require a special resolution of the Shareholders.

#### **5.2.13 Directors**

##### *Appointment of Directors*

Unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution, the number of Directors shall be not less than two or more than 15. Directors may be appointed by ordinary resolution or by the Board.

Any Director may appoint any other Director or other person approved by resolution of the Board and willing to act, to be an alternate Director.

Subject to the provisions of the Companies Law, the Board may appoint one or more of its body to be the holder of any executive office (except that of auditor) in the Company and may enter into an agreement or arrangement with any Director for his employment by the Company or for the provision by him of any services outside the scope of the ordinary duties of a Director. Any such appointment, agreement or arrangement may be made on such terms, including without limitation terms as to remuneration, as the Board determines. The Board may revoke or vary any such appointment but without prejudice to any rights or claims which the person whose appointment is revoked or varied may have against the Company because of the revocation or variation.

There is no upper age limit for Directors.

#### *No share qualification*

A Director shall not be required to hold any shares of the Company by way of qualification.

#### *Retirement of Directors by rotation*

The Directors are obliged to retire by rotation and are eligible for re-election at the third annual general meeting after the annual general meeting at which they were elected. Any non-executive Director who has held office for nine years or more is subject to re-election annually. Any Director appointed by the Board, either to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the existing Board, holds office only until the next annual general meeting, when he is eligible for re-election.

#### *Powers of Directors*

Subject to the provisions of the Companies Law and any direction given by special resolution, the business of the Company shall be managed by the Board, which may exercise all powers of the Company. The Board may delegate any of its powers to any committee consisting of one or more Directors. The Board may also delegate any of its powers to any Director holding any executive office.

#### *Remuneration of Directors*

The Directors shall be paid such remuneration by way of fees for their services as may be determined by the Board, save that, unless otherwise approved by ordinary resolution of the Company in general meeting, the aggregate amount of such fees of all Directors (excluding executive directors) shall not exceed £1 million per annum, such cap to increase annually in line with the increase in the retail price index over the previous 12 months.

The Directors shall also be entitled to be repaid by the Company all hotel expenses and other expenses of travelling to and from board meetings, committee meetings, and general meetings or otherwise incurred while engaged in the business of the Company. Any Director who by request of the Board performs special services or goes or resides abroad for any purposes of the Company may be paid such extra remuneration by way of salary, percentage of profits or otherwise as the Board may determine.

The Company may, subject to the Companies Law, provide benefits, whether by the payment of gratuities or pensions or by insurance or otherwise, to or for the benefit of past directors who held executive office or employment with the Company or any of its subsidiaries or a predecessor in business of any of them or to or for the benefit of persons who are or were related to or dependants of any such directors.

#### *Permitted interests of Directors*

Subject to the Companies Law, and provided he has made the necessary disclosures, a Director may be a party to or otherwise directly or indirectly interested in any transaction or arrangement with the Company or in which the Company is otherwise interested or a proposed transaction or arrangement with the Company, or be interested in another body corporate promoted by the Company or any such subsidiary or in which the Company or any such subsidiary is otherwise interested.

Subject to the Companies Law, the Board has the power to authorise any matter which would or might otherwise constitute or give rise to a breach of the duty of a Director under the Companies Law to avoid a situation in which he has, or can have, a direct or indirect interest that conflicts, or possibly may conflict with, the interests of the Company. Any such authorisation will only be effective if the matter is proposed in writing for consideration in accordance with the Board's normal procedures, any requirement about the quorum of the meeting is met without including the Director in question and any other interested Director and the matter was agreed to without such Directors voting (or would have been agreed to if the votes of such Directors had not been counted). The Board may impose terms or conditions in respect of its authorisation.

### *Restrictions on voting*

Save as mentioned below, a Director shall not vote in respect of any matter in which he has, directly or indirectly, any material interest (otherwise than by virtue of his interests in shares or debentures or other securities of, or otherwise in or through, the Company) or a duty which conflicts or may conflict with the interests of the Company. A Director shall not be counted in the quorum at a meeting in relation to any resolution on which he is debarred from voting.

A Director shall (in the absence of material interests other than those indicated below) be entitled to vote (and be counted in the quorum) in respect of any resolution concerning any of the following matters:

- (i) the giving of any guarantee, security or indemnity to him or any other person in respect of money lent to, or an obligation incurred by him or any other person at the request of or for the benefit of, the Company or any of its subsidiaries;
- (ii) the giving of any guarantee, security or indemnity to a third party in respect of an obligation of the Company or any of its subsidiaries for which he himself has assumed any responsibility in whole or in part alone or jointly under a guarantee or indemnity or by the giving of security;
- (iii) any proposal concerning him being a participant in the underwriting or sub-underwriting of an offer of shares, debentures or other securities by the Company or any of its subsidiaries;
- (iv) any proposal concerning any other company in which he is interested, directly or indirectly, and whether as an officer or shareholder or otherwise, provided that he is not the holder of or beneficially interested in 1 per cent. or more of any class of the equity share capital of such company (or of any corporate third party through which his interest is derived) or of the voting rights available to members of the relevant company (any such interest being deemed to be a material interest in all circumstances);
- (v) any arrangement for the benefit of employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries which does not accord to any Director any privilege or advantage not generally accorded to the employees to which such arrangement relates; and
- (vi) any proposal concerning any insurance which the Company is empowered to purchase and/or maintain for the benefit of any of the Directors or for persons who include Directors, provided that for that purpose "insurance" means only insurance against liability incurred by a Director in respect of any act or omission by him in the execution of the duties of his office or otherwise in relation thereto or any other insurance which the Company is empowered to purchase and/or maintain for, or for the benefit of any groups of persons consisting of or including, Directors.

#### **5.2.14 Indemnity of officers**

The Directors and officers of the Company are entitled to be indemnified against all losses and liabilities which they may sustain in the execution of the duties of their office, except to the extent that such an indemnity is not permitted by the Companies Law. The Company may also provide a Director with funds to meet expenditure incurred in connection with proceedings brought by a regulatory authority.

#### **5.2.15 Electronic communication**

The Company may communicate electronically with its members in accordance with the provisions of the Electronic Communications (Jersey) Law 2000, as amended from time to time.

## **6. COMPARISON OF JERSEY LAW AND ENGLISH LAW**

- 6.1 There are a number of differences between company law in England and Wales and company law in Jersey, which may impact upon the holders of Ordinary Shares. However, where permitted by the Companies Law and considered to be appropriate, rights and protections similar to those provided to shareholders under English law have been conferred on holders of Ordinary Shares by the Articles, including as described in the summary of certain provisions of the Articles set out in paragraph 5.2 of this Part IV.

6.2 Also, following and subject to Admission, the Company will be required to comply with the AIM Rules for Companies (including rules relating to related party transactions and significant transactions) and the Disclosure and Transparency Rules. In certain of the instances where the AIM Rules for Companies and the DTRs apply differently to an overseas company, provision has been made in the Articles to apply the rules as if the Company was a company incorporated in the United Kingdom.

6.3 A summary of the key differences between company law in England and Wales, for which the principal legislation is the Companies Act, and company law in Jersey, for which the principal legislation is the Companies Law, are set out below. This summary is not a complete and exhaustive analysis of all differences. Persons seeking a detailed explanation of any provisions of the Companies Law or the difference between it and the laws of England and Wales, or any other jurisdiction with which they may be more familiar, should seek specific legal advice.

#### **6.3.1 Allotment of shares**

Under the Companies Law, there is no equivalent of section 551 of the Companies Act and the directors of a company do not need the sanction of the shareholders to issue and allot shares; however, in accordance with the Articles, whilst the Company is listed on AIM, the Directors must obtain such sanction prior to the issue and allotment of Ordinary Shares.

#### **6.3.2 Pre-emption rights**

Jersey law does not grant shareholders the benefit of pre-emption rights in relation to the allotment of new shares in a company unless otherwise specifically included in that company's articles of association. Pre-emption rights have been included in the Company's Articles, details of which are set out in the summary of the Articles in paragraph 5.2 of this Part IV.

#### **6.3.3 Partly paid shares**

The Companies Law allows for partly paid shares to be allotted.

#### **6.3.4 Shareholder resolutions**

Under the Companies Law, an ordinary resolution requires a simple majority in favour while a special resolution requires a two-thirds majority in favour (unless the articles of association prescribe a greater majority).

#### **6.3.5 Directors' indemnity**

The circumstances in which the Companies Law permits a Jersey company to indemnify its directors in respect of liabilities incurred by its directors in carrying out their duties are limited, and differ slightly to the analogous rules under English law. However, there is no general prohibition on the granting of loans by a Jersey company to its directors (although the directors remain subject to fiduciary duties when considering the grant of any such loans) and any costs incurred in defending any proceedings which relate to anything done or omitted to be done by that director in carrying out his duties may be funded by way of loans from the Company.

#### **6.3.6 Directors' interests**

The Companies Law does not require the directors of a Jersey company to disclose to the company their beneficial ownership of any shares in the company (although they must, pursuant to Article 74 of the Companies Law, disclose to the company the nature and extent of any direct or indirect interest which conflicts, or may conflict to a material extent with, a transaction into which the company or any of its subsidiaries is proposing to enter). The Directors are required to comply with the provisions of the AIM Rules for Companies and, pursuant to the Company's Articles, Chapter 5 of the DTRs.

#### **6.3.7 Compensation payments to directors**

The Companies Law does not require that shareholders approve compensation payments made to directors for loss of office, whereas the Company's Articles reflect the provisions of English law, whereby a payment by a company for loss of office to a director of a company or its holding company must be approved by a resolution of shareholders.

#### **6.3.8 Borrowing power**

The directors of a Jersey company may exercise all of the borrowing powers of the company without limit, unless the articles of association stipulate otherwise.

#### **6.3.9 Disclosure of interests in shares**

The Companies Law does not grant the directors of a Jersey company a statutory power to request information concerning the beneficial ownership of shares, but powers based on section 793 of the Companies Act have been incorporated into the Articles entitling the Directors to request information to establish details of interests in shares in the Company.

#### **6.3.10 Notice of meeting**

Any general meeting of a Jersey company may be convened on 14 days' notice (rather than 21 days' notice required under English law for annual general meetings).

#### **6.3.11 Requisition of general meetings**

Under the Companies Law, shareholders holding not less than 10 per cent. of the total voting rights of the shareholders of a company may requisition a meeting of shareholders, whereas under the Companies Act this right may be exercised by shareholders representing at least 5 per cent. of the paid up voting capital.

#### **6.3.12 Voting by poll**

Under the Companies Law, at a meeting of shareholders, a poll may be demanded in respect of any question by (i) no fewer than five shareholders having the right to vote on the question; or (ii) shareholder(s) representing not less than 10 per cent. of the total voting rights of all shareholders having the right to vote on the question. Under the Companies Act, shareholder(s) representing 10 per cent. of the total sum paid up on all shares giving the right to vote may demand a poll.

#### **6.3.13 Proxies**

For public companies, proxies are not permitted to speak at a meeting of members and unless the articles of association provide otherwise, proxies are not entitled to vote except on a poll. The Companies Law does not permit the appointment of more than one corporate representative by a member in respect of the same shareholding.

#### **6.3.14 Dividends**

The Companies Law has largely moved away from a capital maintenance regime to a solvency-based approach. Jersey companies are permitted to make distributions to shareholders without reference to distributable reserves. Instead, distributions may be made out of a Jersey company's assets (other than any capital redemption reserve) provided the directors approving the distribution give the appropriate solvency statement required by the Companies Law to the effect that the Jersey company will be able to continue its business and meet its liabilities as they fall due for the next 12 months.

#### **6.3.15 Redemptions**

The Companies Law provides that a Jersey company's redeemable shares may be redeemed out of any financial resource of the company. In particular, redeemable shares are allowed to be redeemed in whole or in part out of share capital accounts of the company without the need for capital redemption reserves, provided such shares are fully paid. Redemptions are subject to the same solvency test as for the making of dividends.

#### **6.3.16 Share buybacks**

Jersey companies can buy back their shares from any financial resource of the company. Any such buyback is subject to the same solvency test as for dividends and redemptions. Share buybacks must be approved by way of an ordinary resolution of the shareholders. Where such shares are being bought "off-market", there must also be a contract governing the buyback which must be approved by the shareholders.

#### **6.3.17 Bonus issues**

A Jersey company may, by special resolution, apply a capital redemption reserve in issuing shares to be allotted as fully paid bonus shares.

### 6.3.18 Circulation of resolutions

The Companies Law does not confer rights on members to require a company to circulate resolutions proposed to be moved by members at the next annual general meeting, or to circulate explanatory statements relating to any matter relating to a proposed resolution at a general meeting, or rights to an independent scrutiny of a poll taken or to be taken at a general meeting, or rights for a nominee holder of shares to have information rights granted to the underlying beneficial owner of the share, but all these rights have been incorporated into the Articles.

### 6.3.19 Donations

There is no restriction on donations by a company to political organisations under the Companies Law.

### 6.3.20 Unfair prejudice

Under the Companies Law, it may be more difficult for shareholders to bring a derivative claim against a company than is the case under the Companies Act. However, the Companies Law includes an equivalent provision relating to protection of shareholders against unfair prejudice and Jersey has (subject to certain exceptions) a broadly similar position under customary law to the common law position under English law in this regard.

### 6.3.21 Dissolutions

Under Jersey Law, the two procedures for dissolving a Jersey company are winding up and “en désastre”. Concepts such as receivership, administration and voluntary arrangements do not exist under the Companies Law.

The concept of a winding up is broadly similar to that under English law except that, under the Companies Law, a winding up may only be commenced by the Jersey company and not by one of its creditors. If the company is solvent, the winding up will be a summary winding up. If the company is insolvent, the winding up will be a creditors’ winding up.

A creditor wishing to dissolve a Jersey company would seek to have the company’s property declared “en désastre” (literally meaning “in disaster”). If the company’s property is declared “en désastre”, all of the powers and property of the company (whether present or future or situated in Jersey or elsewhere) are vested in the Viscount (an officer of the court). The role of the Viscount is similar to that of a liquidator. The Viscount’s principal duty is to act for the benefit of the company’s creditors. He is not under an obligation to call any creditors’ meetings, although he may do so.

## 7. SHARE INCENTIVE ARRANGEMENTS

Management incentive arrangements have been put in place, details of which are set out in paragraphs 13 and 14 of Part I of this document.

## 8. INFORMATION ON THE DIRECTORS

8.1 The names, business addresses and functions of the Directors are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Business address</u>	<u>Function</u>	<u>Date of appointment</u>	<u>Year of next re-election</u>
Adrian Michael Whitfield	56	11 Buckingham Street, London WC2N 6DF	Chief Executive Officer	21 March 2017	2018
James Henry Merrick Corsellis	47	11 Buckingham Street, London WC2N 6DF	Executive Director	21 March 2017	2018

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Business address</b>	<b>Function</b>	<b>Date of appointment</b>	<b>Year of next re-election</b>
Mark Irvine John Brangstrup Watts	43	11 Buckingham Street, London WC2N 6DF	Executive Director	21 March 2017	2018

8.2 In addition to any directorship of a member of the Group, the Directors hold or have held the following directorships or have been partners in the following partnerships within the five years prior to the date of this document:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Current directorships/partnerships</b>	<b>Past directorships/partnerships</b>
Adrian Whitfield	AKA 1 Limited AKA 12 Limited	Chemical Industries Association Limited Synthomer plc Synthomer (UK) Limited Synthomer Holdings Limited Temple Fields 509 Limited Temple Fields 510 Limited Temple Fields 512 Limited Temple Fields 514 Limited Temple Fields 515 Limited Temple Fields 521 Limited (dissolved) Temple Fields 522 Limited Temple Fields 523 Limited Temple Fields 530 Limited Temple Fields 533 Limited Temple Fields 534 Limited Temple Field Properties Limited (dissolved) Ecatto Limited S.A. (300) Limited Star Pharma Limited Super Sky Limited Dimex Limited Holliday Dyes & Chemical Limited Yule Catto Overseas Yule Catto Western Europe Limited Yule Catto International Limited Yule Catto Continental Limited Yule Catto Europe Limited Yule Catto Japan Limited (dissolved) Holliday Pigments Limited Holliday Chemical Holdings Holliday Chemical Services Holliday Chemicals Overseas Limited R Investments Limited Thomas Bell Limited Techsol Limited Yardsave Limited Revertex Chemicals Limited
James Corsellis	BCA Marketplace plc De Facto 2008 Limited	Entertainment One UK Holdings Limited Entertainment One Limited

Name	Current directorships/partnerships	Past directorships/partnerships
	Gloo Networks plc Gloo Networks Jersey Limited H.I.J. Limited Le Chateau Holdings Limited Le Chateau Holdings SAS Le Chateau Group plc Le Chateau UK Limited Marwyn Asset Management Limited Marwyn Capital Growth GP Limited Marwyn Capital Growth LP Marwyn Capital LLP Marwyn Management Partners Subsidiary Limited Marwyn LTIP LP Marwyn Investment Management LLP Marwyn Management Partners LP Marwyn 11 Buckingham Street LLP Orpheus Capital Limited Safe Harbour Holdings Jersey Limited Safe Harbour Holdings Plc Safe Harbour Holdings UK Limited Silvercloud Management Holdings Limited The Marwyn Trust WHUK plc	Luxup Holdings Limited Luxup UK Business Limited Luxup UK Member Limited Marwyn General Partner LLP Marwyn Investment Partners LLP Marwyn Long Term Incentive LP* Marwyn Operating Partners LLP  Marwyn Value Investors (Unlisted Feeder) Limited Marwyn 10 Buckingham Street LLP Romana Capital LLP
Mark Brangstrup Watts	BCA Marketplace plc Gloo Networks plc Gloo Networks Jersey Limited H.I.J. Limited Le Chateau Group plc Le Chateau Holdings Limited Le Chateau Holdings SAS Marwyn Asset Management Limited Marwyn Capital LLP Marwyn Capital Growth LP Marwyn Capital Growth GP Limited Marwyn Investment Management LLP Marwyn LTIP LP Marwyn Management Partners LP Marwyn 11 Buckingham Street LLP Orpheus Capital Limited Safe Harbour Holdings Jersey Limited Safe Harbour Holdings plc Safe Harbour Holdings UK	Advanced Computer Software Group Plc, now known as Advanced Computer Software Group Limited Bow Lane Capital plc, now known as Silverdell Plc Business Systems Group Holdings Limited Diana Award (Trustee) Entertainment One Limited Fulcrum Connections Limited Fulcrum Gas Services Limited Fulcrum Group Holdings Limited Fulcrum Infrastructure Services Limited Fulcrum Pipelines Limited Fulcrum Utility Investments Limited Fulcrum Utility Services Limited Luxup UK Business Limited Luxup UK Member Limited Marwyn General Partner LLP Marwyn Investment Partners LLP

Name	Current directorships/partnerships	Past directorships/partnerships
	Limited	Marwyn Long Term Incentive LP*
	Silvercloud Investments Limited	Marwyn Management Partners Subsidiary Limited
	Silvercloud Management Holdings Limited	Marwyn Operating Partners LLP
	WHUK plc	Marwyn 10 Buckingham Street LLP
	Zegona Communications plc	MET Deutschland GmbH
	Zegona Limited	Metropolitan European Transport plc, now known as Metropolitan European Transport Limited
	The Marwyn Trust	Parselaya, S.L. (Sociedad Unipersonal)
		Paragon Entertainment Investments Limited
		Paragon Entertainment Limited
		Praesepe plc, now known as Praesepe Limited
		Praesepe (Jersey) Limited
		Romana Capital LLP

\* James Corsellis and Mark Brangstrup Watts hold an indirect beneficial interest in MLTI.

- 8.3 Save as set out in paragraph 8.2 above, none of the Directors has any business interests or activities outside the Group which are significant with respect to the Group.
- 8.4 Adrian Whitfield was appointed as a director of Temple Fields 521 Limited on 17 August 2006, which went into a members' voluntary liquidation on 23 May 2012 and was dissolved on 25 September 2012, whilst he was still a director.
- 8.5 Adrian Whitfield was appointed as a director of Yule Catto Japan Limited on 17 August 2006, which went into a members' voluntary liquidation on 23 May 2012 and was dissolved on 25 September 2012, whilst he was still a director.
- 8.6 Adrian Whitfield was appointed as a director of Temple Fields Properties Limited on 17 August 2006, which went into a members' voluntary liquidation on 4 September 2013 and was dissolved on 7 January 2014, whilst he was still a director.
- 8.7 Mark Brangstrup Watts was appointed as a director of Pleasant People Limited on 20 December 1999, which went into creditors' voluntary liquidation on 21 April 2005 and was dissolved on 9 October 2007, whilst he was still a director.
- 8.8 Mark Brangstrup Watts was appointed as a director of Panlok Limited on 13 June 2000. On 29 June 2001 Panlok Limited went into creditors' voluntary liquidation and was dissolved on 22 January 2008.
- 8.9 Mark Brangstrup Watts was appointed as a director of Silverdell Plc on 24 March 2006 and resigned on 10 December 2013. On 28 January 2014 the company was put into administration and was subsequently placed into voluntary creditors' liquidation on 22 January 2015. Completion of the liquidation process is pending.
- 8.10 James Corsellis and Mark Brangstrup Watts resigned as members of Luxup UK LLP on 13 June 2012. Luxup UK LLP was put into voluntary liquidation on 18 March 2013. James Corsellis and Mark Brangstrup Watts were appointed as directors of Luxup UK Member Limited on its incorporation on 13 June 2012 and were directors at the time it was put into voluntary liquidation on 18 March 2013. Both Luxup UK LLP and Luxup UK Member Limited were subsequently dissolved on 14 January 2014.
- 8.11 James Corsellis was appointed as a director of iCollector Plc on 19 July 1996. On 28 February 2002, the company was put into creditors' voluntary liquidation and was subsequently dissolved on 4 August 2006.

- 8.12 Save as disclosed in paragraphs 8.4, 8.5, 8.6, 8.7, 8.8, 8.9, 8.10 and 8.11 above, none of the Directors:
- 8.12.1 has any unspent convictions in relation to indictable offences;
- 8.12.2 has been made bankrupt or has made an individual voluntary arrangement with creditors or suffered the appointment of a receiver over any of his assets;
- 8.12.3 has been a director of any company which, whilst he was such a director or within 12 months after his ceasing to be such a director, was put into receivership, compulsory liquidation, creditors' voluntary liquidation, administration, company voluntary arrangement or any composition or arrangement with the company's creditors generally or with any class of creditors of any company or had an administrator or an administrative or other receiver appointed;
- 8.12.4 has been a partner in any partnership which, whilst he was a partner, or within 12 months after his ceasing to be a partner, was put into compulsory liquidation or had an administrator or an administrative or other receiver appointed or entered into any partnership voluntary arrangement;
- 8.12.5 has had an administrative or other receiver appointed in respect of any asset belonging either to him or to a partnership of which he was a partner at the time of such appointment or within the 12 months preceding such appointment; or
- 8.12.6 has received any public criticisms by statutory or regulatory authorities (including recognised professional bodies) or has ever been disqualified by a court from acting as a director of a company or from acting in the management or conduct of the affairs of any company.

## 9. DIRECTORS' AND OTHERS' INTERESTS

- 9.1 None of the Directors have any interests (whether beneficial or otherwise) nor is any interest known to any of the Directors (or any interests which could with reasonable diligence be ascertained by any of the Directors of any person connected with them within the meaning of sections 252 to 255 of the Companies Act (a "**Connected Person**")) in the share capital of the Company at the date of this document, nor will they have or know of any such interest immediately following Admission.
- 9.2 Save as disclosed in paragraphs 12 and 13 of Part I of this document, no Director, nor any of his or her Connected Persons has at the date of this document, or will have immediately following Admission, any interest, whether beneficial or non-beneficial, in the share or loan capital of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any related financial product referenced to the Ordinary Shares.
- 9.3 The Company is aware of the following existing shareholders of the Company who are at the date of this document, or will immediately following Admission, be interested, directly or indirectly, in 3 per cent. or more of the issued share capital of the Company:

Name	Number of Ordinary Shares currently held	Percentage of issued share capital currently held	Number of Ordinary Shares to be held immediately following Admission <sup>(1)</sup>	Percentage of Enlarged Share Capital to be held immediately following Admission <sup>(1)</sup>
MVI II LP	8,333,336	100	12,591,670	60.4
Invesco Asset Management Limited	—	—	4,062,500	19.5
Hargreave Hale Limited	—	—	2,083,333	10.0
Threadneedle Asset Management Limited	—	—	833,333	4.0
UBS O'Connor Asset Management Limited	—	—	637,500	3.1

(1) Assuming the Placing is fully subscribed.

- 9.4 James Corsellis and Mark Brangstrup Watts are directors of Marwyn Asset Management, the manager of MVI II LP and the ultimate beneficial owners of the entire issued share capital of the general partner of MVI II LP. Accordingly, they have significant influence over those entities which are ultimately able to control how MVI II LP votes its interests in its investee companies, including the Company.
- 9.5 Other than as disclosed in paragraph 9.4 above, the Company is not aware of any person or entity who, directly or indirectly, jointly or severally, will or could exercise control over the Company immediately following Admission and there are no arrangements the operation of which could result in a change of control of the Company.
- 9.6 Save for (i) the issue of A1 Shares to Adrian Whitfield pursuant to a subscription agreement and (ii) the issue of A2 Shares to MLTI, in each case as disclosed in paragraphs 13 and 14 of Part I of this document, no Director has or has had any interest in any transaction which is or was unusual in its nature or conditions or significant to the business of the Group.
- 9.7 There are no loans or guarantees granted or provided by the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries to or for the benefit of any of the Directors which are now outstanding.

## **10. SERVICE AGREEMENTS AND REMUNERATION OF THE DIRECTORS**

- 10.1 On 21 March 2017, the Company entered into a Service Agreement with Adrian Whitfield, pursuant to which he was appointed as CEO with effect from 21 March 2017 or such later date as agreed between Adrian and the Company.
- 10.2 In accordance with the terms of his Service Agreement, Adrian is entitled to receive an annual salary of £300,000 per annum, along with a guaranteed annual bonus of £100,000, which is pro-rated in the first year to the time he has been employed. On the completion of the Platform Acquisition, Adrian will be entitled to an additional cash bonus of 0.5 per cent. of the Total Enterprise Value, of which 50 per cent. (net of tax) will be automatically reinvested in Ordinary Shares. Adrian will be required to devote such hours as may be necessary for the proper performance of his duties and will be entitled to certain employment benefits.
- 10.3 Adrian's Service Agreement is for a minimum term of two years and commenced on 21 March 2017, and thereafter will continue until terminated. The Service Agreement may be terminated by the Company or Adrian by giving three months' written notice to the other party, such notice to expire no earlier than the second anniversary of the date of the agreement. In the event that the Company has not completed a Platform Acquisition either party will be able to terminate the Service Agreement on six months' written notice following the end of the two year period. The Company may terminate the Service Agreement and Adrian's employment forthwith without any payment of compensation, damages, payment in lieu of notice or otherwise for the usual "bad leaver" circumstances including any act of gross misconduct, any material breach of the terms of the Service Agreement, conviction of a criminal offence or if a bankruptcy order is made against him or Adrian enters into any voluntary arrangements with his creditors.
- 10.4 On 21 March 2017, James Corsellis and Mark Brangstrup Watts each entered into Service Agreements with the Company pursuant to which, with effect from the date thereof, they are each entitled to receive an annual salary equal to the prevailing national minimum wage for 17.5 hours per week (inclusive of any fees due to them from any member of the Group as an officer of any such Group member). Their appointments are for an initial term of one year from that effective date. The Service Agreements may be terminated by either party on three months' written notice provided such notice does not expire before the end of the initial term. The Directors' continued appointment is also subject to re-election at annual general meetings as required by the Articles. The Company may terminate the Executive Directors' appointment with immediate effect in certain standard circumstances.
- 10.5 Save as set out in this paragraph 10, on Admission there will be no existing or proposed service agreements between the Directors and any member of the Group. Furthermore, save as set out in this paragraph 10 and the share incentive arrangements described in paragraphs 13 and 14 of Part I of this document, there are no commissions or profit-sharing arrangements with any of the Directors. The Company reserves the right to establish additional equity incentive arrangements with one or all of the Directors in future, subject to shareholder approval as required by the Companies Law and the Articles.

## 11. EMPLOYEES

In addition to the Executive Directors, the Company currently has two employees.

## 12. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

The Directors are not aware of any patents or other intellectual property rights, licences or particular contracts which are or may be of fundamental importance to the Group's business.

## 13. PENSIONS

The Group does not currently operate any pension schemes, but may implement a pension scheme in the future.

## 14. ARRANGEMENTS RELATING TO THE PLACING

14.1 On 3 August 2017, the Company, the Directors, Numis, Macquarie and Liberum entered into the Placing Agreement pursuant to which Numis, Macquarie and Liberum have agreed, conditionally upon, *inter alia*, Admission taking place not later than 17 August 2017 (or such later date being not later than 1 September 2017 as the Brokers, the Co-Manager and the Company may agree), to use reasonable endeavours to procure subscribers for the Placing Shares at the Placing Price. The Placing Agreement contains certain warranties, undertakings and indemnities given by the Company and the Directors in favour of Numis, Macquarie and Liberum, and is also conditional, *inter alia*, on none of the warranties given to Numis, Macquarie and Liberum prior to Admission being untrue or inaccurate or misleading in any material respect.

14.2 Under the Placing Agreement Numis will receive (exclusive of VAT) a corporate finance fee of £100,000.

14.3 In addition, Numis and Macquarie will each receive a base commission ("**Commission**") equal to 1.5 per cent. of the aggregate gross proceeds of the Placing, excluding the value of any Placing Shares placed with:

14.3.1 Marwyn Investment Management and its affiliates;

14.3.2 investors procured by Liberum; and

14.3.3 investors first identified and introduced directly by Adrian Whitfield with which neither Numis nor Macquarie have, in the previous 12 months, had a dealing relationship, together the "Excluded Investors".

14.4 The Company will also pay to Liberum a commission equal to 3 per cent. of the aggregate value of the Ordinary Shares placed with investors procured by Liberum.

14.5 In the event that the aggregate gross proceeds (excluding the proceeds raised from Excluded Investors) raised from investors is less than £20 million, an additional commission ("**Additional Commission**") in an amount equal to 1.5 per cent. of the value of the portion of any orders placed by investors (other than Excluded Investors) which have been scaled back through the allocation process will be payable by the Company to Numis and Macquarie. Where an Additional Commission is paid, the aggregate of the Commission and the Additional Commission will not exceed £300,000.

14.6 Numis, Macquarie and Liberum may each terminate the Placing Agreement in specified circumstances, including for material breach of warranty at any time prior to Admission and if, in the good faith opinion of at least two of Numis, Macquarie and Liberum, a material adverse change has occurred at any time prior to Admission.

14.7 The Company has agreed to pay W.H. Ireland a commission equal to 3 per cent. of the aggregate value of the Ordinary Shares placed with investors procured by W.H. Ireland.

### 14.8 *Lock-in and Orderly Market Arrangements*

MVI II LP and, separately, MVI II Co-Invest LP have entered into the Lock-in Deed pursuant to which they have each agreed with Numis, Macquarie and the Company that they will not dispose of any interest in Ordinary Shares for a period of 12 months following Admission (the "**Restricted Period**") save for in those circumstances specified in Rule 7 of the AIM Rules for Companies, and for a period of six months following the expiry of the Restricted Period, except in certain limited circumstances, they will not dispose of any interest in Ordinary Shares without the written consent of the Company, Numis and Macquarie.

## 15. JERSEY TAXATION

At such time as the Company's business is centrally managed and controlled outside Jersey in a country or territory where the highest rate at which any company may be charged to tax on any part of its income is 10 per cent. or higher, and the Company is resident for tax purposes in that country or territory, it will cease to be regarded as tax resident in Jersey and will not be subject to Jersey income tax. However, if the Company ceases to be exclusively resident for tax purposes in a jurisdiction outside Jersey, it will be regarded as resident for tax purposes in Jersey and on the basis that the Company is neither a financial services company nor a utility company for the purposes of the Income Tax (Jersey) Law 1961, as amended, the Company would be subject to income tax in Jersey at a rate of zero per cent. Jersey charges a tax on goods and services supplied in the Island ("GST"). On the basis that the Company has obtained international services entity status, GST is not chargeable on supplies of goods and/or services made by the Company. The Directors intend to conduct the business of the Company such that no GST will be incurred by the Company. In addition, no charge to stamp duty or other transfer tax should arise on the issue of the Ordinary Shares or on any transfers of, or agreements to transfer, the Ordinary Shares.

## 16. UNITED KINGDOM TAXATION

### 16.1 General

The following information is based on the tax law currently in force in the United Kingdom and the current published practice of HMRC as at the date of this document. Such law and practice (including, without limitation, rates of tax) is in principle subject to change at any time, and possibly with retrospective effect.

The information relates (except where stated otherwise) only to Shareholders who are resident and/or domiciled for tax purposes in the UK, who are beneficial owners of Ordinary Shares and who hold their Ordinary Shares as an investment. The statements may not apply to certain Shareholders in the Company, such as dealers in securities, broker-dealers, insurance companies and collective investment schemes.

The position of Shareholders who are officers or employees of the Company is not considered in this section. Such Shareholders may be subject to an alternative tax regime and should therefore seek separate advice in relation their personal tax liabilities.

It is the intention of the Directors to conduct the affairs of the Company so that the central management and control of the Company is exercised in the UK and that accordingly the Company will be treated as tax resident in the UK. The following information is based on the assumption that the Company will be resident in the UK for taxation purposes with effect from Admission.

**Any person who is in any doubt as to his or her tax position, or who is resident, domiciled or otherwise subject to taxation in any jurisdiction other than the UK, should consult his or her financial adviser immediately.**

### 16.2 Taxation of Dividends

#### *Individuals*

Individual Shareholders currently benefit from a dividend allowance of £5,000. Dividend receipts falling within this allowance will effectively be taxed at the rate of 0 per cent.

If an individual receives dividends in excess of this amount, the excess will be taxed at the dividend ordinary rate of 7.5 per cent. for basic rate taxpayers, the dividend upper rate of 32.5 per cent. for higher rate taxpayers and the dividend additional rate 38.1 per cent. for additional rate taxpayers.

#### *Companies*

In general, a corporate Shareholder resident in the UK for tax purposes should not normally be subject to corporation tax on any dividend payments by the Company. A broad tax exemption applies, with separate conditions for Shareholders that are small companies. If the conditions for exemption are failed or, in the case of Shareholders who are not small companies, specific anti-avoidance provisions apply, a corporate Shareholder will be subject to corporation tax on

income on the dividend payment. Where a dividend payment qualifies for exemption, it is possible for the shareholder to elect for the dividend to be taxable. Companies should seek specific professional advice on whether a dividend payment qualifies for exemption.

### 16.3 Taxation of Chargeable Gains

#### *Individuals*

A disposal of Ordinary Shares by a Shareholder who is resident for tax purposes in the UK, or a shareholder who is not resident in the UK for tax purposes, but who carries on a trade in the UK through a permanent establishment (where the shareholder is a company) or a trade, profession or vocation in the UK through a branch or agency (where the shareholder is not a company) and has used, held or acquired the Ordinary Shares for the purposes of such trade, profession or vocation or such permanent establishment, branch or agency (as appropriate) may, depending on the shareholder's circumstances and subject to any available exemption or relief, give rise to a chargeable gain or an allowable loss for the purposes of UK taxation on chargeable gains.

An individual Shareholder who acquired Ordinary Shares while UK-resident and for a period of five years or less either has ceased to be resident for tax purposes in the UK or has become resident in a territory outside the UK for purposes of double taxation relief arrangements and who disposes of the Ordinary Shares during that period, may be liable on his or her return to the UK to UK capital gains tax on any chargeable gain realised. Nothing in any double taxation relief arrangements prevents such an individual from being subject to UK capital gains tax in those circumstances.

For an individual Shareholder within the charge to capital gains tax, a disposal of Ordinary Shares may give rise to a chargeable gain or allowable loss for the purposes of capital gains tax. The rate of capital gains tax is 10 per cent. for individuals who are subject to income tax at the basic rate and 20 per cent. to the extent that an individual shareholder's chargeable gains, when aggregated with his or her income chargeable to income tax, exceeds the basic rate band for income tax purposes. An individual shareholder is entitled to realise an exempt amount of gains (currently £11,300 for tax year 2017/18) each tax year without being liable to tax.

#### *Companies*

For a Shareholder within the charge to corporation tax, a disposal of Ordinary Shares may give rise to a chargeable gain or allowable loss for the purposes of UK corporation tax. Corporation tax is charged on chargeable gains at the rate applicable to that company, subject to any available exemption or relief. Indexation allowance may reduce the amount of chargeable gain (but may not give rise to or increase an allowable loss) that is subject to corporation tax.

### 16.4 Stamp Duty and Stamp Duty Reserve Tax (SDRT)

No charge to stamp duty or SDRT should arise on Admission.

Provided that the Ordinary Shares are admitted to trading exclusively on AIM and are not listed on any market, any transfers of, or agreements to transfer, the Ordinary Shares should be exempt from both stamp duty and SDRT.

If the AIM exemption were no longer to apply, UK stamp duty would in principle be payable on any instrument or transfer of the Ordinary Shares that is executed in the UK, or that relates to any property situate, or to any matter or thing done or to be done, in the UK. Such a charge may arise in relation to a transfer on sale of the Ordinary Shares where the value of the consideration exceeds £1,000. Where a charge to stamp duty arises, the amount payable is 0.5 per cent. of the value of the consideration rounded up to the nearest £5.

In addition, if the AIM exemption were no longer to apply, provided that the Ordinary Shares are not registered in any register maintained in the UK by or on behalf of the Company and are not paired with any shares issued by a UK incorporated company, any agreement to transfer Ordinary Shares will not be subject to UK stamp duty reserve tax. The Company currently does not intend that any register of the Ordinary Shares will be maintained in the UK.

## 16.5 Inheritance tax

Ordinary Shares beneficially owned by an individual Shareholder may be subject to UK inheritance tax on the death of the shareholder or, in certain circumstances, on a gift by the shareholder. For UK inheritance tax purposes, a transfer of assets to another individual or trust could potentially be subject to UK inheritance tax, based on the loss of value to the donor. Particular rules apply to gifts where the donor reserves or retains some benefit. Special rules apply to close companies and to trustees of settlements who hold shares, which could bring them within the charge to UK inheritance tax.

Individuals and trustees subject to UK inheritance tax in relation to a holding of Ordinary Shares may be entitled to business property relief of up to 100 per cent. after a holding period of two years, provided that all the relevant conditions for the relief are satisfied at the appropriate time.

Shareholders should consult an appropriate professional adviser if they intend to make a gift of any kind or intend to hold any Ordinary Shares through trust arrangements. They should also seek professional advice in a situation where there is a potential for a double charge to UK inheritance tax and an equivalent tax in another country.

## 17. MATERIAL CONTRACTS

17.1 The following are the only contracts (not being contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business) which have been entered into by any member of the Group since such members' incorporation and which are, or may be, material to the Group or have been entered into by any member of the Group at any time and contain a provision under which any member of the Group has any obligation or entitlement which is material to the Group at the date of this document:

17.1.1 the Placing Agreement, as described more fully in paragraphs 14.1 to 14.6 of this Part IV;

17.1.2 the Lock-in and Orderly Market Arrangements, as described more fully in paragraph 14.8 of this Part IV;

17.1.3 the Marwyn Capital Corporate Finance and Advisory Agreements, as described more fully in paragraph 17.2 of this Part IV;

17.1.4 the Nominated Adviser and Broker Agreement, as described more fully in paragraph 17.3 of this Part IV;

17.1.5 the Broker Agreement, as described more fully in paragraph 17.4 of this Part IV;

17.1.6 the Registrar Agreement, as described more fully in paragraph 17.5 of this Part IV;

17.1.7 the PLC Managed Services Agreement, as described more fully in paragraph 17.6 of this Part IV; and

17.1.8 the Service Agreements entered into with each of Adrian Whitfield, James Corsellis and Mark Brangstrup Watts, as described more fully in paragraph 10 of this Part IV.

### 17.2 Marwyn Capital Corporate Finance Advisory Agreements

The following agreements have been entered into with Marwyn Capital:

17.2.1 a pre-admission corporate finance agreement dated 21 March 2017. Under the terms of the corporate finance agreement, Marwyn Capital has been appointed to provide advice in relation but not limited to the following: corporate finance, research and analysis, strategic development, forecasting and modelling, equity capital markets, debt and equity fundraising, overall project management, negotiation and bid documentation. Under the terms of the agreement, Marwyn Capital is paid a monthly fee of £25,000 (excluding VAT) and any out-of-pocket expenses incurred in providing its services. The agreement will terminate on Admission; and

17.2.2 a post-admission corporate finance agreement dated 21 March 2017 between the Company and Marwyn Capital, pursuant to which Marwyn Capital has been appointed to provide the Company with advice in relation but not limited to the following: corporate finance, research and analysis, strategic development, forecasting and modelling, equity capital markets, debt and equity fundraising, overall project management, negotiation and bid documentation. Under this agreement, Marwyn Capital will be paid a monthly fee of £50,000 (excluding VAT) and any out-of-pocket expenses incurred in

providing its services. In addition, Marwyn Capital is entitled to a fee of 0.5 per cent. of the Total Enterprise Value of the Platform Acquisition, in consideration for the provision of general and corporate finance advice on such acquisition. The parties have also agreed that following an initial term of 12 months from the date of Admission, the Company may terminate the agreement upon the giving of 12 months' written notice (or any other period of notice as agreed between the parties).

### **17.3 Nominated Adviser and Broker Agreement**

17.3.1 Pursuant to a nominated adviser and broker agreement dated 3 August 2017 and made between Numis and the Company, the Company appointed Numis as its nominated adviser and joint broker in relation to and following Admission in accordance with the AIM Rules for Companies and the AIM Rules for Nominated Advisers. The agreement sets out the scope of Numis' engagement.

17.3.2 Numis will, following Admission, receive an annual fee of £50,000 payable by four equal instalments quarterly in advance. In addition, the Company will pay all costs and expenses which Numis may properly incur in connection with Numis' appointment. The agreement is terminable by either party giving the other party one month's written notice. Numis has also reserved the right to terminate the agreement with immediate effect in the event of, *inter alia*, a material breach by the Company or the Directors of the agreement or the AIM Rules for Companies if such breach has not been remedied within seven days of it being notified to the Company by Numis. Numis has also reserved the right to terminate the agreement with immediate effect in the event of the Company failing to accept Numis' advice.

17.3.3 Under the agreement, the Company gave certain customary indemnities to Numis in connection with its engagement as the Company's nominated adviser and broker.

### **17.4 Broker Agreement**

Pursuant to a broker agreement dated 11 July 2017 and made between Macquarie and the Company, the Company appointed Macquarie as its broker in relation to and following Admission. The agreement sets out the scope of Macquarie's engagement. Macquarie will, following Admission, receive a pro-rated annual fee of £30,000 which will be payable half-yearly in advance. Additionally the Company will pay all costs and expenses which Macquarie may properly incur in connection with its appointment. The agreement is terminable by either party by giving the other party written notice. Under the agreement, the Company gave certain customary indemnities to Macquarie in connection with its engagement as the Company's joint broker.

### **17.5 Registrar Agreement**

Pursuant to an agreement between the Registrar and the Company dated 29 June 2017, the Registrar has been retained by the Company to maintain the register of members. The agreement may be terminated by either party on service of three months' notice on the other, such notice to expire no earlier than the first anniversary of the date of the agreement. The agreement may also be terminated immediately by either party in certain specified circumstances such as insolvency or material breach of the agreement by one party or the other. The basic fee payable by the Company to the Registrar is subject to an annual minimum charge of £5,500. In addition, various transfer fees are also payable on the transfer of any Ordinary Shares. This agreement contains customary warranties and indemnities given by the Company to the Registrar relating to the due incorporation and capacity of each party.

### **17.6 PLC Managed Services Agreement**

17.6.1 Pursuant to a managed services agreement dated 21 March 2017 between Axio, Marwyn Capital and the Company, Axio will provide financial and accounting services, transactional support, company secretarial and administrative services for a monthly fee of £8,500 (excluding VAT); and Marwyn Capital will provide services related to the ongoing management of the Group incentive scheme and certain human resources and office services to the Company and WHJL for a monthly fee of £1,500 (plus VAT). On Admission, Axio's monthly fee shall increase to £20,000 (plus VAT), and the monthly fee

payable to Marwyn Capital will rise to £10,000 (plus VAT). In addition, the Company has paid total initial set-up fees of £150,000 (£50,000 (excluding VAT) to Axio and £100,000 (plus VAT) to Marwyn Capital) in return for the provision of start-up services.

17.6.2 Marwyn Capital will provide office services (including, accommodation, reception services, telephones and IT support) to the Company for a fee of £5,000 per month payable monthly in arrears with effect from 22 March 2017.

17.6.3 The Company has agreed to reimburse for all out of pocket expenses incurred by Axio and Marwyn Capital in connection with the PLC Managed Services Agreement. The agreement shall continue for an initial period beginning 21 March 2017 and ending 18 months after the date of Admission. The agreement may be terminated thereafter on six months' notice by any party. Under the agreement, the Company has agreed to indemnify Axio and Marwyn Capital and their associates in respect of the appointment.

## **18. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

18.1 Since incorporation to 2 August 2017 (being the latest practicable date prior to the publication of this document), members of the Group have entered into the following related party transactions:

18.1.1 the Lock-in Deed, a summary of which is set out in paragraph 14.8 of this Part IV;

18.1.2 the Marwyn Capital Corporate Finance and Advisory Agreements, a summary of which is set out in paragraph 17.2 of this Part IV; and

18.1.3 the PLC Managed Services Agreement, a summary of which is set out in paragraph 17.6 of this Part IV.

18.2 Save as set out in paragraph 18.1 above, no member of the Group has been a party to any related party transaction.

## **19. WORKING CAPITAL**

Having made due and careful enquiry, the Directors are of the opinion that taking into account the Net Proceeds of the Placing the Group will have sufficient working capital available for its present requirements, that is, for at least the 12 months following the date of Admission.

## **20. NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE**

Save for the changes in share capital set out in paragraph 3 of this Part IV, the contingent liabilities assumed by the Company under the Service Agreements, the Placing Agreement, the Marwyn Capital Corporate Finance and Advisory Agreements, the Nominated Adviser and Broker Agreement, the Broker Agreement, the Registrar Agreement and the PLC Managed Services Agreement set out in paragraphs 10, 14.1 to 14.6, 17.2 to 17.6 of this Part IV and the expenses of the Company (all of which have caused a significant change in the financial position of the Group due to the Company and WHJL being newly established companies which have not commenced trading), there has been no significant change in the financial or trading position of the Group since 31 May 2017, being the date as at which the financial information of the Company reported on in Part III of this document was prepared.

## **21. LITIGATION AND ARBITRATION**

Neither the Company, nor any member of the Group is, nor has at any time since incorporation been, involved in any governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings, and the Company is not aware of any governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings pending or threatened by or against the Company or any member of the Group, nor of any such proceedings having been pending or threatened at any time since incorporation, in each case which may have, or have had in the recent past, a significant effect on the Company's or the Group's financial position or profitability.

## **22. MANDATORY BIDS, SQUEEZE-OUT AND SELL-OUT RULES RELATING TO THE ORDINARY SHARES**

### **22.1 Mandatory bids**

Details of the mandatory bid provisions of the Takeover Code which will apply to the Company are described in paragraph 17 of Part I of this document.

## 22.2 Compulsory acquisition

22.2.1 The Companies Law provides that, where a person (the “**Offeror**”) makes a takeover offer to acquire all of the shares (or all of the shares in any class) in a Jersey company (other than any shares already held by the Offeror at the date of the offer), if the Offeror has, by virtue of acceptance of the offer, acquired or contracted to acquire not less than 90 per cent., in number of the shares (or class of shares) to which the offer relates, the Offeror may (subject to the requirements of the Companies Law), by notice to the holders of the shares (or class of shares) to which the offer relates which the Offeror has not already acquired or contracted to acquire, compulsorily acquire those shares. A holder of any shares who receives a notice of compulsory acquisition may (within six weeks from the date on which such notice was given) apply to the Jersey court for an order that the Offeror not be entitled and bound to purchase the holder’s shares or that the Offeror purchase the holder’s shares on terms different to those of the offer.

22.2.2 Where, before the end of the period within which the takeover offer can be accepted, the Offeror has by virtue of acceptance of the offer acquired or contracted to acquire not less than 90 per cent., in number of all of the shares (or all of the shares of a particular class) of the Jersey company, the holder of any shares (or class of shares) to which the offer relates who has not accepted the offer may, by written notice to the Offeror, require the Offeror to acquire the holder’s shares. The Offeror shall (subject to the requirements of the Companies Law) be entitled and bound to acquire the holder’s shares on the terms of the offer or on such other terms as may be agreed. Where a holder gives the Offeror a notice of compulsory acquisition, each of the Offeror and the holder of the shares is entitled to apply to the Jersey court for an order that the terms on which the Offeror is entitled and bound to acquire the holder’s shares shall be such as the court thinks fit.

## 23. CONSENTS

23.1 Numis has given and not withdrawn its written consent to the issue of this document with the inclusion herein of its name and references to it in the form and context in which they appear.

23.2 Macquarie has given and not withdrawn its written consent to the issue of this document with the inclusion herein of its name and references to it in the form and context in which they appear.

23.3 Liberum has given and not withdrawn its written consent to the issue of this document with the inclusion herein of its name and references to it in the form and context in which they appear.

23.4 PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP has given and not withdrawn its written consent to the inclusion in this document of its accountants’ report in Section A of Part III of the document on the historical financial information of the Group, in the form and context in which it is included.

23.5 None of the persons referred to in paragraphs 23.1 to 23.4 have any interest in the Company which is or may be material other than in respect of their professional fees.

## 24. GENERAL

24.1 Assuming the Placing is fully subscribed, the gross proceeds of the Placing are expected to be £15 million. The total costs and expenses relating to Admission and Placing are expected to be £0.7 million (excluding VAT where appropriate). The Net Proceeds of the Placing are therefore expected to be £14.3 million.

24.2 The Ordinary Shares will be in registered form and will be capable of being held in both certificated or uncertificated form. They are denominated in sterling. The ISIN for the Ordinary Shares is JE00BZBYC658.

24.3 Save as disclosed in paragraphs 3, 14 and 17 of this Part IV, no persons (excluding Directors and the Company’s professional advisers) have received, in the period between the Company’s incorporation and submission of the application for Admission, directly or indirectly, from the Company or has entered into any contractual arrangements to receive, directly or indirectly, from the Company on or after Admission any of the following:

24.3.1 fees totaling £10,000 or more;

24.3.2 securities in the Company with a value of £10,000 or more calculated by reference to the Placing Price; or

24.3.3 any other benefit with a value of £10,000 or more at the date of Admission.

- 24.4 The Directors are not aware of any patents or other intellectual property rights, licences or particular contracts which are or may be of fundamental importance to the Group's business.
- 24.5 Other than the current application for Admission, the Ordinary Shares have not been admitted to dealings on any recognised investment exchange nor has any application for such admission been made or refused nor are there intended to be any other arrangements for dealings in the Ordinary Shares.
- 24.6 Monies received from applicants pursuant to the Placing will be held by Numis, Macquarie and Liberum until such time as the Placing Agreement becomes unconditional in all respects. If the Placing Agreement does not become unconditional in all respects by 17 August 2017 (or such later date being not later than 1 September 2017 as the Brokers, the Co-Manager and the Company may agree), application monies will be returned to applicants at their own risk without interest.
- 24.7 The Directors are not aware of any exceptional factors which have influenced the Group's activities.
- 24.8 There have been no public takeover bids by third parties in respect of the shares of the Company at any time.
- 24.9 Since incorporation, the Company has not made up any financial statements or published any financial information save for the information contained in Part III of this document. The Group's reporting accountant for the period covered by the historical financial information in Part III of this document is PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, 1 Embankment Place, London WC2N 6RH, which is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.
- 24.10 The financial information set out in this document relating to the Company does not constitute statutory accounts within the meaning of section 434 of the Companies Act. The Company intends to publish its first set of interim financial statements as at 31 December 2017 and the first annual report of the Company will be published as at 30 June 2018. Part III of this document contains the details of post balance sheet events that have occurred since incorporation. The receipt by the Company of the Net Proceeds of the Placing will constitute a significant change to the assets of the Company.
- 24.11 The Company expects a typical investor in the Company will be an institutional investor or high net worth individual with a large portfolio of investments.
- 24.12 To the extent that information in this document has been sourced from third parties, such information has been accurately reproduced and, as far as the Company is aware and has been able to ascertain from information published by the relevant third party, no facts have been omitted which render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading.
- 24.13 Copies of this document will be available free of charge during normal business hours on any weekday (except Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) at the Company's registered office from the date of this document and shall remain available for a period of one month following Admission. A copy of this document will also be available on the Company's website [www.wilmcoteplc.com](http://www.wilmcoteplc.com).

Dated 3 August 2017

## PART V – TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PLACING

### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. Each Placee which confirms its agreement to Numis, Macquarie and Liberum (whether orally or in writing) to subscribe for Ordinary Shares under the Placing, hereby agrees with Numis, Macquarie and Liberum that it will be bound by these terms and conditions and will be deemed to have accepted them.
- 1.2. The Company, Numis, Macquarie and Liberum may require any Placee to agree to such further terms and/or conditions and/or give such additional warranties and/or representations as it (in its absolute discretion) sees fit and/or may require any such Placee to execute a separate placing letter (a “**Placing Letter**”).

### 2. AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE ORDINARY SHARES

Conditional on (i) Admission occurring and becoming effective by 8 a.m. on or prior to 17 August 2017 (or such later time and/or date, being not later than 1 September 2017, as the Company, Numis, Macquarie and Liberum may agree), (ii) the Placing Agreement becoming otherwise unconditional in all respects and not having been terminated in accordance with its terms on or before Admission, and (iii) either Numis, Macquarie or Liberum confirming to the relevant Placees their allocation of Ordinary Shares in the Placing at the Placing Price, a Placee agrees to become a member of the Company and agrees to subscribe for those Ordinary Shares allocated to it by Numis, Macquarie or Liberum at the Placing Price. To the fullest extent permitted by law, each Placee acknowledges and agrees that it will not be entitled to exercise any rights to rescind or terminate or otherwise withdraw from such commitment at any time. This does not affect any other rights the Placee may have.

### 3. PAYMENT FOR ORDINARY SHARES

Each Placee undertakes to pay the Placing Price for the Ordinary Shares issued to the Placee in the manner and by the time directed by either Numis, Macquarie or Liberum. In the event of any failure by any Placee to pay as so directed and/or by the time required, the relevant Placee shall be deemed hereby to have appointed each of Numis, Macquarie, Liberum or any nominee of each of Numis, Macquarie or Liberum as its agent to use its reasonable endeavours to sell (in one or more transactions) any or all of the Ordinary Shares in respect of which payment shall not have been made as directed, and to indemnify each of Numis, Macquarie, Liberum and their respective affiliates on demand in respect of any liability for stamp duty and/or stamp duty reserve tax or any other liability whatsoever arising in respect of any such sale or sales. A sale of all or any of such Ordinary Shares shall not release the relevant Placee from the obligation to make such payment for relevant Ordinary Shares to the extent that Numis, Macquarie, Liberum or their nominees (as applicable) have failed to sell such Ordinary Shares at a consideration which, after deduction of the expenses of such sale and payment of stamp duty and/or stamp duty reserve tax as aforementioned, exceeds the Placing Price (as applicable) per Ordinary Share.

### 4. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

- 4.1. By agreeing to subscribe for Ordinary Shares, each Placee that enters into a commitment to subscribe for Ordinary Shares will (for itself and for any person(s) procured by it to subscribe for Ordinary Shares and any nominee(s) for any such person(s)) be deemed to undertake, represent and warrant to each of the Company, Numis, Macquarie and Liberum that:
  - 4.1.1. it is relying solely on this document (or any supplementary admission document (as the case may be)) and not on any other information given, or representation or statement made at any time, by any person concerning the Group, the Ordinary Shares or the Placing. It agrees that none of the Company, Numis, Macquarie, Liberum or any of their respective officers, agents, employees or affiliates will have any liability for any other information or representation. It irrevocably and unconditionally waives any rights it may have in respect of any other information or representation;
  - 4.1.2. if the laws of any territory or jurisdiction outside Jersey or the United Kingdom are applicable to its agreement to subscribe for Ordinary Shares under the Placing, it warrants that it has complied with all such laws, obtained all governmental and other consents which may be required, complied with all requisite formalities and paid any

issue, transfer or other taxes due in connection with its application in any territory and that it has not taken any action or omitted to take any action which will result in the Company, Numis, Macquarie, Liberum or the Registrar or any of their respective officers, agents, employees or affiliates acting in breach of the regulatory or legal requirements, directly or indirectly, of any territory or jurisdiction outside Jersey or the United Kingdom in connection with the Placing;

- 4.1.3. it has carefully read and understands this document in its entirety and acknowledges that it is acquiring Ordinary Shares on the terms and subject to the conditions set out in this Part V and the Articles as in force at the date of Admission. Such Placee agrees that these terms and conditions and the Placing Letter issued by either Numis, Macquarie or Liberum to such Placee represent the whole and only agreement between the Placee, the Company and Numis, Macquarie or Liberum (as applicable) in relation to the Placee's participation in the Placing and supersedes any previous agreement between any of such parties in relation to such participation. Accordingly, all other terms, conditions, representations, warranties and other statements which would otherwise be implied (by law or otherwise) shall not form part of these terms and conditions. Such Placee agrees that none of the Company, Numis, Macquarie, Liberum nor any of their respective officers or directors will have any liability for any such other information or representation and irrevocably and unconditionally waives any rights it may have in respect of any such other information or representation;
- 4.1.4. it has not relied on Numis, Macquarie, Liberum or any person affiliated with any of them in connection with any investigation of the accuracy of any information contained in this document;
- 4.1.5. it acknowledges that the contents of this document are exclusively the responsibility of the Company and its Directors and neither Numis, Macquarie nor Liberum nor any person acting on their behalf nor any of their affiliates are responsible for or shall have any liability for any information, representation or statement contained in this document or any information published by or on behalf of the Company or any member of the Group and will not be liable for any decision by a Placee to participate in the Placing based on any information, representation or statement contained in this document or otherwise;
- 4.1.6. it acknowledges that no person is authorised in connection with the Placing to give any information or make any representation other than as contained in this document and, if given or made, any information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorised by Numis, Macquarie, Liberum or the Company;
- 4.1.7. it is not applying as, nor is it applying as nominee or agent for, a person who is or may be liable to notify and account for tax under the Stamp Duty Reserve Tax Regulations 1986 at any of the increased rates referred to in section 67, 70, 93 or 96 (depository receipts and clearance services) of the Finance Act 1986;
- 4.1.8. it accepts that none of the Ordinary Shares have been or will be registered under the laws of any Excluded Territory. Accordingly, the Ordinary Shares may not be offered, sold, issued or delivered, directly or indirectly, within any Excluded Territory unless an exemption from any registration requirement is available;
- 4.1.9. if it is within the United Kingdom, it is a person who falls within Articles 49(2)(a) to (d) or 19(5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotions) Order 2005 or is a person to whom the Ordinary Shares may otherwise lawfully be offered under such Order, or, if it is receiving the offer in circumstances under which the laws or regulations of a jurisdiction other than the United Kingdom would apply, that it is a person to whom the Ordinary Shares may be lawfully offered under that other jurisdiction's laws and regulations and in all cases is capable of being categorised as a person who is a "professional client" or an "eligible counterparty" within the meaning of Chapter 3 of the FCA's Conduct of Business Sourcebook;
- 4.1.10. if it is outside Jersey or the United Kingdom, neither this document nor any other offering, marketing or other material in connection with the Placing constitutes an invitation, offer or promotion to, or arrangement with, it or any person whom it is procuring to subscribe for Ordinary Shares pursuant to the Placing unless, in the relevant territory, such offer, invitation or other course of conduct could lawfully be made to it

or such person and such documents or materials could lawfully be provided to it or such person and Ordinary Shares could lawfully be distributed to and subscribed and held by it or such person without compliance with any unfulfilled approval, registration or other regulatory or legal requirements;

- 4.1.11. it does not have a registered address in, and is not a citizen, resident or national of, any jurisdiction in which it is unlawful to make or accept an offer of the Ordinary Shares and it is not acting on a non-discretionary basis for any such person;
- 4.1.12. it has complied with and will comply with all applicable provisions of FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to the Placing in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom;
- 4.1.13. if the Placee is a natural person, such investor is not under the age of majority (18 years of age in the United Kingdom) on the date of such investor's agreement to subscribe for Ordinary Shares under the Placing and will not be any such person on the date any such Placing (as applicable) is accepted;
- 4.1.14. it has not, directly or indirectly, distributed, forwarded, transferred or otherwise transmitted this document or any other offering materials concerning the Placing or the Ordinary Shares to any persons within an Excluded Territory or to any US Persons, nor will it do any of the foregoing;
- 4.1.15. it acknowledges that none of Numis, Macquarie, Liberum or any of their respective affiliates or any person acting on its or their behalf is making any recommendations to it, advising it regarding the suitability of any transactions it may enter into in connection with the Placing or providing any advice in relation to the Placing and participation in the Placing is on the basis that it is not and will not be a client of either Numis, Macquarie or Liberum and that neither Numis, Macquarie nor Liberum has any duties or responsibilities to it for providing protection afforded to their respective clients or for providing advice in relation to the Placing;
- 4.1.16. that, save in the event of fraud on the part of Numis, Macquarie or Liberum, none of Numis, Macquarie, Liberum and their respective ultimate holding companies nor any direct or indirect subsidiary undertakings of such holding companies, nor any of their respective directors, members, partners, officers and employees shall be responsible or liable to a Placee or any of its clients for any matter arising out of Numis' role as nominated adviser, either Numis or Macquarie's role as joint broker and joint bookrunner or Liberum's role as co-manager or otherwise in connection with the Placing and that where any such responsibility or liability nevertheless arises as a matter of law the Placee and, if relevant, its clients, will immediately waive any claim against any of such persons which the Placee or any of its clients may have in respect thereof;
- 4.1.17. it acknowledges that where it is subscribing for Ordinary Shares for one or more managed, discretionary or advisory accounts, it is authorised in writing for each such account: (i) to subscribe for the Ordinary Shares for each such account; (ii) to make on each such account's behalf the representations, warranties and agreements set out in this document; and (iii) to receive on behalf of each such account any documentation relating to the Placing (as applicable) in the form provided by the Company, Numis, Macquarie and/or Liberum. It agrees that the provision of this paragraph shall survive any resale of the Ordinary Shares by or on behalf of any such account;
- 4.1.18. it irrevocably appoints any Director of the Company, any director of Numis, any director of Macquarie and any director of Liberum to be its agent and on its behalf (without any obligation or duty to do so), to sign, execute and deliver any documents and do all acts, matters and things as may be necessary for, or incidental to, its subscription for all or any of the Ordinary Shares for which it has given a commitment under the Placing, in the event of its own failure to do so;
- 4.1.19. the exercise by Numis, Macquarie and/or Liberum of any rights or obligations under the Placing Agreement shall be within their absolute discretion and neither Numis, Macquarie nor Liberum needs to have any reference to any Placee and it accepts that if the Placing does not proceed or the relevant conditions to the Placing Agreement are not satisfied for any reason whatsoever then none of Numis, Macquarie, Liberum or the

Company, nor persons controlling, controlled by or under common control with any of them nor any of their respective employees, agents, officers, members, stockholders, partners or representatives, shall have any liability whatsoever to it or any other person;

- 4.1.20. in connection with its participation in the Placing it has complied with its obligations in connection with money laundering and terrorist financing under the Proceeds of Crime (Jersey) Law 1999, the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002, the Terrorism Act 2000, the Terrorism (Jersey) Law 2002, the Corruption (Jersey) Law 2006, the Money Laundering Regulations 2007 and the Money Laundering (Jersey) Order 2008, and any other applicable law concerning the prevention of money laundering and that its application is only made on the basis that it accepts full responsibility for any requirement to verify the identity of its clients and other persons in respect of whom it has applied. In addition, it warrants that it is a person: (i) subject to the Money Laundering Regulations 2007 in force in the United Kingdom and/or the Money Laundering (Jersey) Order 2008 and/or the Corruption (Jersey) Law 2006 in force in Jersey; or (ii) acting in the course of a business in relation to which an overseas regulatory authority exercises regulatory functions and is based or incorporated in, or formed under the law of, a country in which there are in force provisions at least equivalent to those required by the Money Laundering Directive (2005/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the EC Council of 26 October 2005 on the prevention of the use of the financial system for the purpose of money laundering and terrorist financing);
- 4.1.21. it acknowledges that due to anti-money laundering requirements and the countering of terrorist financing, Numis, Macquarie, Liberum and the Company may require proof of identity and verification of the source of the payment before the application can be processed and that, in the event of delay or failure by the applicant to produce any information required for verification purposes, Numis, Macquarie, Liberum and the Company may refuse to accept the application and the subscription monies relating thereto. It holds harmless and will indemnify Numis, Macquarie, Liberum and the Company against any liability, loss or cost ensuing due to the failure to process such application, if such information as has been requested has not been provided by it in a timely manner;
- 4.1.22. it acknowledges and agrees that information provided by it to the Company, the Registrar or Axio will be stored on the Registrar's and Axio's computer system and in hard copy. It acknowledges and agrees that for the purposes of the Data Protection Act 1998 and the Data Protection (Jersey) Law 2005 (the "**Data Protection Laws**") and other relevant data protection legislation which may be applicable, the Registrar and Axio are required to specify the purposes for which they will hold personal data. The Registrar and Axio will only use such information for the purposes set out below (collectively, the "**Purposes**"), being to:
- (a) process its personal data (including sensitive personal data) as required by or in connection with its holding of Ordinary Shares, including processing personal data in connection with credit and money laundering checks on it;
  - (b) communicate with it as necessary in connection with its affairs and generally in connection with its holding of Ordinary Shares;
  - (c) provide personal data to such third parties as Axio or the Registrar may consider necessary in connection with its affairs and generally in connection with its holding of Ordinary Shares or as the Data Protection Laws may require, including to third parties outside the United Kingdom or the EEA;
  - (d) without limitation, provide such personal data to the Company, Numis, Macquarie, Liberum and their respective associates for processing, notwithstanding that any such party may be outside the United Kingdom or the EEA; and
  - (e) process its personal data for Axio's internal administration;
- 4.1.23. in providing the Registrar and Axio with information, it hereby represents and warrants to the Registrar and Axio that it has obtained the consent of any data subjects to the Registrar and Axio and their respective associates holding and using their personal data for the Purposes (including the explicit consent of the data subjects for the processing of any sensitive personal data for the purpose set out in paragraph 4.1.22(e) above). For the

purposes of this document, “data subject”, “personal data” and “sensitive personal data” shall have the meanings attributed to them in each Data Protection Law (as appropriate);

- 4.1.24. each of Numis, Macquarie, Liberum and the Company are entitled to exercise any of their rights under the Placing Agreement or any other right in their absolute discretion without any liability whatsoever to them;
- 4.1.25. the representations, undertakings and warranties contained in this document are irrevocable. It acknowledges that Numis, Macquarie, Liberum and the Company and their respective affiliates will rely upon the truth and accuracy of the foregoing representations and warranties and it agrees that if any of the representations or warranties made or deemed to have been made by its subscription of the Ordinary Shares are no longer accurate, it shall promptly notify each of Numis, Macquarie, Liberum and the Company;
- 4.1.26. where it or any person acting on behalf of it is dealing with Numis, Macquarie or Liberum, any money held in an account with either Numis, Macquarie or Liberum, on behalf of it and/or any person acting on behalf of it will not be treated as client money within the meaning of the relevant rules and regulations of the FCA which therefore will not require either Numis, Macquarie or Liberum to segregate such money, as that money will be held by Numis, Macquarie or Liberum under a banking relationship and not as trustee;
- 4.1.27. any of its clients, whether or not identified to Numis, Macquarie or Liberum, will remain its sole responsibility and will not become clients of either Numis, Macquarie or Liberum for the purposes of the rules of the FCA or for the purposes of any other statutory or regulatory provision;
- 4.1.28. it accepts that the allocation of Ordinary Shares shall be determined by Numis, Macquarie, Liberum and the Company in their absolute discretion and that such persons may scale down any Placing commitments for this purpose on such basis as they may determine; and
- 4.1.29. time shall be of the essence as regards its obligations to settle payment for the Ordinary Shares and to comply with its other obligations under the Placing.

## **5. UNITED STATES PURCHASE AND TRANSFER RESTRICTIONS**

- 5.1. By participating in the Placing, each Placee acknowledges and agrees that it will (for itself and any person(s) procured by it to subscribe for Ordinary Shares and any nominee(s) for any such person(s)) be further deemed to represent and warrant to each of the Company, Numis, Macquarie and Liberum that:
  - 5.1.1. it is not a US Person, is not located within the United States, is acquiring the Ordinary Shares in an offshore transaction meeting the requirements of Regulation S and is not acquiring the Ordinary Shares for the account or benefit of a US Person;
  - 5.1.2. it acknowledges that the Ordinary Shares have not been and will not be registered under the US Securities Act or with any securities regulatory authority of any State or other jurisdiction of the United States and may not be offered or sold in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, US Persons absent registration or an exemption from registration under the US Securities Act;
  - 5.1.3. it acknowledges that the Company has not registered under the US Investment Company Act and that the Company has put in place restrictions for transactions not involving any public offering in the United States, and to ensure that the Company is not and will not be required to register under the US Investment Company Act;
  - 5.1.4. no portion of the assets used to purchase, and no portion of the assets used to hold, the Ordinary Shares or any beneficial interest therein constitutes or will constitute the assets of: (i) an “employee benefit plan” as defined in Section 3(3) of ERISA that is subject to Title I of ERISA; (ii) a “plan” as defined in Section 4975 of the US Tax Code, including an individual retirement account or other arrangement that is subject to Section 4975 of the US Tax Code; or (iii) an entity which is deemed to hold the assets of any of the foregoing types of plans, accounts or arrangements that is subject to Title I of ERISA or Section 4975 of the US Tax Code. In addition, if an investor is, or is acting on behalf of

or holding the assets of, a governmental, church, non-US or other employee benefit plan that is subject to any federal, state, local or non-US law that is substantially similar to the provisions of Title I of ERISA or Section 4975 of the US Tax Code, its purchase, holding and disposition of the Ordinary Shares will not constitute or result in a non-exempt violation of any such substantially similar law or cause the assets of the Company to be deemed to be assets of such plan;

- 5.1.5. that if any Ordinary Shares offered and sold pursuant to Regulation S are issued in certificated form, then such certificates evidencing ownership will contain a legend substantially to the following effect unless otherwise determined by the Company in accordance with applicable law:

“WILMCOTE HOLDINGS PLC (THE “COMPANY”) HAS NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED UNDER THE U.S. INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940, AS AMENDED (THE “INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT”). IN ADDITION, THE SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY REPRESENTED BY THIS CERTIFICATE HAVE NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED UNDER THE U.S. SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE “SECURITIES ACT”), OR WITH ANY SECURITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF ANY STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES. ACCORDINGLY, THIS SECURITY MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD, PLEDGED, EXERCISED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED WITHIN THE UNITED STATES OR TO, OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OR BENEFIT OF, US PERSONS (AS DEFINED IN RULE 902 OF REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT) EXCEPT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SECURITIES ACT OR AN EXEMPTION THEREFROM AND UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH WILL NOT REQUIRE THE COMPANY TO REGISTER UNDER THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT, IN EACH CASE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS.

THIS SECURITY MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD, PLEDGED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED TO ANY PERSON USING THE ASSETS OF (A) (I) AN “EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN” AS DEFINED IN SECTION 3(3) OF THE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED (“ERISA”) THAT IS SUBJECT TO TITLE I OF ERISA; (II) A “PLAN” AS DEFINED IN SECTION 4975 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED (THE “US TAX CODE”), INCLUDING AN INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNT OR OTHER ARRANGEMENT THAT IS SUBJECT TO SECTION 4975 OF THE US TAX CODE; OR (III) AN ENTITY WHICH IS DEEMED TO HOLD THE ASSETS OF ANY OF THE FOREGOING TYPES OF PLANS, ACCOUNTS OR ARRANGEMENTS THAT IS SUBJECT TO TITLE I OF ERISA OR SECTION 4975 OF THE US TAX CODE OR (B) A GOVERNMENTAL, CHURCH, NON-US OR OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN THAT IS SUBJECT TO ANY FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL OR NON-US LAW THAT IS SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR TO THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE I OF ERISA OR SECTION 4975 OF THE US TAX CODE IF THE PURCHASE, HOLDING OR DISPOSITION OF THE SECURITIES WILL NOT RESULT IN A VIOLATION OF APPLICABLE LAW AND/OR CONSTITUTE A NON-EXEMPT PROHIBITED TRANSACTION UNDER SECTION 503 OF THE US TAX CODE OR ANY SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR LAW.”

- 5.1.6. if in the future the investor decides to offer, sell, transfer, assign or otherwise dispose of the Ordinary Shares, it will do so only in compliance with an exemption from the registration requirements of the US Securities Act and under circumstances which will not require the Company to register under the US Investment Company Act. It acknowledges that any sale, transfer, assignment, pledge or other disposal made other than in compliance with such laws and the above stated restrictions will be subject to the compulsory transfer provisions as provided in the Articles;
- 5.1.7. it is purchasing the Ordinary Shares for its own account or for one or more investment accounts for which it is acting as a fiduciary or agent, in each case for investment only, and not with a view to or for sale or other transfer in connection with any distribution of the Ordinary Shares in any manner that would violate the US Securities Act, the Investment Company Act or any other applicable securities laws;

- 5.1.8. it acknowledges that the Company reserves the right to make inquiries of any holder of the Ordinary Shares or interests therein at any time as to such person's status under the US federal securities laws and to require any such person that has not satisfied the Company that holding by such person will not violate or require registration under the US securities laws to transfer such Ordinary Shares or interests in accordance with the Articles;
  - 5.1.9. it acknowledges and understand the Company is required to comply with FATCA and that the Company will follow FATCA's extensive reporting and withholding requirements. The Placee agrees to furnish any information and documents which the Company may from time to time request, including but not limited to information required under FATCA;
  - 5.1.10. it is entitled to acquire the Ordinary Shares under the laws of all relevant jurisdictions which apply to it, it has fully observed all such laws and obtained all governmental and other consents which may be required thereunder and complied with all necessary formalities and it has paid all issue, transfer or other taxes due in connection with its acceptance in any jurisdiction of the Ordinary Shares and that it has not taken any action, or omitted to take any action, which may result in the Company, Numis, Macquarie, Liberum or their respective directors, officers, agents, employees and advisers being in breach of the laws of any jurisdiction in connection with its acceptance of participation in the Placing;
  - 5.1.11. it has received, carefully read and understands this document, and has not, directly or indirectly, distributed, forwarded, transferred or otherwise transmitted this document or any other presentation or offering materials concerning the Ordinary Shares to or within the United States or to any US Persons, nor will it do any of the foregoing; and
  - 5.1.12. if it is acquiring any Ordinary Shares as a fiduciary or agent for one or more accounts, the investor has sole investment discretion with respect to each such account and full power and authority to make such foregoing representations, warranties, acknowledgements and agreements on behalf of each such account.
- 5.2. The Company, Numis, Macquarie, Liberum and their respective directors, officers, agents, employees, advisers and others will rely upon the truth and accuracy of the foregoing representations, warranties, acknowledgments and agreements.
  - 5.3. If any of the representations, warranties, acknowledgments or agreements made by the Placee are no longer accurate or have not been complied with, the Placee will immediately notify the Company, Numis, Macquarie and Liberum.

## **6. SUPPLY AND DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION**

If Numis, Macquarie, Liberum, the Registrar or the Company or any of their respective agents request any information about a Placee's agreement to subscribe for Ordinary Shares under the Placing, such Placee must promptly disclose it to them.

## **7. MISCELLANEOUS**

- 7.1. The rights and remedies of Numis, Macquarie, Liberum, the Registrar, Axio and the Company under these terms and conditions are in addition to any rights and remedies which would otherwise be available to each of them and the exercise or partial exercise of one will not prevent the exercise of others.
- 7.2. On application, if a Placee is an individual, that Placee may be asked to disclose in writing or orally, his nationality. If a Placee is a discretionary fund manager, that Placee may be asked to disclose in writing or orally the jurisdiction in which its funds are managed or owned. All documents provided in connection with the Placing will be sent at the Placee's risk. They may be returned by post to such Placee at the address notified by such Placee.
- 7.3. Each Placee agrees to be bound by the Articles once the Ordinary Shares, which the Placee has agreed to subscribe for pursuant to the Placing, have been acquired by the Placee. The contract to subscribe for Ordinary Shares under the Placing and the appointments and authorities mentioned in this document and all disputes and claims arising out of or in connection with its subject matter or formation (including any non-contractual disputes or claims) will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of England and Wales. For the exclusive benefit

of Numis, Macquarie, Liberum, the Company, the Registrar and Axio, each Placee irrevocably submits to the jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales and waives any objection to proceedings in any such court on the ground of venue or on the ground that proceedings have been brought in an inconvenient forum. This does not prevent an action being taken against a Placee in any other jurisdiction.

- 7.4. In the case of a joint agreement to subscribe for Ordinary Shares under the Placing, references to a Placee in these terms and conditions are to each of the Placees who are a party to that joint agreement and their liability is joint and several.
- 7.5. Each of Numis, Macquarie, Liberum and the Company expressly reserve the right to modify the Placing (including, without limitation, its timetable and settlement) at any time before allocations are determined. The Placing is subject to the satisfaction of the conditions contained in the Placing Agreement and the Placing Agreement not having been terminated. Further details of the terms of the Placing Agreement are contained in paragraphs 14.1 to 14.6 of Part IV of this document.

