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17 May 2023

IQE plc
REX Retail Offer

IQE plc ("IQE" or the "**Company**") is pleased to announce a retail offer via REX (the "**REX Retail Offer**") of ordinary shares ("**Ordinary Shares**") of 1 pence each in the capital of the Company (the "**REX Retail Offer Shares**").

In addition to the REX Retail Offer, the Company is also conducting a placing of new ordinary shares (the "**Placing Shares**") and together with the REX Retail Offer Shares, the "**New Ordinary Shares**") through a bookbuild process (the "**Placing**"). The price of the New Ordinary Shares issued in the REX Retail Offer and the Placing will be 20 pence per New Ordinary Share (the "**Issue Price**").

A separate announcement has been made regarding the Placing and its terms. For the avoidance of doubt, the REX Retail Offer is not part of the Placing.

The REX Retail Offer is conditional on completion of the Placing and on the REX Retail Offer Shares being admitted to trading on AIM, a market operated by London Stock Exchange plc ("**Admission**"). Admission of the Placing Shares is expected to take place at 8.00 a.m. on 22 May 2023 and Admission of the REX Retail Offer Shares is expected to take place at 8.00 a.m. on 23 May 2023 (or at such later dates as may be agreed between the Company, Peel Hunt LLP and Numis Securities Limited).

REX Retail Offer

The Company values its retail shareholder base and believes that it is appropriate to provide its existing retail shareholders in the United Kingdom the opportunity to participate in the REX Retail Offer via participating financial intermediaries.

Therefore, the Company is making the REX Retail Offer open to eligible investors in the United Kingdom following release of this announcement.

The REX Retail Offer is expected to close by 5:00 pm on 18 May 2023. Eligible shareholders should note that financial intermediaries may have earlier closing times.

At the time of this announcement the following intermediaries have confirmed their participation in the REX Retail Offer:

- AJ Bell
- Hargreaves Lansdown
- interactive investor

Other retail brokers or wealth managers wishing to participate in the REX Retail Offer on behalf of existing retail shareholders, should contact info@rexretail.com.

To be eligible to participate in the REX Retail Offer, applicants must be a customer of a participating intermediary and, as at the date hereof, must be a shareholder in the Company.

Eligible investors wishing to subscribe for REX Retail Offer Shares should contact their broker or wealth manager who will confirm if they are participating in the REX Retail Offer.

There is a minimum subscription of £50 per investor. The terms and conditions on which investors subscribe will be provided by the relevant financial intermediaries including relevant commission or fee charges.

The Company reserves the right to scale back any order under the REX Retail Offer at its discretion. The Company reserves the right to reject any application for subscription under the REX Retail Offer without giving any reason for such rejection.

It is vital to note that once an application for REX Retail Offer Shares has been made and accepted via an intermediary, it cannot be withdrawn.

The New Ordinary Shares will, when issued, be credited as fully paid and will rank *pari passu* in all respects with existing Ordinary Shares including the right to receive all dividends and other distributions declared, made or paid after their date of issue.

It is a term of the REX Retail Offer that the total value of the REX Retail Offer Shares available for subscription at the Issue Price does not exceed £3 million.

The REX Retail Offer is offered in the United Kingdom under the exemption from the requirement to publish a prospectus in section 86(1)(e) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000. As such, there is no need for publication of a prospectus pursuant to the Prospectus Regulation Rules of the Financial Conduct Authority, or for approval of the same by the Financial Conduct Authority. The REX Retail Offer is not being made into any jurisdiction other than the United Kingdom.

No offering document, prospectus or admission document has been or will be prepared or submitted to be approved by the Financial Conduct Authority (or any other authority) in relation to the REX Retail Offer, and investors' commitments will be made solely on the basis of the information contained in this announcement and information that has been published by or on behalf of the Company prior to the date of this announcement by notification to a Regulatory Information Service in accordance with the Financial Conduct Authority's Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules, the Market Abuse Regulation (EU Regulation No. 596/2014) ("**MAR**") and MAR as it forms part of United Kingdom law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (as amended).

Investors should make their own investigations into the merits of an investment in the Company. Nothing in this announcement amounts to a recommendation to invest in the Company or amounts to investment, taxation or legal advice.

It should be noted that a subscription for REX Retail Offer Shares and investment in the Company carries a number of risks. Investors should take independent advice from a person experienced in advising on investment in securities such as the REX Retail Offer Shares if they are in any doubt.

An investment in the Company will place capital at risk. The value of investments, and any income, can go down as well as up, so investors could get back less than the amount invested.

Neither past performance nor any forecasts should be considered a reliable indicator of future results.

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This announcement should be read in its entirety. In particular, the information in the "Important Notices" section of the announcement should be read and understood.

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It is further noted that the REX Retail Offer is only open to investors in the United Kingdom who fall within Article 43 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005, as amended (which includes an existing member of the Company).

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