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Hargreaves Lansdown plc ('Hargreaves Lansdown' or 'HL')

EXTENSION OF PUSU DEADLINE

On 18 June 2024, the independent Board of Hargreaves Lansdown (The 'Board') confirmed the terms of a revised proposal received from a consortium comprising CVC Advisers Limited ('CVC'), Nordic Capital XI Delta, SCSP (acting through its general partner Nordic Capital XI Delta GP SARL) ('Nordic Capital'), and Platinum Ivy B 2018 RSC Limited ('Platinum Ivy'), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Abu Dhabi Investment Authority ('ADIA') managed by the Private Equities investment department of ADIA (together, the 'Consortium'). The announcement stated that the Consortium was required, by no later than 5.00 p.m. (London time) on 19 July 2024 (the 'PUSU Deadline'), to either announce a firm intention to make an offer for Hargreaves Lansdown in accordance with Rule 2.7 of the Code or announce that it does not intend to make an offer, in which case the announcement would be treated as a statement to which Rule 2.8 of the Code applies.

The material elements of the due diligence exercise referenced in Hargreaves Lansdown's announcement dated 18 June 2024 have been concluded. Discussions between Hargreaves Lansdown and the Consortium, as well as the negotiation of definitive transaction documentation, remain ongoing. Therefore, in accordance with Rule 2.6(c) of the Code, the Board of Hargreaves Lansdown has requested, and the Panel has consented to, an extension to the deadline by which the Consortium is required either to announce a firm intention to make an offer for Hargreaves Lansdown in accordance with Rule 2.7 of the Code or to announce that it does not intend to make an offer, until 5.00 p.m. (London time) on 5 August 2024 (the 'Revised PUSU Deadline'). The Revised PUSU Deadline may only be extended with the agreement of Hargreaves Lansdown and the Panel on Takeovers and Mergers in accordance with Rule 2.6(c) of the Code.

There can be no certainty that a firm offer will be made for Hargreaves Lansdown nor as to the terms on which any such firm offer might be made.

A further announcement will be made as and when appropriate.

This announcement is being made without the prior agreement or approval of the Consortium.

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Details of the offeree and offeror companies in respect of whose relevant securities Opening Position Disclosures and Dealing Disclosures must be made can be found in the Disclosure Table on the Takeover Panel's website at www.thetakeoverpanel.org.uk, including details of the number of relevant securities in issue, when the offer period commenced and when any offeror was first identified.

You should contact the Panel's Market Surveillance Unit on +44 (0) 20 7638 0129 if you are in any doubt as to whether you are required to make an Opening Position Disclosure or a Dealing Disclosure.

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