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#### Mulberry Group plc

# **Update on the Subscription**

On 27 September 2024, Mulberry Group plc (AIM: MUL) (thë Company" or "Mulberry") announced a subscription by Challice Limited of 10,000,000 new ordinary shares of five pence each ("Ordinary Shares") in the capital of the Company (the "Subscription Shares") at a price of 100 pence per Subscription Share (the "Issue Price") to raise approximately £10 million (before expenses) (the "Subscription"). The Subscription was subject to a right of clawback by certain shareholders of the Company on a pro rata basis.

The Company today announces that Frasers Group plc ("Frasers") has successfully applied to the Company to subscribe for 3,961,100 Subscription Shares at the Issue Price pursuant to the clawback provisions of the Subscription (the"Frasers Subscription"). Prior to the Frasers Subscription, Frasers was interested in approximately 36.8 per cent. of the Ordinary Shares then in issue and, therefore, is considered to be a related party to the Company for the purposes of the AIM Rules for Companies published by London Stock Exchange plc (the"AIM Rules"). Accordingly, pursuant to Rule 13 of the AIM Rules, the Frasers Subscription is a related party transaction.

The directors of Mulberry consider, having consulted with the Company's nominated adviser, that the terms of the Frasers Subscription are fair and reasonable in so far as the Company's shareholders are concerned.

Application has been made for the 10,000,000 Subscription Shares issued in aggregate pursuant to the Subscription to be admitted to trading on the AIM Market of the London Stock Exchange plc (AIM") ("Admission"). Admission is expected to take place at 8.00 a.m. on 4 October 2024.

In accordance with the Financial Conduct Authority's Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules (the "DTRs"), following Admission Mulberry's issued share capital will be 70,077,458 Ordinary Shares. Accordingly, the total number of voting rights in Mulberry will be 70,077,458 Ordinary Shares. This figure may be used by the Company's shareholders as the denominator for the calculations by which they will determine if they are required to notify their interest in, or a change of interest in, Mulberry under the DTRs.

The conditional retail offer open to eligible Mulberry shareholders for up to 750,000 new Ordinary Shares (the "Retail Shares") at the Issue Price via RetailBook (the 'Retail Offer"), which was announced on 27 September 2024, and which opened on 30 September 2024, is expected to close at 4.30 p.m. on 4 October 2024. Application will be made for the Retail Shares issued pursuant to the Retail Offer to be admitted to trading on AIM. Such admission is expected to take place at 8.00 a.m. on 9 October 2024.

The person responsible for arranging the release of this Announcement on behalf of the Company is Charles Anderson, a director of the Company.

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