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**Entain plc**  
("Entain" or the "Group")

**Acknowledgement of AUSTRAC's commencement of civil penalty proceedings**

Entain plc (LSE: ENT), the global sports betting and gaming group, acknowledges that the Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre ("AUSTRAC", the Australian anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing regulator) has today commenced civil penalty proceedings in the Federal Court of Australia against Entain Group Pty Ltd, the Group's subsidiary in Australia ("Entain Australia"). AUSTRAC's media release published in connection with the commencement of these proceedings can be found on AUSTRAC's website at the following address: <https://www.austrac.gov.au/news-and-media/media-release/austrac-takes-ladbroses-and-neds-operator-entain-federal-court-over-serious-non-compliance-australias-money-laundering-laws>. Entain is carefully considering the Originating Application and Concise Statement filed and served by AUSTRAC.

The proceedings against Entain Australia relate to alleged contraventions of the Australian Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act 2006 (the "Act"), identified as part of AUSTRAC's enforcement investigation of Entain Australia. The Act requires those it regulates to identify, mitigate and manage risks of money laundering and terrorist financing. As the Group has previously disclosed, this investigation was announced by AUSTRAC in September 2022.

Entain has co-operated fully with AUSTRAC throughout its investigation, and in December 2022 commenced a programme of further enhancements to Entain Australia's anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing ("AML and CTF") systems and processes. This dedicated programme, as communicated to AUSTRAC, is due to be completed in June 2025.

We note the previous penalties in AUSTRAC proceedings in the gaming sector and, whilst the outcome of the civil penalty proceedings against Entain Australia is uncertain, it may result in a penalty being levied which could be potentially material. The level of any penalty is ultimately a matter for the Federal Court of Australia, which proceedings may take some time.

Gavin Isaacs, CEO of Entain, commented:

*"We note the allegations made, which we take extremely seriously.*

*We have co-operated fully with AUSTRAC throughout its investigation and we are implementing further enhancements to Entain Australia's AML and CTF compliance arrangements. Whilst we still have some further improvements to make, we expect these to be implemented in line with the plan we communicated to AUSTRAC in 2023.*

*We are committed to keeping financial crime out of gambling and continue to play our part in supporting a well-regulated and compliant sector for our customers, stakeholders and the wider community."*

Entain will make such further announcements in relation to this matter as required.

This announcement contains information that qualifies or may qualify as inside information within the meaning of Article 7 of the Market Abuse Regulation (EU) No. 596/2014 as it forms part of English law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018. The person responsible for releasing this announcement on behalf of the Entain is Simon Zinger, Group General Counsel.

Upon the publication of this announcement via a regulatory information service, this inside information is now considered to be in the public domain.

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**About Entain plc**

Entain plc (LSE: ENT) is a FTSE100 company and is one of the world's largest sports betting and gaming groups, operating both online and in the retail sector. The Group owns a comprehensive portfolio of established brands; Sports brands include BetCity, bwin, Coral, Crystalbet, Eurobet, Ladbrokes, Neds, Sportingbet, Sports Interaction, STS and SuperSport; Gaming brands include Foxy Bingo, Gala, GiocoDigitale, Ninja Casino, Optibet, Partypoker and PartyCasino. The group operates the TAB NZ brand as part of a long-term strategic partnership with TAB New Zealand. The Group owns proprietary technology across all its core product verticals and, in addition to its B2C operations, provides services to a number of third-party customers on a B2B basis.

The Group has a 50/50 joint venture, BetMGM, a leader in sports betting and iGaming in the US. Entain provides the technology and capabilities which power BetMGM as well as exclusive games and products, specially developed at its in-house gaming studios. The Group is tax resident in the UK and is the only global operator to exclusively operate in domestically regulated or regulating markets operating in over 30 territories.

Entain is a leader in ESG, a member of FTSE4Good, the DJSI and is AAA rated by MSCI. For more information see the Group's website: [www.entaingroup.com](http://www.entaingroup.com).

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