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De La Rue plc ("De La Rue" or the "Company")

Company update and extension of PUSU deadline

On 12 December 2024, De La Rue announced that it was in discussions with Disruptive Capital GP Limited and Pension SuperFund Capital entities (together the "PSFC Entities") in relation to a possible partial offer for the Company for up to forty per cent. of the issued share capital of De La Rue at £1.25 per share (the "Partial Offer"). Whilst a possible Partial Offer is no longer under consideration, the Company has received a preliminary possible conditional cash offer from the PSFC Entities of £1.25 per share for the entire issued and to be issued share capital of the Company (the "Possible Cash Offer"). The Possible Cash Offer would be conditional, amongst other things, on the successful completion of the already announced planned sale of the Authentication division to Crane NXT, Co., waivable at the PSFC Entities' discretion. The Board is considering its options.

In accordance with Rule 2.6(c) of the Code, the Board has requested, and the Panel on Takeovers and Mergers (the "Panel") has consented to, an extension to the deadline by which the PSFC Entities are required either to announce a firm intention to make an offer for De La Rue 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 6 February 2025 (the "Revised PUSU Deadline"). The Revised PUSU Deadline may only be extended with the agreement of De La Rue and the Panel in accordance with Rule 2.6(c) of the Code.

Discussions with other parties in relation to the disposal of the Company's Currency division continue to progress. At this stage there can be no certainty that any such proposals may be made.

This announcement has been made with the consent of the PSFC Entities, as a potential offeror. There can be no certainty that a firm offer will be made even if the conditions referred to above have been satisfied or waived.

In accordance with Rule 2.5(a) of the Code, PSFC Entities reserves the following rights:

- a) to introduce other forms of consideration and/or to vary the composition of the consideration;
- b) to make an offer for De La Rue at a lower value or on less favourable terms than those described in this announcement:
 - i) with the recommendation or consent of the Board of De La Rue;
 - ii) if a third party announces a firm intention to make an offer for De La Rue on less favourable terms than

the Possible Cash Offer: and

- iii) following the announcement by De La Rue of a Rule 9 waiver proposal (see Note 1 of the Notes on Dispensations from Rule 9 of the Code).
- to reduce its offer by the amount of any dividend that is announced, declared, made or paid by De La
 Rue after the date of this announcement and prior to completion.

A further announcement will be made as and when appropriate.

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