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Distribution Finance Capital Holdings plc (the "Company" together with its subsidiaries the "Group")

Share Buyback Programme

Distribution Finance Capital Holdings plc, a specialist bank providing working capital solutions to dealers and manufacturers across the UK, is pleased to announce the commencement of a share buyback programme ('Share Buyback Programme") to purchase ordinary shares of £0.01 each in the capital of the Company ("Ordinary Shares") up to a maximum aggregate consideration of the lower of either £5 million or 17.5 million Ordinary Shares (c.10 per cent. of the issued share capital of the Company) ("Maximum Amount").

As announced in the Group's trading update earlier today, the Share Buyback Programme is being initiated due to the Board's belief that the current share price materially undervalues the Group's future prospects and its intrinsic earnings potential, and in order to further enhance shareholder returns.

The Group has entered into an agreement with its broker Panmure Liberum Limited (**Panmure Liberum**") to carry out purchases of its Ordinary Shares under the Share Buyback Programme on its behalf. Panmure Liberum will manage the purchases on a discretionary basis, purchasing Ordinary Shares on the London Stock Exchange within certain pre-set parameters over the Share Buyback Programme up to the Maximum Amount.

In addition to the authority granted by the Company's shareholders at the Annual General Meeting ('AGM'') held on 5 June 2024, the Group has sought regulatory approval from the Prudential Regulation Authority to undertake the Share Buyback Programme, which has now been received, to purchase up to 17.5 million Ordinary Shares (c.10 per cent. of the Company's issued share capital).

In line with the authority given at the 2024 AGM, the maximum price (exclusive of expenses) which may be paid for an Ordinary Share shall not be more than the higher of: (i) an amount equal to 105% of the average middle market quotations for an Ordinary Share, as derived from the AIM Appendix to the London Stock Exchange Daily Official List, for the five business days immediately preceding the day on which the Ordinary Share is purchased; and (ii) an amount equal to the higher of the price of the last independent trade of an Ordinary Share and the highest current independent bid for an Ordinary Share as derived from the trading venue where the purchase is carried out. Any Ordinary Shares acquired as a result of the Share Buyback Programme will be held in treasury.

Shareholders should be aware that the Share Buyback Programme may on any given trading day represent a significant portion of the daily traded volume in the Group's Ordinary Shares on the London Stock Exchange, and may exceed 25% (but will not exceed 50%) of the average daily traded volume on the London Stock Exchange. Accordingly, the Group may not benefit from the exemption contained in Article 5(1) of MAR.

The Group has authorised the Share Buyback Programme to commence from today and will continue until the earlier of: (i) the date on which the Maximum Amount payable by the Company has been reached, and (ii) 30 June 2025, conditional on the share buyback authority being renewed at the Company's 2025 AGM.

Any market purchase of Ordinary Shares pursuant to the Share Buyback Programme will be announced no later than 7:30am (UK time) on the business day following the day on which the purchase occurred.

The Group confirms that it currently has no inside information.

The person responsible for arranging the release of this announcement on behalf of the Company is Karen D'Souza (Company Secretary).

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