

Marechale Capital plc

(the "Marechale" or the "Company")

Weardale Lithium Planning Permission Application Update

Marechale Capital plc (AIM: MAC) an established City of London based corporate finance house with a long-term track record and a strong reputation for advising and financing high growth consumer brands, leisure, clean energy, mineral extraction and technology companies, provides the following regarding its investee company Weardale Lithium Limited (the "Weardale").

Following the issue of Durham City Council's Committee Report on 28 January 2025 and the recommendation to approve Weardale's application for the development of its lithium extraction project, the Company is pleased to announce that the planning permission application was approved at the planning committee hearing held on 5 February 2025, subject to the conditions set out in the officers Committee Report.

Weardale will now seek to advance the development of the site, with the pilot stage of the development expected to be completed in 18 to 24 months. Weardale will continue to liaise with Durham City Council in regard to the build out.

As noted in Weardale's announcement of 30 April 2024, the facility will be located on the brownfield, former cement works at Eastgate, near Stanhope, for processing geothermal groundwater from existing deep, high specification, production wells nearby. The facility will form part of a plan for regeneration of the old works site, and once completed, it will be one of the most advanced lithium extraction plants in Europe.

The site has sufficient capacity in order to scale-up both lithium extraction and processing, and has the potential to develop geothermal energy infrastructure, green technologies and associated business opportunities. The site may also be used to act as a regional centre for producing lithium from multiple locations and sources, and as a hub for business connected with the UK's energy transition, Net Zero 2035 targets and sustainability.

The Company currently holds founder shares and options over ordinary shares in Weardale, representing in aggregate approximately 8 per cent. of Weardale's share capital.

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