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## RECOMMENDED ALL-SHARE MERGER

OF

#### CRIMSON TIDE PLC

**AND** 

## **CHECKIT PLC**

to be implemented by means of a scheme of arrangement pursuant to Part 26 of the Companies Act 2006 (the "Act")

# PUBLICATION OF THE SCHEME DOCUMENT, THE CHECKIT CIRCULAR AND EXPECTED TIMETABLE OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS

On 11 February 2025, the boards of Crimson Tide plc ("Crimson Tide") and Checkit plc ("Checkit"), announced that they had reached agreement on the terms of a recommended all-share merger of Checkit and Crimson Tide, proposed to be implemented by means of a Court-sanctioned scheme of arrangement between Crimson Tide and its shareholders pursuant to Part 26 of the Act (the "Merger").

# PUBLICATION OF THE SCHEME DOCUMENT

Crimson Tide is pleased to announce that a circular in relation to the Scheme (the "Scheme Document"), containing, among other things, a letter from the Non-executive Chair of Crimson Tide, an explanatory statement pursuant to section 897 of the Act, the full terms and Conditions of the Scheme, an expected timetable of principal events, notices of the Court Meeting and the General Meeting and details of the action to be taken by Crimson Tide Shareholders, is being published today on Crimson Tide's website at <a href="https://crimsontide.co.uk/offer">https://crimsontide.co.uk/offer</a> and on Checkit's website at <a href="https://info.checkit.net/recommended-crimson-tide-plc-documents-merger">https://info.checkit.net/recommended-crimson-tide-plc-documents-merger</a>.

Copies of the Scheme Document and the Forms of Proxy for use in connection with the Court Meeting and the General Meeting are today being sent to Crimson Tide Shareholders and to holders of options or awards under the Crimson Tide Share Plan.

Capitalised terms used in this announcement (the "Announcement"), unless otherwise defined, have the same meanings as set out in the Scheme Document.

# NOTICES OF THE COURT MEETING AND GENERAL MEETING AND ACTIONS REQUIRED

As detailed further in the Scheme Document, in order to become Effective, the Scheme requires, among other things, the approval of a majority in number of the Crimson Tide Scheme Shareholders present and voting (and entitled to vote), either in person or by proxy at the Court Meeting (or any adjournment of the Court Meeting), representing not less than 75 per cent. in value of the Crimson Tide Scheme Shares held by such Crimson Tide Scheme Shareholders, and the passing of the Resolution necessary to, amongst other things, implement the Scheme at the General Meeting by the requisite majority of Crimson Tide Shareholders at the General Meeting. Following the Court Meeting and the General Meeting, and the satisfaction (or, where applicable, waiver) of the other Conditions (including the approval by Checkit Shareholders in the Checkit General Meeting of the matters referred to below in connection with the Merger), the Scheme must also be sanctioned by the Court.

Notices convening the Court Meeting and the General Meeting of Crimson Tide, each of which will be held at the offices of Shoosmiths LLP, 1 Bow Churchyard, London, EC4M 9DQ on 19 March 2025, are set out in the Scheme Document. The Court Meeting will start at 10.00 a.m. on that date and the General Meeting will start at 10.30 a.m. on that date (or as soon thereafter as the Court Meeting is concluded or adjourned).

It is important that, for the Court Meeting in particular, as many votes as possible are cast so that the Court may be satisfied that there is a fair representation of Crimson Tide Scheme Shareholders' opinion. Whether or not Crimson Tide Scheme Shareholders or Crimson Tide Shareholders intend to attend and/or vote at the Meetings, they are strongly advised to sign and return their Forms of Proxy (by post or by hand) or transmit a proxy appointment or other voting instruction (online or through CREST) for the Meetings as soon as possible. Crimson Tide Scheme Shareholders and Crimson Tide Shareholders are also strongly encouraged, in respect of both Meetings, to appoint "the Chair of the meeting" as their proxy.

The Crimson Tide Directors, who have been so advised by Cavendish Capital Markets Limited ("Cavendish") as to the financial terms of the Merger, consider the terms of the Merger to be fair and reasonable. In providing its advice to the Crimson Tide Directors, Cavendish has taken into account the commercial assessments of the Crimson Tide Directors. Cavendish is providing independent advice to the Crimson Tide Directors for the purposes of Rule 3 of the Takeover Code.

Accordingly, the Crimson Tide Directors unanimously recommend that Crimson Tide Scheme Shareholders vote in favour of the Scheme at the Court Meeting and that Crimson Tide Shareholders vote in favour of the Resolution to be proposed at the General Meeting. The Crimson Tide Directors who are interested in Crimson Tide Shares have irrevocably undertaken to vote (or procure the vote) in respect of their own interests in Crimson Tide Shares (and those of their connected persons) amounting to, in aggregate, 90,858 Crimson Tide Shares, representing approximately 1.38 per cent. of the issued share capital of Crimson Tide as at the Last Practicable Scheme Date.

Crimson Tide Shareholders should carefully read the Scheme Document in its entirety before making a decision with respect to the Scheme.

## PUBLICATION OF THE CHECKIT CIRCULAR AND ACTIONS REQUIRED

Under the terms of the Merger, Crimson Tide Shareholders will be entitled to receive 6 New Checkit Shares in exchange for each Crimson Tide Share. The Checkit Board is required to seek the approval of Checkit Shareholders for the requisite authorities and powers to issue and allot such New Checkit Shares at the Checkit General Meeting.

The Checkit Board is pleased to announce that the Checkit General Meeting is expected to be held at 10.00 a.m. on 19 March 2025, at Riverbank House, 2 Swan Lane, London, EC4R 3TT. An explanatory circular and notice of the Checkit General Meeting (the "Checkit Circular") is being posted and made available today to Checkit Shareholders. Copies of the Checkit Circular are also being published and made available today on Crimson Tide's website at <a href="https://crimsontide.co.uk/offer">https://crimsontide.co.uk/offer</a> and on Checkit's website at <a href="https://info.checkit.net/recommended-crimson-tide-plc-documents-merger">https://info.checkit.net/recommended-crimson-tide-plc-documents-merger</a>.

The Checkit Directors consider the Merger to be in the best interests of Checkit and the Checkit Shareholders as a whole and unanimously recommend that Checkit Shareholders vote (or procure the vote) in favour of the Checkit Resolution to be proposed at the Checkit General Meeting, as each of the Checkit Directors has irrevocably undertaken to do (or procure to be done) in respect of their own interests in Checkit Shares (and those of their connected persons) amounting to, in aggregate, 21,966,976 Checkit Shares, representing approximately 20.34 per cent. of the issued share capital of Checkit as at the Last Practicable Scheme Date.

## CANCELLATION OF ADMISSION TO TRADING

It is currently intended that, shortly before the Effective Date, an application will be made to the London Stock Exchange for the admission of the Crimson Tide Shares to trading on AIM to be cancelled shortly following the Effective Date. The last day of dealings in, and for registration of transfers of, Crimson Tide Shares is expected to be the Business Day immediately prior to the Effective Date and no transfers will be registered after 6.00 p.m. on that day other than to Checkit (or as Checkit may direct) pursuant to the Crimson Tide articles of association, as proposed to be amended by the Resolution at the General Meeting.

On the Effective Date, share certificates in respect of Scheme Shares will cease to be valid. In addition, entitlements to Scheme Shares held within the CREST system will be cancelled on the Effective Date.

# TIMETABLE

The Scheme Document contains an expected timetable of principal events in relation to the Scheme, which is also set out in the Appendix to this Announcement. Subject to obtaining the approval of the requisite majority of Scheme Shareholders voting at the Court Meeting, of the requisite majority of Crimson Tide Shareholders voting at the General Meeting and of the requisite majority of Checkit Shareholders voting at the Checkit General Meeting, the sanction of the Court and the satisfaction or, where applicable, waiver of the other Conditions (as set out the Scheme Document), the Scheme is expected to become Effective in the second quarter of 2025. If any of the key dates set out in the timetable change, notice of this change will be made by the issue of an announcement through a Regulatory Information Service.

# INFORMATION FOR CRIMSON TIDE SHAREHOLDERS AND HELPLINE

If you have any questions about this Announcement, the Scheme Document, the Court Meeting or the General Meeting, or how to complete the Forms of Proxy or to submit your proxies through the CREST electronic proxy appointment service or online, please contact Crimson Tide's registrar, Neville Registrars Limited on +44 (0)121 585 1131. Calls are charged at the standard geographic rate and will vary by provider. Calls outside the United Kingdom will be charged at the applicable international rate. The helpline is open between 9.30 a.m. and 5.00 p.m., Monday to Friday excluding public holidays in England and Wales. Please note that Neville Registrars Limited cannot provide any advice on the merits of the Merger or give any financial, legal or tax advice and calls may be recorded and monitored for security and training purposes.

Proxy voting queries may also be directed to the Sodali & Co. shareholder helpline on +44 (0) 20 3984 0180.

# CRIMSON TIDE SHARE PLAN

Participants in the Crimson Tide Share Plan will be contacted around the date of the Scheme Document via a separate letter to inform them of the effect of the Scheme on their rights under the Crimson Tide Share Plan.

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Fieldfisher LLP is acting as legal adviser to Checkit in respect of the Merger. Shoosmiths LLP is acting as legal adviser to Crimson Tide in respect of the Merger.

A reference to Alma PR acting as financial PR advisers to Crimson Tide was included in the 2.7 announcement of 11 February 2025 in error. Alma PR is not currently retained by Crimson Tide in any capacity.

# Important notices

Singer Capital Markets Advisory LLP, which is authorised and regulated in the United Kingdom by the Financial Conduct Authority, is acting as Financial Adviser, Nominated Adviser and Broker exclusively for Checkit and no-one else in connection with the matters set out in this Announcement and will not regard any other person as their client in relation to such matters and will not be responsible to anyone other than Checkit for providing the protections afforded to clients of Singer Capital Markets nor for providing advice in relation to the Merger or any matter referred to in this Announcement.

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# Further information

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The Merger is being made solely by means of the Scheme Document (or, if the Merger is, with the consent of the Panel, implemented by way of a Takeover Offer, the Offer Document) which contains the full terms and conditions of the Merger, including details of how to vote in favour of the Scheme at the Court Meeting and the Resolution to be proposed at the Crimson Tide General Meeting. Any decision in respect of, or other response to, the Merger should, in the case of Crimson Tide Shareholders, be made only on the basis of the information in the Scheme Document (or, if the Merger is implemented by way of a Takeover Offer, the Offer Document) and, in the case of Checkit Shareholders, also on the basis of the information in the Checkit Circular.

## Overseas shareholders

This Announcement has been prepared for the purpose of complying with English law, the Takeover Code, the U.K. Market Abuse Regulation, the AIM Rules and the Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules and the information disclosed may not be the same as that which would have been disclosed if this Announcement had been prepared in accordance with the laws of jurisdictions outside of the United Kingdom.

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Arrigaom or who are subject to the raws of another jurisdiction or a restricted jurisdiction, to participate in the interper or to vote their Crimson Tide Shares in respect of the Scheme at the Crimson Tide Court Meeting, or to execute and deliver Crimson Tide Forms of Proxy appointing another to vote at the Crimson Tide Court Meeting on their behalf, may be affected by the laws of the relevant jurisdictions in which they are located or to which they are subject. Any failure to comply with the applicable requirements may constitute a violation of the laws and/or regulations of any such jurisdiction. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the companies and persons involved in the Merger disclaim any responsibility or liability for the violation of such restrictions by any person.

Unless otherwise determined by Checkit or required by the Takeover Code and permitted by applicable law and regulation, participation in the Merger will not be made available, directly or indirectly, in, into or from a Restricted Jurisdiction where to do so would violate the laws in that jurisdiction and no person may vote in favour of the Merger by any such use, means, instrumentality or form within a Restricted Jurisdiction or any other jurisdiction if to do so would constitute a violation of the laws of that jurisdiction. Accordingly, copies of this Announcement and all documentation relating to the Merger are not being, and must not be, directly or indirectly, mailed or otherwise forwarded, distributed or sent in, into or from a Restricted Jurisdiction where to do so would violate the laws in that jurisdiction, and persons receiving this Announcement and all documents relating to the Merger (including custodians, nominees and trustees) must not mail or otherwise distribute or send them in, into or from such jurisdictions as doing so may invalidate any purported vote in respect of the Merger.

If the Merger is implemented by way of a Takeover Offer (unless otherwise permitted by applicable law and regulation), the Takeover Offer may not be made, directly or indirectly, in or into or by use of the mails or any other means or instrumentality (including, without limitation, facsimile, e-mail or other electronic transmission, telex or telephone) of interstate or foreign commerce of, or any facility of a national, state or other securities exchange of any Restricted Jurisdiction and the Takeover Offer will not be capable of acceptance by any such use, means, instrumentality or facilities or from within any Restricted Jurisdiction.

The availability of the New Checkit Shares under the Merger to Crimson Tide Shareholders who are not resident in the United Kingdom may be affected by the laws of the relevant jurisdictions in which they are resident or to which they are subject. Persons who are not resident in the United Kingdom or who are subject to the laws of other jurisdictions should inform themselves of, and observe, any applicable legal or regulatory requirements.

The New Checkit Shares to be issued under the terms of the Merger have not been and will not be registered under the US Securities Act or under any laws or with any securities regulatory authority of any state or other jurisdiction of the United States. Accordingly, unless an exemption under relevant securities laws is available, including the exemption from the registration requirements of the US Securities Act provided by section 3(a)(10) of that Act, the New Checkit Shares are not being, and may not be, offered, sold, resold, delivered or distributed, directly or indirectly, in, into or from the United States. Neither the US Securities and Exchange Commission nor any US state securities commission has approved or disapproved of the New Checkit Shares, or determined if this Announcement is accurate or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offence.

#### No profit forecasts or estimates or quantified financial benefits statement

No statement in this Announcement is intended as a profit forecast or estimate for any period or a quantified financial benefits statement and no statement in this Announcement should be interpreted to mean that earnings or earnings per share for Checkit or Crimson Tide, as appropriate, for the current or future financial years would necessarily match or exceed the historical published earnings or earnings per share for Checkit or Crimson Tide, as appropriate.

# Disclosure requirements of the Takeover Code

Under Rule 8.3(a) of the Takeover Code, any person who is interested in 1 per cent. or more of any class of relevant securities of an offeree company or of any securities exchange offeror (being any offeror other than an offeror in respect of which it has been announced that its offer is, or is likely to be, solely in cash) must make an Opening Position Disclosure following the commencement of the offer period and, if later, following the announcement in which any securities exchange offeror is first identified. An Opening Position Disclosure must contain details of the person's interests and short positions in, and rights to subscribe for, any relevant securities of each of (i) the offeree company and (ii) any securities exchange offeror(s). An Opening Position Disclosure by a person to whom Rule 8.3(a) applies must be made by no later than 3.30 p.m. (London time) on the 10th Business Day following the commencement of the offer period and, if appropriate, by no later than 3.30 p.m. (London time) on the 10th Business Day following the announcement in which any securities exchange offeror is first identified. Relevant persons who deal in the relevant securities of the offeree company or of a securities exchange offeror prior to the deadline for making an Opening Position Disclosure must instead make a Dealing Disclosure.

Under Rule 8.3(b) of the Takeover Code, any person who is, or becomes, interested in 1 per cent. or more of any class of relevant securities of the offeree company or of any securities exchange offeror must make a Dealing Disclosure if the person deals in any relevant securities of the offeree company or of any securities exchange offeror. A Dealing Disclosure must contain details of the dealing concerned and of the person's interests and short positions in, and rights to subscribe for, any relevant securities of each of (i) the offeree company and (ii) any securities exchange offeror, save to the extent that these details have previously been disclosed under Rule 8. A Dealing Disclosure by a person to whom Rule 8.3(b) applies must be made by no later than 3.30 p.m. (London time) on the Business Day following the date of the relevant dealing.

If two or more persons act together pursuant to an agreement or understanding, whether formal or informal, to acquire or control an interest in relevant securities of an offeree company or a securities exchange offeror, they will be deemed to be a single person for the purpose of Rule 8.3.

Opening Position Disclosures must also be made by the offeree company and by any offeror and Dealing Disclosures must also be made by the offeree company, by any offeror and by any persons acting in concert with any of them (see Rules 8.1, 8.2 and 8.4).

Details of the offeree and offeror companies in respect of whose relevant securities Opening Position Disclosures and Dealing Disclosures must be made can be found in the Disclosure Table on the Panel's website at <a href="https://www.thetakeoverpanel.org.uk">www.thetakeoverpanel.org.uk</a>, including details of the number of relevant securities in issue, when the offer period commenced and when any offeror was first identified. You should contact the Panel's Market Surveillance Unit on +44 (0)20 7638 0129 if you are in any doubt as to whether you are required to make an Opening Position Disclosure or a Dealing Disclosure.

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## Provision of information relating to Crimson Tide Shareholders

Crimson Tide Shareholders should note that addresses, electronic addresses and certain other information provided by them and other relevant persons for the receipt of communications from Crimson Tide may be provided to Checkit during the Offer Period as required under section 4 of Appendix 4 to the Takeover Code to comply with Rule 2.11(c) of the Takeover Code.

## Publication on websites, availability of hard copies and shareholder helpline

Pursuant to Rule 26 of the Takeover Code, a copy of this Announcement and other documents in connection with the Merger will be available, free of charge, subject to certain restrictions relating to persons resident in Restricted Jurisdictions, at Crimson Tide's and Checkit's websites at, respectively, <a href="https://crimsontide.co.uk/offer">https://crimsontide.co.uk/offer</a> and <a href="https://crimsontide.co.uk/offer</a> and <a href="https://crim

For the avoidance of doubt, the content of the websites referred to above is not incorporated into and does not form part of this Announcement.

Crimson Tide Shareholders and persons with information rights and participants in the Crimson Tide Share Plan may request a hard copy of this Document by contacting Neville Registrars Limited during business hours (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) on +44 (0)121 585 1131 (if calling from outside of the UK, please ensure the country code is used) or by submitting a request in writing to Neville Registrars Limited at Neville House, Steelpark Road, Halesowen, B62 8HD. Shareholders should also telephone this helpline with they have questions about this announcement, the Scheme Document, the Court Meeting or the General Meeting, or how to complete the Forms of Proxy or to submit your proxies through the CREST electronic proxy appointment service or online. Calls from outside the United Kingdom will be charged at applicable international rates. Different charges may apply to calls from mobile telephones and calls may be recorded and randomly monitored for security and training purposes. Please note that Neville Registrars Limited cannot provide advice on the merits of the Merger or give any financial, legal or tax advice.

For persons who receive a copy of this Announcement in electronic form or via a website notification, a hard copy of this Announcement will not be sent unless so requested.

# Rounding

Certain figures included in this Announcement have been subjected to rounding adjustments. Accordingly, figures shown for the same category presented in different tables may vary slightly and figures shown as totals in certain tables may not be an arithmetic aggregation of the figures that precede them.

## Time

All references to time in this Announcement are to London time, unless otherwise stated.

# General

Checkit reserves the right to elect, with the consent of the Panel (where necessary), and subject to the terms and conditions noted within the Scheme Document, to implement the Merger by way of an Offer for the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Crimson Tide not already held by Checkit as an alternative to the Scheme. In such an event, an Offer will be implemented on substantially the same terms, so far as applicable, as those which would apply to the Scheme.

If the Merger is effected by way of an Offer, and such an Offer becomes or is declared unconditional in all respects and sufficient acceptances are received, Checkit intends to exercise its rights to apply the provisions of Chapter 3 of Part 28 of the Companies Act so as to acquire compulsorily the remaining Crimson Tide Shares in respect of which the Offer has not been accepted.

If you are in any doubt about the contents of this Announcement or the action you should take, you are recommended to seek your own independent financial advice immediately from your stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor or independent financial adviser duly authorised under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (as amended) if you are resident in the United Kingdom or, if not, from another appropriately authorised independent financial adviser.

The following indicative timetable is based on Crimson Tide's and Checkit's current expected dates for the implementation of the Scheme and is subject to change. If any of the dates and/or times in this expected timetable change, the revised dates and/or times will be notified to Crimson Tide Shareholders by an announcement through a Regulatory Information Service.

Event Expected time/date<sup>(1)</sup>

Publication of the Scheme Document 20 February 2025

Latest time for lodging Forms of Proxy for the:

Court Meeting (BLUE Form of Proxy) 10 a.m. on 17 March 2025<sup>(2)</sup>

General Meeting (WHITE Form of Proxy) 10.30 a.m. on 17 March 2025<sup>(3)</sup>

Voting Record Time for the Court Meeting and the 6.00 p.m. on 17 March 2025<sup>(4)</sup>

General Meeting

Court Meeting 10.00 a.m. on 19 March 2025

General Meeting 10.30 a.m. on 19 March 2025<sup>(5)</sup>

The following dates and times associated with the Scheme are subject to change and will depend on, among other things, the date on which the Conditions to the Scheme are satisfied or, if capable of waiver, waived, and the date on which the Court sanctions the Scheme. Crimson Tide will give adequate notice of all of these dates and times, when known, by issuing an announcement through a Regulatory Information Service, with such announcement being made available on Crimson Tide's website at <a href="www.crimsontide.co.uk/offer">www.crimsontide.co.uk/offer</a>. Further updates and changes to these times will be notified in the same way. See also note (1)

Sanction Hearing to sanction the Scheme 3 April 2025

Last day of dealings in, and for the registration of 4 April 2025

transfers of Crimson Tide Shares

Scheme Record Time and Date 6.00 p.m. on 4 April 2025

Disablement of CREST in respect of Crimson Tide 6.00 p.m. on 4 April 2025

Shares

Suspension of listing of, and dealings in Crimson 7.30 a.m. on 7 April 2025

Tide Shares

Effective Date of the Scheme 7 April 2025

Cancellation of listing and admission to trading of By 8.00 a.m. on 8 April 2025

Crimson Tide Shares on AIM

Latest date for issue of the New Checkit Shares within 14 days of the Effective Date

Long Stop Date 11:59 p.m. on 30 June 2025<sup>(6)</sup>

## Notes:

(1) The dates and times given are indicative only and are based on current expectations and are subject to change.

References to times are to London, United Kingdom time unless otherwise stated. If any of the times and/or dates above change, the revised times and/or dates will be notified to Crimson Tide Shareholders by announcement through a Regulatory Information Service.

Participants in the Crimson Tide Share Plan will be contacted around the date of the Scheme Document via a separate letter to inform them of the effect of the Scheme on their rights under the Crimson Tide Share Plan.

- (2) It is requested that BLUE Forms of Proxy for the Court Meeting be lodged before 10.00 a.m. on 17 March 2025 or, if the Court Meeting is adjourned, not later than 48 hours (excluding any part of such 48-hour period falling on a non-working day) before the time appointed for the holding of the adjourned meeting. However, BLUE Forms of Proxy not so lodged may be: (i) scanned and emailed to Neville Registrars Limited at the following email address: <a href="mailto:info@nevilleregistrars.co.uk">info@nevilleregistrars.co.uk</a>; or (ii) presented in person to the Chair of the Court Meeting or a representative of Neville Registrars Limited who will be present at the Court Meeting, any time prior to the commencement of the Court Meeting (or any adjournment thereof).
- (3) WHITE Forms of Proxy for the General Meeting must be lodged before 10.30 a.m. on 17 March 2025 in order for it to be

valid or, if the General Meeting is adjourned, not later than 48 hours (excluding any part of such 48-hour period falling on a non-working day) before the time appointed for the holding of the adjourned meeting. WHITE Forms of Proxy cannot be handed to the Chair of the General Meeting at that meeting.

- (4) If either of the Court Meeting or the General Meeting is adjourned, the Voting Record Time for the relevant adjourned meeting will be 6.00 p.m. on the day which is two days (excluding non-working days) before the date set for the relevant adjourned meeting.
- (5) To commence at 10.30 a.m. or as soon thereafter as the Court Meeting shall have been concluded or adjourned.
- (6) This is the latest date by which the Scheme may become Effective. However, the Long Stop Date may be extended to such later date as may be agreed by Crimson Tide and Checkit (with the Panel's consent and as the Court may approve (if such approval(s) are required)).

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