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#### Extension of PUSU Deadline

On 2 April 2025, the Boards of Bakkavor Group plc ("Bakkavor") and Greencore Group plc ("Greencore") announced that they have reached an agreement in principle on the key financial terms of a possible cash and share offer by Greencore for Bakkavor, pursuant to which Greencore would acquire the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Bakkavor (the "Possible Offer").

The deadline by which Greencore was required either to announce a firm intention to make an offer for Bakkavor in accordance with Rule 2.7 of the Code or to announce that it does not intend to make an offer (in which case the announcement would be treated as a statement to which Rule 2.8 of the Code applies) (the "Deadline") was until 5.00 p.m. (London time) on 11 April 2025.

Bakkavor is continuing discussions with Greencore regarding the Possible Offer. Therefore the Board of Bakkavor has requested, and the Panel on Takeovers and Mergers (the "Panel") has consented to, an extension to the Deadline until 5.00 p.m. (London time) on 9 May 2025 to allow time to continue discussions regarding the other terms and conditions of the Possible Offer, including the completion of mutual confirmatory due diligence to the satisfaction of Greencore and Bakkavor. The Deadline may be extended further with the consent of the Panel in accordance with Rule 2.6(c) of the Code.

There can be no certainty that any firm offer will be made. A further announcement will be made if and when appropriate.

This announcement has been made with the consent of Greencore.

Bakkavor remains in an 'offer period' in accordance with the rules of the Code and the attention of Bakkavor shareholders is drawn to the continuing disclosure requirements of Rule 8 of the Code, which are summarised below.

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