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**16 April 2025**

**Harmony Energy Income Trust plc ("HEIT")**

**Proposed adjournment of Court Meeting and General Meeting for the Drax Offer**

Earlier today, the boards of HEIT and PP Bidco Limited (a newly formed company indirectly and wholly controlled by two funds within the portfolio of funds managed by Foresight Group LLP) ("**BidCo**") announced that they had reached agreement on the terms of a recommended cash offer whereby the entire issued and to be issued share capital of HEIT will be acquired by BidCo (the "**Foresight Offer**"), intended to be implemented by means of a scheme of arrangement under Part 26 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors of HEIT announced that they consider that the Foresight Offer is in the best interests of HEIT Shareholders and HEIT as a whole, and that the terms of the Foresight Offer represent a superior offer to the earlier cash offer by Drax Bidco for the entire issued share capital of HEIT announced on 25 March 2025 (the "**Drax Offer**"), the shareholder circular in relation to which was published on 15 April 2025 (the "**Drax Scheme Document**").

The HEIT Directors have recommended unanimously that HEIT Shareholders vote in favour of the resolutions to implement the Foresight Offer. In light of the HEIT Directors' unanimous recommendation of the Foresight Offer, the HEIT Directors have unanimously withdrawn their recommendation of the Drax Offer and urge HEIT Shareholders to take no action in respect of the Drax Offer.

Accordingly, the HEIT Directors consider it to be in HEIT Shareholders' interests to adjourn the Court Meeting and General Meeting required to implement the Drax Offer (the "**Drax Meetings**"), which are due to be held on 7 May 2025. It is therefore proposed that the Court Meeting and General Meeting in connection with the Drax Offer will be adjourned until further notice. A further announcement will be made in due course once the Drax Meetings have been formally adjourned. It is therefore recommended that HEIT Shareholders do not attend the Drax Meetings scheduled for 7 May 2025.

Capitalised terms used but not defined in this announcement have the meanings given to them in the Drax Scheme Document.

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exchange of any Restricted Jurisdiction and the Takeover Offer may not be capable of acceptance by any such use, means, instrumentality or facilities or from or within any Restricted Jurisdiction.

The Drax Offer shall be subject to, among other things, the applicable requirements of the Code, the Panel, the London Stock Exchange and the FCA.

Persons who are not resident in, and citizens of, the United Kingdom should inform themselves of, and observe, any applicable requirements.

#### **Notice to US investors in HEIT**

The Drax Offer relates to the shares of an English company and is being made by means of a scheme of arrangement provided for under, and governed by, the laws of England. A transaction effected by means of a scheme of arrangement is not subject to the tender offer or proxy solicitation rules under the US Exchange Act. Accordingly, the Drax Offer is subject to the disclosure and procedural requirements and practices applicable in the United Kingdom to schemes of arrangement which differ from the disclosure requirements of the US tender offer and proxy solicitation rules.

The financial information included in this announcement has been prepared in accordance with UK IFRS and thus may not be comparable to the financial information of US companies or companies whose financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States, which differ in certain significant respects from UK IFRS.

If, in the future, Drax Bidco exercises its right to implement the Drax Offer by means of a Takeover Offer which is to be made into the United States, such a Takeover Offer would be made in compliance with all applicable US laws and regulations, including any applicable exemptions under the US Exchange Act. Such a Takeover Offer would be made in the United States by Drax Bidco and no-one else.

In accordance with normal United Kingdom practice and pursuant to Rule 14e-5(b) of the US Exchange Act (to the extent applicable), Drax Bidco, certain affiliated companies and their respective nominees or brokers (acting as agents), may from time to time make certain purchases of, or arrangements to purchase, HEIT Shares or other securities of HEIT outside of the US, other than pursuant to the Drax Offer, until the date on which the Drax Offer and/or Scheme and/or Takeover Offer (as relevant) becomes effective, lapses or is otherwise withdrawn. If such purchases or arrangements to purchase were to be made, they would be made outside of the United States and would be in accordance with applicable law, including English law, the US Exchange Act and the Code. These purchases may occur either in the open market at prevailing prices or in private transactions at negotiated prices. Any information about such purchases or arrangements to purchase will be disclosed as required in the United Kingdom, will be reported to a Regulatory Information Service and will be available on the London Stock Exchange website at [www.londonstockexchange.com](http://www.londonstockexchange.com).

Neither the SEC nor any US state securities commission nor any other US regulatory authority has approved or disapproved of the Drax Offer, passed upon the fairness of the Drax Offer or determined if this announcement is accurate or complete or adequate. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offence in the United States.

The receipt of cash by a US holder as consideration for the transfer of its Scheme Shares pursuant to the Scheme will likely be a taxable transaction for US federal income tax purposes and may also be a taxable transaction under applicable state and local tax laws, as well as non-US and other tax laws. Each US holder of Scheme Shares is urged to consult their own appropriately qualified independent professional tax adviser immediately regarding the particular tax consequences and information reporting requirements of the Scheme applicable to them, including under applicable United States federal, state and local, as well as non-US and other, tax laws.

HEIT and Drax Bidco are each incorporated under the laws of England. Some or all of the officers and directors of Drax Bidco and HEIT, respectively, are residents of countries other than the United States. In addition, some or all of the assets of Drax Bidco and HEIT are located outside the United States. As a result, it may be difficult for US holders of HEIT Shares to enforce their rights and any claim arising out of US federal laws or to enforce against them a judgment of a US court predicated upon the securities laws of the United Kingdom. US holders of HEIT Shares may not be able to sue a non-US company or its officers or directors in a non-US court for violations of US securities laws. Further, it may be difficult to compel a non-US company and its affiliates to subject themselves to a US court's judgment.

Neither Drax Bidco, Drax nor HEIT, nor any of their respective associates or directors, officers, managers, partners or advisers, provides any representation, assurance or guarantee that the occurrence of the events expressed or implied in any forward-looking statements in this announcement will actually occur. You are cautioned not to place any reliance on these forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements speak only at the date of this announcement. All subsequent oral or written forward-looking statements attributable to Drax Bidco or any member of the Wider Drax Group or HEIT or any member of the Wider HEIT Group, or any of their respective associates, directors, officers, employees or advisers, are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statement above.

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This announcement (including information incorporated by reference into this announcement), any oral statements made regarding the Drax Offer, and other information published by Drax Bidco, Drax and HEIT contain statements which are, or may be deemed to be, "forward-looking statements". Forward-looking statements are prospective in nature and are not based on historical facts, but rather on current expectations and projections of the management of Drax Bidco, Drax and HEIT about future events, and are therefore subject to risks and uncertainties which could cause actual results to differ materially from the future results expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements contained in this announcement include statements relating to the expected effects of the Drax Offer on Drax Bidco, the Drax Group, HEIT and the HEIT Group (including their future prospects, developments and strategies), the expected timing and scope of the Drax Offer and other statements other than historical facts. Often, but not always, forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of forward looking words such as, without limitation, "anticipate", "target", "expect", "estimate", "intend", "plan", "forecast", "project", "goal", "believe", "aim", "will", "may", "hope", "continue", "would", "could" or "should" or other words of similar meaning or the negative thereof. Forward-looking statements may include, but are not limited to, statements relating to the following: (i) future capital expenditures, expenses, revenues, earnings, synergies, economic performance, indebtedness, financial condition, dividend policy, losses and future prospects; (ii) business and management strategies and the expansion and growth of Drax Bidco's, HEIT's, any member of the Drax Group's or any member of the HEIT Group's operations and potential synergies resulting from the Drax Offer; and (iii) the effects of global economic conditions and governmental regulation on Drax Bidco's, HEIT's, any member of the Drax Group's or any member of the HEIT Group's business.

Although Drax Bidco, Drax and HEIT believe that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, none of Drax Bidco, Drax or HEIT can give any assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct. By their nature, forward-looking statements involve risk and uncertainty because they relate to events and depend on circumstances that will occur in the future.

There are a number of factors that could cause actual results and developments to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. These factors include, but are not limited to: the ability to complete the Drax Offer; the ability to obtain requisite regulatory and shareholder approvals and the satisfaction of other Conditions on the proposed terms and timetable; changes in the global and domestic political, economic, business and competitive environments and in market and regulatory forces, circumstances or conditions; changes in future exchange and interest rates; changes in tax law or rates; future business combinations or disposals; and any epidemic, pandemic or disease outbreak. Other unknown or unpredictable factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those expected, estimated or projected in the forward-looking statements. If any one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialises or if any one or more of the assumptions proves incorrect, actual results may differ materially from those expected, estimated or projected. Such forward-looking statements should therefore be construed in the light of such factors.

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Under Rule 8.3(a) of the Takeover Code, any person who is interested in 1% 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% or more of any class of

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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 shall be deemed to be a single person for the purpose of Rule 8.3.

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