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Pod Point Group Holdings PLC (Symbol: PODP)

("Pod Point", the "Group" or the "Company")

Possible Offer for Pod Point, delayed FY24 Results and suspension of the Company's shares from listing and trading from 1

May 2025

Summary

- The Board of Pod Point announces that it has received a non-binding conditional proposal from EDF Energy Customers
 Limited ("EDF"), currently a c53 % shareholder in the Company, to acquire the entire issued and to be issued share
 capital of the Company that it does not already own for a price of 6.5 pence per Pod Point share in cash (the "Possible
 Offer").
- EDF has confirmed that it has completed outside-in due diligence, has a clear understanding of Pod Point's business
 and requires only limited confirmatory diligence to proceed to an announcement of a firm intention to make an offer
 under Rule 2.7 of the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers (the "Code").
- As a result of the non-binding proposal from EDF, the Board is considering the potential impacts on its FY24 results, and expects that it will now not be in a position to publish its audited FY24 Results by 30 April 2025. As a result, the Company expects that its shares will be suspended from listing and trading from 1 May 2025 and anticipates that the suspension will be lifted once the audit is completed and the FY24 annual report and accounts are published.

Possible offer from EDF and pre-conditions to an offer being made

Against the backdrop of tough competitive conditions in the EV charger market, the early participation by Pod Point in the UK's Energy Flex market resulting in the strategic shift currently being executed by the Company and the uncertainty regarding the outcome of third party financing dialogues currently underway, the Board of Pod Point has received a non-binding conditional proposal from EDF for a possible offer of 6.5 pence per Pod Point share in cash to acquire the entire issued and to be issued share capital of the Company (the "Possible Offer") that it does not already own.

The announcement by EDF of any firm offer for Pod Point under Rule 2.7 of the Code (an 'Offer'') is subject to the satisfaction or waiver of certain pre-conditions, including:

- a) agreement on customary documentation in relation to the Offer, including the terms of the announcement made under Rule 2.7 of the Code;
- b) unanimous recommendation of the Offer by the independent directors of Pod Point (being all of the directors apart from Rob Guyler, who is a representative of EDF) (the "Independent Directors") and irrevocable undertakings from all directors who hold shares to vote in favour of the Offer:
- c) receipt of irrevocable undertakings from certain other shareholders to vote in favour of the Offer; and
- d) final approval of the Offer from EDF.

EDF reserves the right to waive any of the above pre-conditions to the making of the Offer.

In accordance with Rule 2.5 of the Code, EDF reserves the right to vary the form and/or mix of the consideration described in this announcement. EDF also reserves the right to make an offer for Pod Point on less favourable terms than those described in this announcement: (i) with the agreement or recommendation of the Board of Pod Point; (ii) if a third party announces a firm intention to make an offer for Pod Point on less favourable terms; or (iii) following the announcement by Pod Point of a Rule 9 waiver transaction pursuant to Appendix 1 of the Code or a reverse takeover (as defined in the Code).

EDF reserves the right to reduce the consideration by the amount of any dividend or other distribution or return of capital which is paid or becomes payable by Pod Point to Pod Point shareholders after the date of this appropriate.

Pod Point Independent Directors are actively engaging with EDF

Both before the approach from EDF and in parallel to the discussions in respect of the Possible Offer, the Board of Pod Point has continued to assess all potential options to finance the continued growth and development of the Group. In considering the different potential options available, the Board of Pod Point has been seeking to ensure that the Company has an appropriate long-term capital structure for the benefit of the Company, all its shareholders and its wider stakeholders. The Board of Pod Point believes that the Company needs to have a more sustainable capital structure, and this requires substantial new capital in order to execute its strategy. Sources of new capital could include a substantial issue of new equity, debt or asset back financing or a combination thereof.

Work continues on a range of alternative refinancing options. However, having carefully considered the viability of these options together with the preliminary view of its financial advisers (subject to the formal completion of the necessary Rule 3 work), the Independent Directors of Pod Point currently believe that the Possible Offer may represent the better option for Pod Point's shareholders, creditors and other stakeholders.

Accordingly, the Independent Directors of Pod Point have welcomed the Possible Offer and indicated that they will actively engage with EDF, with an intention to support an offer for Pod Point subject to the Board's full commercial and valuation assessment and the agreement of the full terms and conditions of the Offer, which the Board is seeking to expedite.

A further announcement will be made in due course.

Financial results for the year ended 31 December 2024 ("FY24 Results")

On 20 January 2025, Pod Point announced that it expected adjusted EBITDA loss to be in line with guidance of around £14 million and that the Group had net cash of £5.2 million as at 31 December 2024. Subsequently, on 15 April 2025, the Group announced that it has identified additional non-cash items through the audit processes as result of which adjusted EBITDA loss is expected to be increased by around £8m to £22m, with most of the impact relating to the bad debt provision but with no impact on the net cash position of £5.3 million at 31 December 2024.

As a result of the Possible Offer by EDF, the Board is considering the potential impacts on its FY24 results, and expects that it will now not be in a position to publish its audited FY24 Results by 30 April 2025. As a result, it is expected that the Company's shares will be suspended from listing and trading from 1 May 2025 and anticipates that the suspension will be lifted once the audit is completed and the FY24 annual report and accounts are published.

Code requirements

Under Rule 2.6(a) of the Code, EDF must, by not later than 5.00 p.m. on 22 May 2025, either announce a firm intention to make an offer for Pod Point in accordance with Rule 2.7 of the Code or announce that it does not intend to make an offer, in which case the announcement will be treated as a statement to which Rule 2.8 of the Code applies. This deadline can be further extended with the agreement of the Board of Pod Point and the consent of the Panel in accordance with Rule 2.6(c) of the Code.

There can be no certainty that an offer will be made, even if the pre-conditions referred to above are satisfied or waived.

This announcement is being made with the consent of EDF.

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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 www.thetakeoverpanel.org.uk, 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.

Relevant securities in issue

In accordance with Rule 2.9 of the Code,Pod Point confirms that, as at the close of business on 23 April 2025, Pod Point 's issued share capital consisted of 156,900,118 ordinary shares of £0.001 each and held no shares in treasury. Accordingly, the total number of voting rights in the Company is 156,900,118 ordinary shares. The International Securities Identification Number for Pod Point's ordinary shares is 156,900,118. Pod Point's LEI Number is 213800MY9U5MEDG21D89.

Rule 2.4 (c) (iii) disclosure

In the interests of secrecy prior to this announcement, EDF has not made any enquiries of certain parties who may be deemed by the Panel on Takeovers and Mergers (the "Panel") to be acting in concert with EDF in order to determine whether EDF would be obliged to offer any minimum level, or particular form, of consideration under Rule 6 or Rule 11 of the Code. Enquiries of such parties will be made as soon as practicable following the date of this announcement and any disclosure in respect of such parties will be made in a further announcement.

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