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19 May 2025

RECOMMENDED ACQUISITION

of

Serinus Energy plc ("Serinus" or the "Company")

by

Xtellus Capital Partners, Inc ("Xtellus")

to be effected by means of a scheme of arrangement under Article 125 of the Companies (Jersey) Law 1991 (as amended)

Scheme of Arrangement becomes Effective

On 24 March 2025, the Boards of Serinus and Xtellus announced that they had reached agreement on the terms of a recommended cash offer, pursuant to which Xtellus would acquire the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Serinus for 3.4 pence per share (the "Acquisition").

The Acquisition is to be effected by means of a scheme of arrangement under Article 125 of the Companies (Jersey) Law 1991 (as amended) (the "Scheme"), full details of which were sent to the shareholders of Serinus in the circular dated 7 April 2025 (the "Scheme Document").

On 1 May 2025, the Scheme was approved by the requisite majorities of Serinus Shareholders at the Court Meeting and the Special Resolutions in connection with the implementation of the Scheme were passed by the requisite majorities of Serinus Shareholders at the General Meeting.

On 15 May 2025, the Boards of Serinus and Xtellus announced that the Court had sanctioned the Scheme on the same day.

The boards of Serinus and Xtellus are pleased to announce that the Scheme has today become Effective in accordance with its terms, following delivery of the Court Order to the Registrar of Companies, and therefore the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Serinus is now owned by Xtellus. As a result, Serinus is no longer in an "Offer Period" as defined in the Code and accordingly the dealing disclosure requirements previously notified to investors no longer apply.

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

All references in this announcement to times are to times in London, unless otherwise stated.

Settlement

Under the terms of the Scheme, Serinus Shareholders on the register of members of Serinus at the Scheme Record Time, being 6.00 p.m. on 16 May 2025, are entitled to receive 3.4 pence in cash for every Serinus Share held. Cheques will be despatched to Serinus Shareholders holding Serinus Shares in certificated form and the CREST accounts of Serinus Shareholders holding Serinus Shares in uncertificated form will be credited within 14 days of today's date.

Board changes

Serinus further announces that Łukasz Rędziniak, Chairman and Independent Director, James Causgrove, Senior Independent Non-Executive Director and Natalie Fortescue, Independent Non-Executive Director, have tendered their resignations as directors of the Company effective from the date of cancellation of admission to trading on AIM of the Serinus Shares.

Suspension and cancellation of trading

Trading on AIM in Serinus Shares was suspended with effect from 7.30 a.m. today. Following the application by Serinus to the London Stock Exchange, cancellation of admission to trading on AIM of Serinus Shares is expected to become effective at 7.00 a.m. on 20 May 2025.

As per the timetable in the Scheme Document, application will be made to the Warsaw Stock Exchange for cancellation to admission to trading of Serinus' Shares on 20 May 2025.

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This Announcement does not constitute a prospectus, prospectus equivalent document or an exempted document.

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Authority, is acting as financial adviser to Xtellus and for no one else in connection with the Acquisition and will not regard any other person as its client in relation to the Acquisition and will not be responsible to anyone other than Xtellus for providing the protections afforded to clients of H&P, nor for providing advice in relation to any matter referred to in this Announcement. Neither H&P nor any of its affiliates owes or accepts any duty, liability or responsibility whatsoever (whether direct or indirect, whether in contract, in tort, under statute or otherwise) to any person who is not a client of H&P in connection with the matters referred to in this Announcement, any statement contained herein or otherwise, save that nothing shall limit the liability of any person for their own fraud.

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Unless otherwise determined by Xtellus or required by the Takeover Code, and permitted by applicable law and regulation, the Acquisition will not be made available, directly or indirectly, in, into or from a Restricted Jurisdiction or any other jurisdiction where to do so would violate the laws of that jurisdiction. Accordingly, copies of this Announcement will not be and must not be, mailed or otherwise forwarded, distributed or sent in, into or from any Restricted Jurisdiction or any jurisdiction where to do so would violate the laws of that jurisdiction, and persons receiving all documents relating to the Acquisition (including custodians, nominees and trustees) must not mail or otherwise forward, distribute or send them in or into or from any Restricted Jurisdiction or any other jurisdiction if to do so would constitute a violation of the laws of that jurisdiction.

The Acquisition shall be subject to the applicable requirements of the Takeover Code and the Panel and applicable Canadian securities laws that apply to Serinus due to its status as a "reporting issuer" in the provinces of Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Island and Saskatchewan.

Further details in relation to overseas shareholders are contained in paragraph 16 of Part II (Explanatory Statement) of the Scheme Document.

Additional Information for US Investors

The Acquisition is being made to acquire the securities of a Jersey company by means of a members' scheme of arrangement provided for under Jersey Companies Law Serinus is a "foreign private issuer" as defined under Rule 3b-4 under the US Exchange Act. A transaction effected by a foreign private issuer by means of a members' scheme of arrangement is not subject to the shareholder vote, proxy solicitation or tender offer rules under the US Exchange Act. Accordingly, the Scheme is subject to the disclosure requirements and practices applicable in Jersey to schemes of arrangement, which differ from the disclosure requirements of the US shareholder vote, proxy solicitation and tender offer rules and the US Securities Act.

Financial information included in this Announcement has been or will have been prepared in accordance with IFRS and may not therefore be comparable to financial information of US companies or companies whose financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the US.

Neither the SEC nor any state securities commission has reviewed, approved or disapproved this Announcement, the Scheme or any of the proposals described herein, or passed upon or determined the adequacy or accuracy of the information contained in this Announcement or disapproved or passed judgment upon the fairness or the merits of the Acquisition. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offence in the United States.

The receipt of cash consideration by a US holder for the transfer of its Scheme Shares pursuant to the Scheme will likely be a taxable transaction for United States federal income tax purposes and under applicable United States state and local, as well as foreign and other, tax laws. In addition, Serinus Shareholders may be required to provide an applicable IRS Form W 8 or W 9 in order to prevent any backup withholding tax on the cash consideration. Each Serinus Shareholder is urged to consult his, her or their independent professional adviser immediately regarding the tax consequences of the Acquisition applicable to him, her or it, including under applicable United States state and local, as well as foreign and other, tax laws.

Serinus is formed under the laws of Jersey. In addition, some or all of its officers and directors reside outside the US, and some or all of its assets are or may be located in jurisdictions outside the US. Therefore, investors may have difficulty effecting service of process within the US upon those persons or recovering against Serinus or its officers or directors on judgments of US courts, including judgments based upon the civil liability provisions of US federal 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. It may not be possible to sue Serinus or its officers or directors in a non US court for violations of US securities laws.

Additional Information for Canadian Investors

No securities commission or similar authority of Canada, or any other jurisdiction has reviewed or in any way passed upon this Announcement or the merits of the securities described herein, and any representation to the contrary is an offence under Canadian securities law.

The Acquisition relates to the shares of a Jersey company and is being made by means of a members' scheme of arrangement provided for under the Jersey Companies Law.

The receipt of cash consideration by a Canadian Holder for the transfer of its Serinus Shares pursuant to the Scheme will generally be a taxable transaction for Canadian federal income tax purposes and under applicable Canadian, as well as applicable foreign and other, tax laws. Each Serinus Shareholder is urged to consult his, her or their independent professional adviser immediately regarding the tax, and other, consequences of the Acquisition applicable to him, her or it, including under applicable Canadian local, as well as foreign and other, tax laws. Please see paragraph 16.2 of Part II (Explanatory Statement) the Scheme Document. Canadian Holders should review paragraph 15 of Part II (Explanatory Statement) entitled "Taxation" and paragraph 15.2 entitled "Canadian Federal Income Taxation".

Serinus is formed under the laws of Jersey. In addition, some or all of its officers and directors reside outside Canada, and some or all of its assets are or may be located in jurisdictions outside Canada. Therefore, investors may have difficulty effecting service of process within Canada upon those persons or recovering against Serinus or its officers or directors on judgments of Canadian courts, including judgments based upon the civil liability provisions of applicable Canadian securities laws. Further, it may be difficult to compel a non Canadian company and its affiliates to subject themselves to a Canadian court's judgment. It may not be possible to sue Serinus or its officers or directors in a non Canadian court for violations of applicable Canadian securities laws.

It is expected that Serinus (which is currently a "reporting issuer" in the provinces of Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Island and Saskatchewan) will cease to be a reporting issuer under Canadian securities laws shortly after completion of the Acquisition, subject to fulfilling the applicable conditions under such laws.

Additional Information for Polish Investors

The Acquisition is being made to acquire the securities of a Jersey company by means of a members' scheme of arrangement provided for under Jersey Companies Law. A transaction effected by means of a members' scheme of arrangement differs from the tender offer rules (including the minimum price calculation) under the Polish Act on Public Offering, the Scheme is subject to the disclosure requirements and practices applicable in Jersey to schemes of arrangement, which differ from the disclosure requirements of the relevant Polish tender offer rules.

None of the securities referred to in this Announcement have been approved or disapproved by the PFSC or any other Polish regulatory authority. The PFSC has not reviewed, approved or disapproved this Announcement, the Scheme or any of the proposals described herein, or passed upon or determined the adequacy or accuracy of the information contained in this Announcement or disapproved or passed judgment upon the fairness or the merits of the Acquisition.

The receipt of cash consideration by a Polish holder for the transfer of its Scheme Shares pursuant to the Scheme will likely be a taxable transaction for Polish income or capital gains tax purposes. Each Serinus Shareholder is urged to consult his, her or their independent professional adviser immediately regarding the tax consequences of the Acquisition applicable to him, her or it, including under applicable Polish as well as foreign and other, tax laws.

Serinus is formed under the laws of Jersey. In addition, some or all of its officers and directors reside outside Poland, and some or all of its assets are or may be located in jurisdictions outside Poland. Therefore, investors may have difficulty effecting service of process within Poland upon those persons or recovering against Serinus or its officers or directors on judgments of Polish courts, including judgments based upon the civil liability provisions of Polish laws. Further, it may be difficult to compel a non Polish company and its affiliates to subject themselves to a Polish court's judgment. It may not be possible to sue Serinus or its officers or directors in a non Polish court for violations of Polish securities laws.

Forward-looking Statements

This Announcement (including information incorporated by reference in this Announcement), oral statements made regarding the Acquisition, and other information published by Xtellus and Serinus 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 Xtellus and Serinus 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 Acquisition on Xtellus and Serinus (including their future prospects, developments and strategies), the

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Although Xtellus and Serinus believe that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, Xtellus and Serinus can give no 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: changes in the global political, economic, business and competitive environments and in market and regulatory forces; changes in future exchange and interest rates; changes in tax rates; future business combinations or disposals; changes in general economic and business conditions; changes in the behaviour of other market participants; changes in the anticipated benefits from the proposed transaction not being realised as a result of changes in general economic and market conditions in the countries in which Xtellus and Serinus operate; weak, volatile or illiquid capital and/or credit markets; changes in tax rates, interest rate and currency value fluctuations, the degree of competition in the geographic and business areas in which Xtellus and Serinus operate; and changes in laws or in supervisory expectations or requirements. 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. Neither Xtellus nor Serinus, nor any of their respective associates or directors, officers 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.

Specifically, statements of estimated cost savings and synergies related to future actions and circumstances which, by their nature, involve risks, uncertainties and contingencies. As a result, the cost savings and synergies referred to may not be achieved, may be achieved later or sooner than estimated, or those achieved could be materially different from those estimated. As a result, and given the fact that the changes relate to the future, the resulting cost synergies may be materially greater or less than those estimated.

The forward-looking statements speak only at the date of this Announcement. All subsequent oral or written forward-looking statements attributable to any member of the Xtellus Group or the Serinus 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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