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

### Extension of PUSU deadline and update on timing of FY24 Results

#### **PUSU Extension**

On 24 April 2025, the Board of Pod Point announced that it had received a non-binding conditional proposal from EDF Energy Customers Limited ('EDF"), currently a c.53 % 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").

The Board of Pod Point has continued to actively engage with EDF since receipt of the Possible Offer with a view to supporting an offer for the Company. Having carefully considered the viability of all available options together with the preliminary view of its financial adviser (which remains subject to the formal completion of the necessary Rule 3 work), the Independent Directors of Pod Point remain of the view that the Possible Offer may represent the better option for Pod Point's shareholders, creditors and other stakeholders.

In accordance with Rule 2.6(a) of the Code, EDF was required, by no later than 5:00 p.m. on 22 May 2025 (the **PUSU Deadline**"), to 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.

To allow the discussions with EDF to continue, and to provide further time for the Company to finalise and publish its audited FY24 Results, as further set out below, the Company has requested, and both EDF and the Panel on Takeovers and Mergers (the "Takeover Panel") have consented to an extension of the PUSU Deadline. Consequently, in accordance with Rule 2.6(c) of the Code, EDF is now required, by not later than 5.00 pm on 6 June 2025, to 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 for Pod Point, in which case the announcement will be treated as a statement to which Rule 2.8 of the Code applies.

In accordance with Rule 2.6(c) of the Code, the revised deadline may be extended further with the consent of the Takeover Panel.

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 or 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 announcement.

There can be no certainty that any firm offer will be made for the Company.

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

Further announcements will be made in due course. In the meantime, Pod Point shareholders are not required to take any action in relation to the Possible Offer.

# Update on timing of FY24 Results

The Company also announced on 24 April 2025 that, as a result of the Possible Offer by EDF, the Board had been considering the potential impacts on its FY24 results and would not be in a position to publish its audited FY24 results by 30 April 2025. As a result, the Company's shares have been suspended from listing and trading since 1 May 2025.

The Company announces that significant work on the FY24 results has been ongoing and now expects that the audited financial results for FY24 will be published in early June 2025. The Company continues to anticipate that the suspension will be lifted once the audit is completed and the FY24 annual report and accounts are published.

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