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#### RECOMMENDED FINAL\* CASH ACQUISITION

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Renewi plc ("Renewi")

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Earth Bidco B.V. ("BidCo")

(a newly formed company indirectly controlled by Macquarie European Infrastructure Fund 7 SCSp ("MEIF 7") (an investment fund managed by Macquarie Asset Management Europe S.à r.I. ("MAMES")) and BCI UK IRR Limited ("BCI UK") (an indirect subsidiary of British Columbia Investment Management Corporation ("BCI")) (each of MEIF 7 and BCI UK being a "Consortium Member" and together, the "Consortium")

to be effected by means of a Court-sanctioned scheme of arrangement under Part 26 of the Companies Act 2006

### Satisfaction of Regulatory Conditions and Updated Expected Scheme Timetable

On 13 February 2025, the boards of directors of Renewi and BidCo announced that they had reached agreement on the terms and conditions of a recommended final\* cash offer pursuant to which BidCo shall acquire the entire issued and to be issued ordinary share capital of Renewi at a price of 870 pence per Renewi Share (the "**Acquisition**").

The Acquisition is being effected by means of a Court-sanctioned scheme of arrangement under Part 26 of the Companies Act (the "Scheme") and is subject to the terms and conditions set out in the scheme document relating to the Acquisition (the "Scheme Document") published on 28 February 2025.

Capitalised terms used and not defined in this announcement have the meanings given to them in the Scheme Document. All references to times in this announcement are to times in London, United Kingdom unless otherwise stated.

\*The financial terms of the Acquisition are final and will not be increased or improved, except that BidCo reserves the right to increase the financial terms of the Acquisition if there is an announcement of an offer or possible offer for Renewi by any third party offeror or potential offeror.

## Satisfaction of Regulatory Conditions

Renewi and BidCo are pleased to announce that the requisite clearances in relation to Belgian Foreign Direct Investment, China merger control, the EU Foreign Subsidies Regulation and EU merger control have now been received and therefore the conditions set out in paragraphs 3(a) to 3(d) of Part 4 (Conditions and Further Terms of the Acquisition) of the Scheme Document have now been satisfied.

Completion of the Acquisition remains subject to the satisfaction (or, where applicable, waiver) of the remaining Conditions set out in the Scheme Document, including the sanction of the Scheme by the Court at the Sanction Hearing and the delivery of a copy of the Court Order to the Registrar of Companies.

### Next steps and timetable

Renewi and BidCo are pleased to confirm that the Sanction Hearing is scheduled to be held at 10.00 a.m. on 4 June 2025. The Sanction Hearing will be held at the Court of Session in Edinburgh.

An updated expected timetable of principal events for the implementation of the Scheme is set out below. On the basis of the current expected timetable, and subject to the satisfaction (or where applicable, waiver) of the remaining Conditions, the Scheme is expected to become Effective on 6 June 2025.

The last day for dealings in, and for registration of transfers of, and disablement in CREST of Renewi Shares is expected to be 5 June 2025. The suspension of trading in Renewi Shares on the Main Market and suspension of the listing of Renewi Shares on the Official List and Euronext Amsterdam is expected to take effect from 7.30 a.m. on 6 June 2025. Once suspended, it is expected that the cancellation of trading in Renewi Shares on the Main Market and

 cancellation of the listing of Kenewi Shares on the Official List and Euronext Amsterdam will take effect by no later than 7.30 a.m. on 9 June 2025, subject to the Scheme becoming Effective.

The dates and times in the expected timetable (including as repeated in the rest of this announcement) are indicative only, are based on Renew's and BidCo's current expectations and are subject to change. The dates will depend, among other things, on the dates on which: (i) the remaining Conditions are satisfied or (if capable of waiver) waived; (ii) the Court sanctions the Scheme; and (iii) the Court Order sanctioning the Scheme is delivered to the Registrar of Companies.

A further announcement will be made following the Sanction Hearing.

### UPDATED EXPECTED TIMETABLE OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS

The following indicative timetable is based on Renewi's and BidCo's current expected dates for the implementation of the Scheme and is subject to change (including as may be agreed by Renewi and BidCo from time to time). If any of the dates and/or times in this expected timetable change, the revised dates and/or times will be notified to Renewi Shareholders by issuing an announcement through the Regulatory Information Service of the London Stock available with such announcement being on Renewi's Exchange, made website https://www.renewi.com/en/investors/investor-relations/offer and BidCo's on website at https://www.macquarie.com/uk/en/macquarie-renewi-offer.html

**Event** Time and/or date (1)

Sanction Hearing 10.00 a.m. on 4 June 2025

Last day of dealings in, and for registration of transfers of, 5 June 2025 (2) and disablement in CREST (including those shares held through Euroclear Nederland via banks and brokers) of Renewi Shares on the Main Market and Euronext Amsterdam

Scheme Record Time

6.00 p.m. on 5 June 2025

Suspension of listing of Renewi Shares on the Official List By 7.30 a.m. on 6 June 2025 and from trading on the Main Market and Euronext Amsterdam

Effective Date of the Scheme

6 June 2025 (3)

Cancellation of listing of the Renewi Shares on the Main By 7.30 a.m. on 9 June 2025

Market and Euronext Amsterdam

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Latest date for despatch of cheques and crediting of 20 June 2025 CREST accounts and processing electronic transfers in respect of the cash consideration due under the Scheme

Long-Stop Date 31 December 2025 (4)

### Notes:

- (1) References to times are to London, United Kingdom time unless otherwise stated.
- Renewi Shares will be disabled in CREST (including those shares held through Euroclear Nederland via banks and brokers) from (2)6.00 p.m on such date.
- (3)The Scheme shall become Effective as soon as a copy of the Court Order has been delivered to the Registrar of Companies for registration. This may occur prior to the suspension of trading in Renewi Shares. The events which are stated as occurring on subsequent dates are conditional on the Effective Date and operate by reference to that date.
- (4)This is the latest date by which the Scheme may become Effective unless Renewi and BidCo agree a later date (with the Panel's consent and as the Court may approve (if such approval(s) are required)).

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The availability of the Acquisition to Renewi Shareholders who are not resident in the United Kingdom or the Netherlands may be affected by the laws of the relevant jurisdictions in which they are resident. Persons who are not resident in the United Kingdom or the Netherlands should inform themselves of, and observe, any applicable legal or regulatory requirements.

### Additional information for investors in the United States

Renewi Shareholders in the United States should note that the Acquisition relates to the shares of a Scottish company listed on the Official List of the London Stock Exchange and Euronext Amsterdam and is proposed to be effected by means of a scheme of arrangement under Part 26 of the Companies Act which will be governed by Scots law A transaction effected by means of a scheme of arrangement is not subject to the proxy solicitation or the tender offer rules under the US Exchange Act.

Accordingly, the Acquisition is subject to the procedural and disclosure requirements applicable to schemes of arrangement involving a target company incorporated in Scotland and listed on the Official List of the London Stock Exchange and Euronext Amsterdam, which differ from the requirements of US proxy solicitation and tender offer rules.

However, if BidCo were to elect, with the consent of the Panel (where necessary) and subject to the terms of the Cooperation Agreement and in compliance with the Takeover Code and the Dutch Offer Decree, to implement the Acquisition by means of a Takeover Offer, such offer will be made in compliance with all applicable United States laws and reculations, including to the extent applicable. Section 14(e) of the US Exchange Act and Reculation 14F thereunder. Such a takeover would be made in the United States by BidCo and by no one else.

In accordance with normal UK practice and pursuant to Rule 14(e)-5(b) of the US Exchange Act (if applicable), BidCo or its nominees or brokers (acting as agents) may from time to time make certain purchases of, or arrangements to purchase, shares or other securities of Renewi outside of the US, other than pursuant to the Acquisition, until the date on which the Acquisition and/or the Scheme becomes Effective, lapses or is otherwise withdrawn. These purchases may occur either in the open market at prevailing prices or in private transactions at negotiated prices and would comply with applicable law, including the US Exchange Act. 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: <a href="https://www.londonstockexchange.com/">www.londonstockexchange.com/</a>.

The receipt of consideration by a US holder for the transfer of its Renewi Shares pursuant to the Scheme may have tax consequences in the US and such consequences, if any, are not described herein. Each Renewi Shareholder is urged to consult its independent professional adviser immediately regarding the tax consequences of the Acquisition applicable to it, including under applicable United States state and local, as well as overseas and other, tax laws.

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BidCo is incorporated under the laws of the Netherlands and Renewi is incorporated under the laws of Scotland. Some or all of the officers and directors of BidCo and Renewi, respectively, are residents of countries other than the United States. In addition, most of the assets of BidCo and Renewi are located outside the United States. As a result, it may be difficult for US shareholders of Renewi to effect service of process within the United States upon BidCo or Renewi or their respective officers or directors or to enforce against them a judgment of a US court predicated upon the federal or state securities laws of the United States, including judgments based upon the civil liability provisions of the US federal securities laws. US shareholders of Renewi 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 jurisdiction or judgment.

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