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Withdrawal of Final Dividend

Earlier today, the boards of directors of Inspired PLC and Intrepid Bidco Limited announced that they had reached agreement on the terms and conditions of a recommended cash offer to be made by Bidco for the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Inspired at an Offer Price of 81 pence in cash per Inspired Share (the "Rule 2.7 Announcement").

Capitalised terms defined in the Rule 2.7 Announcement shall have the same meanings when used in this announcement.

Pursuant to the agreed terms of the Offer, if, on or after the date of the Rule 2.7 Announcement, any dividend and/or other distribution and/or return of capital is declared, made or paid or becomes payable in respect of the Inspired Shares, Bidco reserves the right to reduce the Cash Consideration payable under the terms of the Offer for the Inspired Shares by an amount up to the amount of such dividend and/or other distribution and/or return of capital, in which case any reference in the Rule 2.7 Announcement or the Offer Document to the Cash Consideration payable under the terms of the Offer will be deemed to be a reference to the Cash Consideration as so reduced. In such circumstances, the relevant Inspired Shareholders will be entitled to receive and retain such dividend and/or other distribution and/or return of capital.

Bidco has indicated that it would exercise this right to reduce the Cash Consideration payable under the terms of the Offer by the amount of the final dividend for the year ended 31 December 2024 of 1 pence per Inspired Share recommended by the Inspired Directors on 31 March 2025 (the **"Final Dividend"**), if approved by Inspired Shareholders at the Company's Annual General Meeting (**"AGM"**) which is due to be held tomorrow.

Accordingly the Inspired Directors have withdrawn their recommendation of the Final Dividend and Resolution 2 as set out in the notice of AGM sent to Inspired Shareholders on 31 March 2025 (the "Notice of AGM") will also be withdrawn.

The withdrawal of Resolution 2 does not affect the validity of the Notice of AGM, the proxy form or any proxy votes already submitted in respect of the remaining resolutions to be proposed at the AGM. The numbering of all other proposed resolutions at the AGM remains unchanged.

The AGM is being held at 10.00 a.m. on 27 June 2025 at the offices of Gateley LLP, Ship Canal House, 98 King Street, Manchester, M2 4WU and the results of the voting on the Resolutions set out in the Notice of AGM (other than Resolution 2) will be announced following the conclusion of the meeting.

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