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Downing Renewables & Infrastructure Trust plc ("DORE" or the "Company")

Special Dividend Declaration

On 20 June 2025, the board of directors of each of Downing Renewables & Infrastructure Trust plc (the "Company" or "DORE") and Bagnall Energy Limited ("Bagnall") announced that they had reached agreement on the terms of a recommended cash acquisition pursuant to which Polar Nimrod Topco Limited ("Bidco"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Bagnall, will acquire the entire issued and to be issued ordinary share capital of DORE that the Bagnall Group does not already own (the "Acquisition") to be effected by means of a Court-sanctioned scheme of arrangement under Part 26 of the Companies Act 2006 (the "Scheme").

As noted in the Scheme Document published by the Company on 10 July 2025 in connection with the Acquisition (the "Scheme Document"), the Bagnall Board and the DORE Board have agreed that should the Effective Date fall after 31 August 2025:

- (1) DORE shall be entitled to declare a special dividend of 0.5 pence per DORE Share, such dividend to be declared and paid prior to the Effective Date; and
- (2) DORE Shareholders shall be entitled to receive and retain any such special dividend (in addition to the Q1 DORE Dividend) without any corresponding reduction to the consideration payable by Bidco for each Scheme Share under the Acquisition.

As 31 August 2025 has now passed and the Effective Date has not occurred, the Board of DORE is declaring a special dividend of 0.5 pence per DORE Share (the "Special Dividend"). The Special Dividend will be paid on or around 3 October 2025 to holders of DORE Shares on the DORE Register on 12 September 2025. The ex-dividend date will be 11 September 2025.

As detailed in the Company's prospectus dated 7 June 2022, a portion of the Company's dividends may be designated as an interest distribution for UK tax purposes. The interest streaming percentage for the Special Dividend is 75%.

Completion of the Acquisition remains subject to the satisfaction (or, where applicable, waiver) of the remaining Conditions set out in Part III of the Scheme Document, including the outstanding regulatory clearance Conditions, the sanction of the Scheme by the Court at the Court Sanction Hearing and the delivery of a copy of the Court Order to the Registrar of Companies. Bidco and DORE will continue to provide updates as required on the progress of satisfaction of such Conditions.

Timetable

The expected timetable of principal events is set out in the Scheme Document. Subject to the satisfaction (or, where applicable, waiver) of the other Conditions set out in the Scheme Document, including the sanction of the Court, the Scheme is expected to become Effective during H2 2025.

Unless otherwise defined in this announcement, capitalised words and phrases used in this announcement shall have the same meanings given to them in the Scheme Document.

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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.

Publication on website

A copy of this announcement and the documents required to be published pursuant to Rule 26 of the Code will be made available (subject to certain restrictions relating to persons resident in Restricted Jurisdictions), free of charge, on DORE's website at https://www.doretrust.com/announcement by no later than 12 noon (London time) on the first Business Day following the date of this announcement.

Neither the contents of this website nor any website accessible from hyperlinks is incorporated into or forms part of this announcement.

Requesting hard copy documents

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Information relating to DORE Shareholders

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