

## **IQE plc**

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### **Exercise of Options, Issue of Equity and Rule 2.9 Announcement**

IQE plc ("**IQE**") announces that since the previous Rule 2.9 announcement on 13 November 2025, IQE has allotted and issued a total of 653,333 new ordinary shares of 1 pence each in IQE (the "**New Ordinary Shares**") in satisfaction of the exercise of options by certain employees under the IQE Long Term Incentive Plan. The New Ordinary Shares rank *pari passu* with the existing shares of IQE.

In accordance with Rule 2.9 of the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers, as at the close of business on 29 December 2025 (being the business day prior to the date of this announcement), IQE confirms that it has in issue (outside of treasury) 978,259,501 ordinary shares of 1 pence each with voting rights and admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange under the ISIN code GB0009619924.

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IQE is the leading global supplier of advanced compound semiconductor wafers and materials solutions that enable a diverse range of applications across:

- Smart Connected Devices
- Communications Infrastructure
- Automotive and Industrial
- Aerospace and Security

As a scaled global epitaxy wafer manufacturer, IQE is uniquely positioned in this market which has high barriers to entry. IQE supplies the global market and is enabling customers to innovate at chip and OEM level. By leveraging the Group's intellectual property portfolio including know-how and patents, it produces epitaxy wafers of superior quality, yield and unit economics.

IQE is headquartered in Cardiff UK, with employees across manufacturing locations in the UK, US and Taiwan, and is listed on the AIM Stock Exchange in London.

The person responsible for arranging the release of this announcement on behalf of IQE is Jutta Meier, Chief Executive Officer.

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