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**27 February 2026**

**RECOMMENDED CASH ACQUISITION**

**of**

**DELTIC ENERGY PLC ("Deltic")**

**by**

**ROCKROSE ENERGY LIMITED ("Viaro Bidco")**

**(A WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF VIARO ENERGY LIMITED)**

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

**Update re Acquisition**

On 30 June 2025, the boards of Viaro Bidco and Deltic announced that they had reached agreement on the terms of a recommended cash offer for the entire issued and to be issued ordinary share capital of Deltic (the "**Acquisition**"), to be implemented by way of a Court-sanctioned scheme of arrangement under Part 26 of the Companies Act 2006 (the "**Scheme**") which was approved by Deltic shareholders on 28 August 2025.

As stated in the Company's previous announcements, completion of the Acquisition remains subject to outstanding conditions, which include, *inter alia*, the consent of the North Sea Transition Authority (the "**NSTA**") to a change in control of the North Sea exploration licences held by Deltic (the "**Licences**"). The NSTA is the UK regulator focused, among other areas, on oil and gas exploration and production activities in the UK's North Sea.

The NSTA has published guidance which indicates a normal service provision timeline for a change of control decision of three months and, given the established nature of Viaro Bidco and the straightforward nature of the Acquisition, this schedule was built into the business decisions of the Board of Deltic Energy in good faith.

Deltic was informed on 10 July 2025 that the NSTA had received all the information required to start processing the change of control application. Almost eight months later, the regulator has yet to reach a decision and Deltic has now been informed by the NSTA that, having received further representations from Viaro Bidco on 13 February 2026, it is still unlikely to be able to conclude its deliberations until late March 2026, and cannot commit to any firm timeline for communicating a decision.

Given the NSTA's intensive interactions with Viaro Bidco over the last few years and the simple nature of the current transaction, Deltic's board remains unclear as to why the NSTA has not yet been able to come to a conclusion in relation to this matter.

The board of Deltic considers the ongoing uncertainty and significant length of time that this regulatory process is taking creates material market uncertainty in relation to a shareholder approved transaction, and more generally an unnecessarily difficult environment in which to invest, operate and transact. Deltic has again requested, despite being refused a number of times during this process, a face-to-face meeting with the NSTA to better understand the situation and to enable Deltic to provide full information to its shareholders on a simple business transaction which protects value, the assets and the team members.

A further announcement will be made in due course.

Capitalised terms used in this announcement (the "**Announcement**") shall, unless otherwise defined, have the same

meanings as set out in the Scheme Document published on 25 July 2025. All references to times in this Announcement are to London, United Kingdom times unless stated otherwise.

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### **Overseas jurisdictions**

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Unless otherwise determined by Viaro Bidco or required by the Takeover Code, and permitted by applicable law and regulation, the Acquisition will not be made available, directly or indirectly, in, into or from a Restricted Jurisdiction. Accordingly, copies of this Announcement and all documents relating to the Acquisition are not being, and must not be, directly or indirectly, mailed or otherwise forwarded, distributed or sent in, into or from a Restricted Jurisdiction, and persons receiving this Announcement and all documents relating to the Acquisition (including custodians, nominees and trustees) must not mail or otherwise distribute or send them in, into or from such Restricted Jurisdiction. If the Acquisition is implemented by way of Takeover Offer (unless otherwise permitted by applicable law or regulation), the Takeover Offer may not be made, directly or indirectly, in or into, or by use of mails or any other means or instrumentality (including, without limitation, facsimile, e-mail or other electronic transmission, telex or telephone) of interstate or foreign commerce of, or any facility of a national, state or other securities exchange of any Restricted Jurisdiction and the Takeover Offer will not be capable of acceptance by any such use, means, instrumentality or facilities or from within any Restricted Jurisdiction.

This Announcement has been prepared in connection with proposals in relation to a scheme of arrangement pursuant to and for the purpose of complying with English law and the Takeover Code and information disclosed may not be the same as that which would have been disclosed if this Announcement had been prepared in accordance with the laws of jurisdictions outside the United Kingdom. Nothing in this Announcement should be relied on for any other purpose.

The Acquisition shall be subject to the applicable requirements of the Takeover Code, the Panel, the London Stock Exchange, the FCA and the AIM Rules.

### **Additional information for U.S. investors**

The Acquisition relates to the shares of an English company and is being made by means of a scheme of arrangement provided for under English company law. A transaction effected by means of a scheme of arrangement is not subject to the tender offer or proxy solicitation rules under the US Exchange Act. Accordingly, the Acquisition is subject to the disclosure requirements and practices applicable in the United Kingdom to schemes of arrangement which differ from the disclosure requirements of the US tender offer and proxy solicitation rules.

If, in the future, Viaro Bidco exercises its right to implement the Acquisition by way of a Takeover Offer, which is to be made into the US, such Takeover Offer will be made in compliance with the applicable US laws and regulations, including Section 14(e) and Regulation 14E under the US Exchange Act. Such a Takeover Offer would be made in the US by Viaro Bidco and no one else.

In accordance with normal United Kingdom practice and pursuant to Rule 14e-5(b) of the U.S. Exchange Act, Viaro Bidco, its affiliates, their advisers and the nominees or brokers (acting as agents) may make certain purchases of, or arrangements to purchase, shares in Deltic outside the Acquisition, such as in open market purchases or privately negotiated purchases, during the period in which the Acquisition remains open for acceptance. If such purchases or arrangements to purchase were to be made, they would comply with applicable law, including UK laws and the US Exchange Act. Any information about such purchases or arrangements to purchase shall be disclosed as required under UK laws and will be available to all investors (including US investors) via the Regulatory Information Service and shall be available on the London Stock Exchange website at [www.londonstockexchange.com](http://www.londonstockexchange.com). To the extent that such information is required to be publicly disclosed in the UK in accordance with applicable regulatory requirements, this information will, as applicable, also be publicly disclosed in the United States.

It may be difficult for US holders of Deltic Shares to enforce their rights and any claim arising out of the US federal securities laws in connection with the Acquisition, since Viaro Bidco and Deltic are located in non-US jurisdictions, and some or all of their officers and directors may be residents of non-US jurisdictions. US holders of Deltic Shares may not be able to sue a non-US company or its officers or directors in a non-US court for violations of the 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 judgement.

Neither the Acquisition nor this Announcement have been approved or disapproved by the US Securities and Exchange Commission, any state securities commission in the United States or any other US regulatory authority, nor have such authorities approved or disapproved or passed judgement upon the fairness or the merits of the Acquisition, or determined if the information contained in this Announcement is adequate, accurate or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offence in the United States.

The receipt of cash pursuant to the Acquisition by a US holder as consideration for the transfer of its Deltic Shares pursuant to the Acquisition will likely be a taxable transaction for US federal income tax purposes and under applicable US state and local, as well as foreign and other, tax laws. Each US holder of Deltic Shares is urged to

consult their independent legal, tax and financial advisers regarding the tax consequences of the Acquisition applicable to them, including under applicable US state and local, as well as overseas and other, tax laws.

### **Forward-looking statements**

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