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**6 November 2023**

**POSSIBLE OFFER FOR DX GROUP PLC (“DX”)**

**Further letters of intent given by Gatemore Capital Management LLP and Lloyd Dunn**

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On 1 November 2023, H.I.G. European Capital Partners LLP, acting in its capacity as advisor or subadvisor to H.I.G. Capital LLC, and on behalf of the funds advised or managed by it or its affiliates (“**H.I.G.**”), announced in accordance with Rule 2.10(a) of the Code, that it had received letters of intent (the “**Previous Letters of Intent**”) in support of its possible offer for DX, announced on 11 September 2023 (the “**Possible Offer**”), from Gatemore Capital Management LLP (“**Gatemore**”) and Lloyd Dunn. The Previous Letters of Intent replaced the Original Letters of Intent (the “**Original Letters of Intent**”) received on 12 September 2023.

The Previous Letters of Intent would have expired today and H.I.G. has now received further letters of intent from Gatemore and Lloyd Dunn in support of the Possible Offer which replace the Previous Letters of Intent (the “**New Letters of Intent**”).

The New Letter of Intent given by Gatemore relates to 101,503,538 ordinary shares of 1 pence each in the capital of DX (“**DX Shares**”) and 13,250,000 contracts for difference referenced to such DX Shares (“**CFDs**”), with Gatemore having discretionary fund management control over such DX Shares and CFDs, and with such DX Shares representing approximately 16.8 per cent. of the issued share capital of DX and such CFDs representing approximately 2.2 per cent. of the issued share capital of DX as at 31 October 2023 (being the date prior to the date of this announcement).

The New Letter of Intent given by Lloyd Dunn relates to 76,361,454 DX Shares, representing approximately 12.6 per cent. of the issued share capital of DX as at 31 October 2023 (being the date prior to the date of this announcement).

Therefore:

- the total number of DX Shares which are subject to letters of intent received by H.I.G from holders of DX shares is 177,864,992 DX Shares, representing approximately 29.4 per cent of the issued share capital of DX as at 31 October 2023 (being the date prior to the date of this announcement); and
- the total number of DX Shares and CFDs which are subject to letters of intent received by H.I.G from holders of DX shares and CFDs is 191,114,992 DX Shares and CFDs, representing approximately 31.6 per cent. of the issued share capital of DX as at 31 October 2023 (being the date prior to the date of this announcement).

The New Letters of Intent state that it is the intention of both Gatemore and Lloyd Dunn to provide hard irrevocable undertakings in support of any cash offer of at least 48.5 pence (inclusive of the 1 pence final dividend announced by DX on 3 October 2023) per DX Share made by H.I.G, subject to a unanimous unqualified recommendation of the DX board on or before 21 November 2023.

The Possible Offer is subject to the satisfactory completion of confirmatory due diligence and the unanimous and unconditional recommendation of the Possible Offer by the Board of DX to DX’s shareholders. Each of these pre-conditions is waivable by H.I.G.

There can be no certainty that an offer will ultimately be made even if the pre-conditions are satisfied or waived. A further statement will be made as and when appropriate.

Rule 2.6(a) of the Code requires H.I.G., by no later than 5.00 p.m. on 21 November 2023, to either announce a firm intention to make an offer for DX in accordance with Rule 2.7 of the Code or announce that it does not intend to make an offer, in which case the announcement will be treated as a statement to which Rule 2.8 of the Code applies. This deadline will only be extended with the consent of the Takeover Panel, in accordance with Rule 2.6(c) of the Code.

In accordance with Rule 2.5(a) of the Code, H.I.G. reserves the right to make an offer for DX at a lower value or on less favourable terms than the Possible Offer: (i) with the agreement or recommendation of the Board of DX; (ii) if a third party announces a firm intention to make an offer for DX which, at that date, is of a value less than the value of the Possible Offer; or (iii) following the announcement by DX of a Rule 9 waiver transaction pursuant to Appendix 1 of the Code.

If DX declares, makes or pays any dividend or distribution or other return of value or payment to its shareholders, H.I.G. reserves the right to make an equivalent reduction to the Possible Offer.

In connection with the possibility of H.I.G. making a cash offer for DX (if it were so inclined), H.I.G. reserves the right to vary the form and / or mix of the consideration it would offer.

Subject to certain restrictions relating to persons in Restricted Jurisdictions, copies of the New Letters of Intent will be made available at <https://delta-offer.com/>

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An Opening Position Disclosure must contain details of the person's interests and short positions in, and rights to subscribe for, any relevant securities of each of (i) the offeree company and (ii) any securities exchange offeror(s). An Opening Position Disclosure by a person to whom Rule 8.3(a) of the Code applies must be made by no later than 3.30 p.m. (London time) on the 10th business day (as defined in the Code) following the commencement of the offer period and, if appropriate, by no later than 3.30 p.m. (London time) on the 10th business day (as defined in the Code) following the announcement in which any securities exchange offeror is first identified. Relevant persons who deal in the relevant securities of the offeree company or of a securities exchange offeror prior to the deadline for making an Opening Position Disclosure must instead make a Dealing Disclosure.

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Opening Position Disclosures must also be made by the offeree company and by any offeror and Dealing Disclosures must also be made by the offeree company, by any offeror and by any persons acting in concert with any of them (see Rules 8.1, 8.2 and 8.4 of the Code).

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](http://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.

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## **Rounding**

Certain figures included in this announcement have been subjected to rounding adjustments.