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**For immediate release**

**15 March 2024**

**RECOMMENDED CASH ACQUISITION**

of

Network International Holdings Plc ("**Network**")

by

BCP VI Neptune Bidco Holdings Limited ("**Bidco**")

an entity indirectly owned by Brookfield Business Partners together with private equity funds managed and/or advised by affiliates of Brookfield Asset Management Ltd

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

**Update on Bidco's financing arrangements**

On 9 June 2023, the boards of directors of Network and Bidco announced that they had agreed the terms and conditions of a recommended cash acquisition of Network by Bidco, a newly-incorporated company indirectly owned by Brookfield Business Partners together with private equity funds managed and/or advised by affiliates of Brookfield Asset Management Ltd ("**Brookfield**"), pursuant to which Bidco will acquire the entire issued, and to be issued, ordinary share capital of Network not already directly or indirectly owned by it (the "**Acquisition**"). It is intended that the Acquisition will be effected by means of a scheme of arrangement under Part 26 of the Companies Act 2006 (the "**Scheme**"). As announced by Network on 4 August 2023, the Scheme and its implementation were approved by the requisite majority of Scheme Shareholders and Network Shareholders (as applicable) on 4 August 2023 at the Court Meeting and General Meeting (respectively).

On 15 March 2024, the boards of directors of Network and Bidco announced that they had agreed, with the consent of the Panel and subject to the approval of the Court, to extend the Long Stop Date for the Scheme to become unconditional and effective from 9 April 2024 to 9 October 2024 (the "**Extension**").

**Extension of Financing Arrangements**

On 29 December 2023, the board of directors of Bidco announced that Neptune Project Holding 3 Limited (among others) had entered into, amongst other documents: (i) a conventional facilities agreement with, among others, Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank PJSC as agent and security agent (the "**Conventional Facilities Agreement**"); (ii) a master murabaha agreement with, among others, Dubai Islamic Bank PJSC as investment agent (together with the Conventional Facilities Agreement, the "**Facilities Agreements**"); and (iii) a common terms agreement in respect of the Facilities Agreements with, among others, Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank PJSC as global agent, and the original lenders or affiliates/related funds thereof (the "**Common Terms Agreement**").

In connection with the Extension, the board of directors of Bidco announces that Neptune Project Holding 3 Limited (among others) has entered into an amendment letter in respect of the Common Terms Agreement and the Facilities Agreements to, amongst other things, extend the availability period of the facilities thereunder. Morgan Stanley in its capacity as financial adviser to Bidco remains satisfied that sufficient resources are available to Bidco to satisfy in full the cash consideration payable to Network Shareholders under the terms of the Acquisition.

This document is now available on Bidco's and Network's websites at [www.neptune-offer.com](http://www.neptune-offer.com) and <https://investors.NetworkInternational.ae/investors/> respectively.

Terms defined in the Scheme Document published on 12 July 2023 shall have the same meanings when used in this announcement.

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