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# 10 January 2022

Coca-Cola İçecek Anonim Şirketi (the "Offeror") has today launched an offer to holders of its outstanding notes detailed below (the "Notes") to tender such Notes for purchase by the Offeror for cash in an aggregate principal amount of up to US\$250,000,000 (or such lesser or greater amount as the Offeror may determine in its sole and absolute discretion) (the "Maximum Acceptance Amount"), on the terms and subject to the conditions described in the Tender Offer Memorandum dated 10 January 2022 (the "Tender Offer Memorandum"), including satisfaction or waiver of the New Financing Condition (as defined below) and the "Offer and Distribution Restrictions" below (such invitation, the "Offer").

Copies of the Tender Offer Memorandum are (subject to distribution restrictions) available from the Tender Agent as set out below. Noteholders are advised to read carefully the Tender Offer Memorandum for full details of, and information on the procedures for participating in, the Offer. Capitalised terms used in this announcement but not defined have the meanings given to them in the Tender Offer Memorandum.

The Early Tender Deadline is 5:00 p.m. (New York City time) on 24 January 2022, unless such time and date is extended by the Offeror (the "Early Tender Deadline").

The Offer will finally expire at 11:59 p.m. (New York City time) on 7 February 2022 (the "Expiration Deadline") unless extended, re-opened, withdrawn or terminated at the sole discretion of the Offeror. However, in order to be eligible to receive the Early Tender Offer Consideration, which includes the Early Tender Premium, Noteholders must validly tender, and not validly withdraw, their Notes at or before the Early Tender Deadline. Noteholders who validly tender their Notes after the Early Tender Deadline but prior to the Expiration Deadline, or as extended by the Offeror (the "Late Tender Period") will not be eligible to receive the Early Tender Offer Consideration and will only receive the Tender Offer Consideration.

Description of Notes	CUSIP/ Restricted Global Certificate ISIN / Unrestricted Global Certificate ISIN	Principal Amount Outstanding	Tender Offer Consideration	Early Tender Premium	Early Tender Offer Consideration	Maximum Acceptance Amount
US\$500,000,000 4.215 per cent. Notes due 2024	191229AB9/ US191229AB90/ XS1577950402	US\$500,000,000	US\$994.25 per US1,000	US\$30.00 per US1,000	US\$1,024.25 per US1,000	US\$250,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of the Notes (or such greater or lesser amount as the Offeror may determine in its sole and absolute discretion)

# Rationale for the Offer

The purpose of the Offer is to proactively manage the Offeror's upcoming debt redemptions and to extend its debt maturity profile.

# **Details of the Offer**

# Maximum Acceptance Amount

The Offeror proposes to accept valid tenders of Notes for purchase pursuant to the Offer in an aggregate principal amount of up to the Maximum Acceptance Amount.

The Offeror reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion and for any reason, including, but not limited to, the size of the issue of the New Notes (as defined below), to increase or decrease the Maximum Acceptance Amount and/or to accept Notes validly tendered and not validly withdrawn such that the total aggregate principal amount of Notes validly tendered and accepted for purchase by the Offeror is less or more than the Maximum Acceptance Amount (or not to accept any Notes for purchase pursuant to the Offer). If the Offeror increases or decreases the Maximum Acceptance Amount, it will promptly announce such increase or decrease. If the Maximum Acceptance Amount is increased or decreased and there are fewer than ten business days from and including the date of such announcement to the scheduled Expiration Deadline, the Offeror may extend the Offer (subject to applicable law), so that at least ten business days remain until the Expiration Deadline without extending the Early Tender Deadline or the deadline for exercise of Noteholders' withdrawal rights.

# Tender Consideration

On the Early Settlement Date, Noteholders that validly tender their Notes (and do not validly withdraw such Notes) at or before the Early Tender Deadline (provided such tender is received by the Tender Agent at or prior to the Early Tender Deadline), if the Offeror accepts the tender of such Notes, will receive (subject to possible *pro-rata* scaling and the conditions described herein) a cash consideration equal to US\$1,024.25 per US\$1,000 principal amount of the Notes, which includes the Early Tender Premium (the "Early Tender Offer Consideration").

Provided that the total aggregate principal amount of Notes validly tendered and accepted for purchase by the Offeror as of the Early Tender Deadline is lower than the Maximum Acceptance Amount, on the Final Settlement Date, Noteholders that validly tender their Notes after the Early Tender Deadline but at or before the Expiration Deadline (provided such tender is received by the Tender Agent at or prior to the Expiration Deadline), if the Offeror accepts the tender of such Notes, will receive (subject to possible pro-rata scaling and the conditions described herein) a cash consideration equal to US\$994.25 per US\$1,000 principal amount of the Notes (the "Tender Offer Consideration").

If the Offer is not fully subscribed as of the Early Tender Deadline, subject to the Maximum Acceptance Amount, Notes validly tendered and not validly withdrawn on or prior to the Early Tender Deadline will be accepted for purchase in priority to other Notes tendered following the Early Tender Deadline.

# Accrued Interest Payment

In respect of any Notes accepted by the Offeror for purchase pursuant to the Offer, the Offeror will also pay an amount equal to any accrued and unpaid interest on the relevant Notes from, and including, the interest payment date for the Notes immediately preceding the relevant Settlement Date to, but excluding, the relevant Settlement Date. Unless the Offeror defaults in making such payment, any Note accepted for purchase pursuant to the Offer will cease to accrue interest after the relevant Settlement Date. Any Note not tendered or accepted for purchase pursuant to the Offer will continue to accrue interest in accordance with the Conditions of the Notes.

Following completion of the Offer, Notes purchased by the Offeror pursuant to the Offer will be cancelled and will not be re-issued or re-sold. Notes which have not been validly tendered and accepted for purchase pursuant to the Offer will remain outstanding after the Final Settlement Date.

# **New Financing Condition**

The Offeror has today announced its intention to issue new US\$-denominated fixed rate notes (the "New Notes"), subject to market conditions. The purchase of any Notes by the Offeror pursuant to the Offer is subject to, without limitation, the successful completion (in the sole determination of the Offeror) of the issue of the New Notes (the "New Financing Condition").

Any investment decision to purchase any New Notes should be made solely on the basis of the information contained in the final prospectus to be dated on or around 17 January 2022 prepared in connection with offering, issue and listing of the New Notes (the "**Prospectus**") and no reliance should be placed on any representations other than those contained in the Prospectus. Subject to compliance with all applicable securities laws and regulations, the Prospectus is available from the Dealer Managers (in their capacities as joint bookrunners of the issue of the New Notes) on request.

Nothing in the Tender Offer Memorandum constitutes an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy the New Notes in the United States or any other jurisdiction. Securities may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration under, or an exemption from the registration requirements of the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). The New Notes have not been, and will not be, registered under the Securities Act or the securities laws of any state or other jurisdiction of the United States and may not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. Persons (as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act ("Regulation S")), except in transactions exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

Compliance information for the New Notes:

*UK MiFIR professionals/ECPs only – eligible counterparties and professional clients only (all distribution channels).* 

No action has been or will be taken in any jurisdiction in relation to the New Notes to permit a public offering of securities. The offer and sale of the New Notes will be subject to the selling restrictions specified in the Prospectus.

# **Priority in allocation of New Notes**

A Noteholder that has validly tendered, or indicated its firm intention to tender, its Notes for purchase pursuant to the Offer prior to the Early Tender Deadline and wishes to subscribe for New Notes in addition to tendering Notes for purchase pursuant to the Offer may, after having made a separate application for the purchase of such New Notes to a Dealer Manager (in its capacity as a joint bookrunner of the issue of the New Notes), at the sole and absolute discretion of the Offeror, receive priority in the allocation of the New Notes, subject to the issue of the New Notes. When considering allocation of the New Notes, the Offeror intends to give preference to those Noteholders who, prior to such allocation, have tendered, or indicated to the Offeror or any of the Dealer Managers their firm intention to tender, their Notes and subscribe for New Notes. Any allocation of the New Notes may, subject to the sole and absolute discretion of the Offeror, be less than, equal to or greater than the aggregate principal amount of the Notes tendered or firmly indicated to be tendered.

However, the Offeror is not obliged to allocate the New Notes to a Noteholder who has validly tendered or indicated its firm intention to tender its Notes pursuant to the Offer. Any allocation of the New Notes, while being considered by the Offeror as set out above, will be made in accordance with standard new issue procedures.

In the event that a Noteholder validly tenders Notes pursuant to the Offer, such Notes will remain subject to such tender and the conditions of the Offer as set out in this Tender Offer Memorandum irrespective of whether that Noteholder receives all, part or none of any allocation of New Notes for which it has applied.

Noteholders should note that the pricing and allocation of the New Notes may take place prior to the Early Tender Deadline for the Offer and any Noteholder that wishes to subscribe for New Notes in addition to tendering existing Notes for purchase pursuant to the Offer should therefore provide, as soon as practicable, to any Dealer Manager any indications of a firm intention to tender Notes for purchase pursuant to the Offer and the quantum of Notes that it intends to tender in order for this to be taken into account as part of the New Notes allocation process.

# **Source of Funds**

The Offeror expects to finance the purchase of the Notes validly tendered and accepted for payment pursuant to the Offer with the net proceeds of the issuance of the New Notes.

# **Scaling**

The Offeror proposes to accept for purchase Notes up to the Maximum Acceptance Amount. If scaling of tendered Notes is required, on the basis that the Maximum Acceptance Amount would otherwise be exceeded on the Early Settlement Date or the Final Settlement Date, as the case may be (as further described in the Tender Offer Memorandum), on the Early Settlement Date or the Final Settlement Date, as applicable, a Scaling Factor will be applied. In such circumstances the Offeror will determine the Scaling Factor as soon as practicable after the Early Tender Deadline or the Expiration Deadline, as applicable, and will announce the Scaling Factor by a press release.

If the Maximum Acceptance Amount is exceeded on the Early Settlement Date, the Offeror will not accept for purchase any Notes tendered after the Early Tender Deadline.

# Indicative Timetable for the Offer

This is an indicative timetable showing one possible outcome for the timing of the Offer based on the dates in the Tender Offer Memorandum. This timetable is subject to change and dates and times are subject to the right of the Offeror to extend, re-open, amend and/or terminate the Offer subject to, and in accordance with, the terms of the Offer as described in the Tender Offer Memorandum. Accordingly, the actual timetable may differ significantly from the timetable below.

Date	Action			
10 January 2022	Commencement of the Offer			
	Offer announced. Tender Offer Memorandum available from the Tender Agent. Beginning of Offer period.			
24 January 2022	Early Tender Deadline			
5:00 p.m. (New York City time)	Deadline for receipt by the Tender Agent of all Tender Instructions in order for Noteholders to be able to participate in the Offer and to be eligible to receive the Early Tender Offer Consideration and the Accrued Interest Payment on the Early Settlement Date. Tender Instructions may not be revoked after the Early Tender Deadline.			
25 January 2022	Announcement of Early Results			
As soon as reasonably practicable after the Early Tender Deadline	The Offeror will announce (i) whether the New Financing Condition has been satisfied; (ii) the aggregate principal amount of Notes tendered at or before the Early Tender Deadline; (iii) its decision whether to accept valid tenders of Notes for purchase pursuant to the Offer on the Early Settlement Deadline and, if so, the aggregate principal amount of such Notes and (iv) the Scaling Factor or the Remaining Acceptance Amount (as applicable), in accordance with the methods set out in the Tender Offer Memorandum under "Terms and Conditions of the Offer – Announcements".			
26 January 2022	Early Settlement Date			
	Expected settlement date for Notes validly tendered at or before the Early Tender Deadline and accepted for purchase pursuant to the Offer. Payment of Early Tender Offer Consideration and the Accrued Interest Payment in respect of all such Notes.			
7 February 2022	Expiration Deadline			
11:59 p.m. (New York City time)	Deadline for receipt by the Tender Agent of all Tender Instructions in order for Noteholders to be able to participate in the Offer and to be eligible to receive the Tender Offer Consideration and the Accrued Interest Payment on the Final Settlement Date.			
8 February 2022	Announcement of Final Results			
As soon as reasonably practicable after the Expiration Deadline	Provided the total aggregate principal amount of Notes validly tendered and accepted for purchase by the Offeror as of the Early Tender Deadline is lower than the Maximum Acceptance Amount, the Offeror will announce (i) its decision whether to accept valid tenders of Notes for purchase pursuant to the Offer on the Final Settlement Deadline and, if so, the aggregate principal amount of such Notes, (ii) the Scaling Factor (if applicable), and			

(iii) the aggregate principal amount of Notes that will remain outstanding following completion of the Offer in accordance with the methods set out in the Tender Offer Memorandum under "Terms and Conditions of the Offer – Announcements".

9 February 2022

# Final Settlement Date

Expected settlement date for Notes validly tendered after the Early Tender Deadline (but at or before the Expiration Deadline) and accepted for purchase pursuant to the Offer. Payment of Tender Offer Consideration and the Accrued Interest Payment in respect of all such Notes.

Unless stated otherwise or as required by applicable law, announcements in connection with the Offer will be made by the delivery of notices to the Clearing Systems for communication to Direct Participants. Announcements may also be made by the issue of a press release to one or more Notifying News Service(s) and by publication on the website of the Irish Stock Exchange plc trading as Euronext Dublin. Copies of all announcements, notices and press releases can also be obtained from the Tender Agent. Significant delays may be experienced where notices are delivered to the Clearing Systems and Noteholders are urged to contact the Tender Agent for the relevant announcements during the course of the Offer. In addition, Noteholders may contact the Dealer Managers for information using the contact details in this announcement.

#### **Tender Instructions**

An offer of Notes for purchase may only be made by the submission of a valid Tender Instruction. Subject to applicable law, the Offeror is not under any obligation to accept for purchase any Notes tendered pursuant to the Offer, even if the New Financing Condition and the other conditions described in the Tender Offer Memorandum are satisfied or waived. Subject to applicable law, the acceptance for purchase by the Offeror of Notes tendered pursuant to the Offer is at the sole discretion of the Offeror and tenders may be rejected by the Offeror for any reason. The Offeror reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, not to accept any Tender Instructions, not to purchase Notes or to extend, re-open, withdraw or terminate the Offer and to amend or waive any of the terms and conditions of the Offer in any manner, subject to applicable laws and regulations. Details of any such extension, re-opening, withdrawal, termination, amendment or waiver will be notified to the Noteholders as soon as possible after such decision is made.

To tender Notes in an Offer, a holder of Notes should deliver, or arrange to have delivered on its behalf, via the relevant Clearing System and in accordance with the requirements of such Clearing System, a valid Tender Instruction that is received by the Tender Agent by the Expiration Deadline (or, in order for the relevant Noteholder to be eligible for the Early Tender Offer Consideration, the Early Tender Deadline).

Tender Instructions must be submitted in respect of a principal amount of Notes of no less than the Minimum Denomination and in integral multiples of US\$1,000 in excess thereof.

Noteholders are advised to check with any bank, securities broker or other intermediary through which they hold Notes when such intermediary would require to receive instructions from a Noteholder in order for that Noteholder to be able to participate in, or (at or prior to the Early Tender Deadline) revoke their instruction to participate in, the Offer before the deadlines specified above. The deadlines set by any such intermediary and each Clearing System for the submission of Tender Instructions will be earlier than the relevant deadlines specified above.

Noteholders are advised to read carefully the Tender Offer Memorandum for full details of and information on the procedures for participating in the Offer.

A copy of the Tender Offer Memorandum is available (subject to distribution restrictions) to persons upon request from the Tender Agent and at https://deals.lucid-is.com/cci.

HSBC Bank plc, J.P. Morgan Securities plc, Merrill Lynch International and MUFG Securities EMEA plc are acting as Dealer Managers for the Offer and Lucid Issuer Services Limited is acting as Tender Agent.

Questions and requests for assistance in connection with the Offer may be directed to the Dealer Managers.

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Questions and requests for assistance in connection with the delivery of Tender Instructions may be directed to the Tender Agent.

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This announcement is released by Coca-Cola İçecek Anonim Şirketi and contains information that qualified as inside information for the purposes of Article 7 of the Market Abuse Regulation (EU) 596/2014 ("MAR"), encompassing information relating to the Offer described above. For the purposes of MAR and Article 2 of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1055, this announcement is made by Çiçek Uşaklıgil Özgüneş and Andriy Avramenko on behalf of Coca-Cola İçecek Anonim Şirketi.

DISCLAIMER This announcement must be read in conjunction with the Tender Offer Memorandum. This announcement and the Tender Offer Memorandum contain important information which should be read carefully before any decision is made with respect to the Offer. If you are in any doubt as to the contents of this announcement or the Tender Offer Memorandum or the action you should take, you are recommended to seek your own financial, tax and legal advice, including as to any tax consequences, immediately from your broker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant or other independent financial or legal adviser. Any individual or company whose Notes are held on its behalf by a broker, dealer, bank, custodian, trust company or other nominee or intermediary must contact such entity if it wishes to participate in the Offer. None of the Offeror, the Dealer Managers or the Tender Agent is providing Noteholders with any legal, business, tax or other advice in this announcement or the Tender Offer Memorandum. Noteholders should consult

with their own advisers as needed to assist them in making an investment decision and to advise them whether they are legally permitted to participate in the Offer.

None of the Dealer Managers, the Offeror or the Tender Agent (or any of their respective directors, officers, employees, agents or affiliates) makes any recommendation whatsoever or regarding this announcement, the Tender Offer Memorandum or the Offer or whether any Noteholder should submit a Tender Instruction or refrain from doing so, and no one has been authorised by any of them to make any such recommendation. None of the Dealer Managers or the Tender Agent (or any of their respective directors, officers, employees, agents or affiliates) makes any representation or assumes any responsibility for: (a) the accuracy or completeness of the information concerning the Offer or the Offeror contained in this announcement or in the Tender Offer Memorandum or for any failure by the Offeror to disclose events that may have occurred and may affect the significance or accuracy of the information in this announcement or the Tender Offer Memorandum; or (b) any acts or omissions of the Offeror or any other person in connection with this announcement, the Tender Offer Memorandum, the Offer, the Notes or the New Notes. None of the Dealer Managers, the Offeror or the Tender Agent (or any of their respective directors, officers, employees, agents or affiliates) has expressed any opinion as to whether the terms of the Offer are fair.

# OFFER AND DISTRIBUTION RESTRICTIONS

Neither this announcement nor the Tender Offer Memorandum constitutes an invitation to participate in the Offer in any jurisdiction in which, or to any person to or from whom, it is unlawful to make such invitation or for there to be such participation under applicable securities laws. The distribution of this announcement and the Tender Offer Memorandum in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. Persons into whose possession this announcement or the Tender Offer Memorandum comes are required by each of the Offeror, the Dealer Managers and the Tender Agent to inform themselves about and to observe any such restrictions.

# **United Kingdom**

The communication of this announcement, the Tender Offer Memorandum and any other documents or materials relating to the Offer is not being made, and such documents and/or materials have not been approved, by an authorised person for the purposes of section 21 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended. Accordingly, such documents and/or materials are not being distributed to, and must not be passed on to, the general public in the United Kingdom. The communication of such documents and/or materials as a financial promotion is only being made to those persons in the United Kingdom falling within the definition of investment professionals (as defined in Article 19(5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005, as amended (the "Financial Promotion Order")) or persons who are within Article 43(2) of the Financial Promotion Order or any other persons to whom it may otherwise lawfully be made under the Financial Promotion Order (such persons together being the "Relevant Persons"). The Offer is only available to Relevant Persons and the transactions contemplated in this announcement and the Tender Offer Memorandum will be available only to and engaged in only with, Relevant Persons, and this announcement, the Tender Offer Memorandum and any other documents and/or materials produced in connection with the Offer must not be relied or acted upon by persons other than Relevant Persons.

# Turkey

The Offer is not being made, directly or indirectly, in the Republic of Turkey. The offering of the Notes on their original issue date was authorised by the Capital Markets Board of Turkey ("CMB") only for the purpose of the issuance and sale of the Notes outside Turkey in accordance with Article 15(b) of Decree 32 on the Protection of the Value of the Turkish Currency (as amended from time to time) ("Decree 32") and the Communiqué No. VII-128.8 on the Debt Instruments. The CMB authorised the original offering of the Notes on the basis that, following the primary sale of the Notes, no transaction that may be deemed as a sale of the Notes (or any beneficial interests therein) in Turkey by way of private placement or public offering may be engaged in. Pursuant to Article 15(d)(ii) of Decree 32, there is no restriction on the purchase or sale of the Notes (or beneficial interests therein) in offshore transactions by existing Noteholders resident in the Republic of Turkey, provided that such sale or purchase is made through licensed banks authorised by the Banking Regulatory and Supervisory Agency ("BRSA") and/or licensed brokerage institutions authorised pursuant to CMB regulations and the Early Tender Offer Consideration or the Tender Offer Consideration, as applicable, is transferred through such licensed banks.

Accordingly, existing Noteholders resident in the Republic of Turkey may participate in the Offer provided that the sale of the Notes is made through licensed banks authorised by the BRSA and/or licensed brokerage institutions authorised

pursuant to CMB regulations and the Early Tender Offer Consideration or the Tender Offer Consideration, as applicable, is transferred through such licensed banks. Neither this announcement nor the Tender Offer Memorandum is an advertisement and they do not constitute or form part of and should not be construed as, an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy the Notes in the Offer within the Republic of Turkey. Neither the Tender Offer Memorandum, nor this announcement nor any other such offering material has been or will be submitted for clearance or approval to the Borsa Istanbul A.Ş. or the CMB or any other regulatory authority in the Republic of Turkey.

#### France

The Offer is not being made, directly or indirectly, in the Republic of France (other than to Qualified Investors (as defined below)). This announcement, the Tender Offer Memorandum and any other documents or offering material relating to the Offer may not be distributed or caused to be distributed to the public in the Republic of France (other than to Qualified Investors (as defined below)). Only qualified investors (*investisseurs qualifiés*) as defined in, and in accordance with Article 2(e) of Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 ("Qualified Investors"), are eligible to participate in the Offer. Neither this announcement, the Tender Offer Memorandum nor any other documents or materials relating to the Offer have been or will be submitted for clearance to the *Autorité des marchés financiers*.

# Italy

None of the Offer, this announcement, the Tender Offer Memorandum or any other documents or materials relating to the Offer have been or will be submitted to the clearance procedure of the *Commissione Nazionale per le Società e la Borsa* ("CONSOB") pursuant to Italian laws and regulations.

The Offer is being carried out in the Republic of Italy as exempted offers pursuant to article 101-bis, paragraph 3-bis of the Legislative Decree No. 58 of 24 February 1998, as amended (the "Financial Services Act") and article 35-bis, paragraph 4 of CONSOB Regulation No. 11971 of 14 May 1999, as amended.

Noteholders, or beneficial owners of the Notes, can tender some or all of their Notes pursuant to the Offer through authorised persons (such as investment firms, banks or financial intermediaries permitted to conduct such activities in Italy in accordance with the Financial Services Act, CONSOB Regulation No. 20307 of 15 February 2018, as amended from time to time, and Legislative Decree No. 385 of September 1, 1993, as amended) and in compliance with applicable laws and regulations or with requirements imposed by CONSOB or any other Italian authority.

Each intermediary must comply with the applicable laws and regulations concerning information duties vis- $\dot{a}$ -vis its clients in connection with the Notes or the Offer.

# General

Neither this announcement, the Tender Offer Memorandum nor the electronic transmission thereof constitutes an offer to buy or the solicitation of an offer to sell Notes (and tenders of Notes for purchase pursuant to the Offer will not be accepted from Noteholders) in any circumstances in which such offer or solicitation is unlawful. In those jurisdictions where the securities, blue sky or other laws require the Offer to be made by a licensed broker or dealer and either Dealer Manager or any of their respective affiliates is such a licensed broker or dealer in any such jurisdiction, the Offer shall be deemed to be made by such Dealer Manager or such affiliate, as the case may be, on behalf of the Offeror in such jurisdiction.

Each Noteholder participating in the Offer will be deemed to give certain representations in respect of the jurisdictions referred to above and generally as set out in the Tender Offer Memorandum under the heading "Procedures for Participating in the Offer". Any tender of Notes for purchase pursuant to the Offer from a Noteholder that is unable to make these representations will not be accepted.

Each of the Offeror, the Dealer Managers and the Tender Agent reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to investigate, in relation to any tender of Notes for purchase pursuant to the Offer, whether any such representation given by a Noteholder is correct and, if such investigation is undertaken and as a result the Offeror determines (for any reason) that such representation is not correct, such tender or submission may not be accepted.

Nothing in this announcement or the Tender Offer Memorandum or the electronic transmission hereof or thereof constitutes an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy the New Notes in the United States or any other jurisdiction.