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MARKET ANNOUNCEMENT

CHANGE IN OFFICE OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR

At the last AGM held on 27 September 2024, the shareholders resolved to appoint PricewaterhouseCoopers [PwC], as the external auditor of the Company for the financial year ending 31st March 2025.

On 6th November 2024, PwC gave notice that they were changing their network from PwC to Grant Thornton effective from 7th December 2024 [this was also widely publicised in the media]. Despite the change in the network, the partners, personnel and resources remain intact, providing some assurance of the consistency and quality of audit services.

However, with the change in the network, a vacancy would have arisen in the office of auditor on 7th December 2024. Hence as required under the Companies Act 2015 and considering the short period left until the current financial year end, on 18th November 2024 the Director's passed a resolution to appoint Grant Thornton as the auditor of the Company for the current financial year ending 31st March 2025.

As per the regulatory requirements, the Director's intend to review the situation and make suitable recommendations with regards to the office of the auditor for consideration by the shareholders at the next AGM to be held in later part of 2025.

DIRECTOR

COMPANY SECRETARY

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