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**RECOMMENDED FINAL* CASH ACQUISITION
of
National World plc ("National World")
by
Neo Media Publishing Limited ("Bidco")
a newly incorporated company wholly-owned by
Media Concierge (Holdings) Limited ("Media Concierge")
to be implemented by means of a scheme of arrangement (the "Scheme")
under Part 26 of the Companies Act 2006**

Update on satisfaction of Conditions and timetable

Further to the announcement made by National World on 25 February 2025, National World and Media Concierge confirm that on 31 March 2025, Bidco received confirmation from the Republic of Ireland Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (the "**CCPC**") of the CCPC's approval of the Acquisition ("**Phase 1 Clearance**").

Subsequently, Bidco submitted a notification to the Minister for Media in the Republic of Ireland (the "**MoM**"), and is currently awaiting MoM approval of the Acquisition.

A further statement will be made once the MoM decision regarding the Acquisition has been received.

Pending MoM approval of the Acquisition, the Court sanction hearing in respect of the Scheme has been scheduled for 22 May 2025 and it is currently anticipated that the timetable of principal events for the implementation of the Scheme will be as set out below:

Court sanction hearing	22 May 2025
Last day of dealings in, and for the registration of transfers of, and disablement in CREST of, National World Shares	23 May 2025
Scheme Record Time	6.00 p.m. on 23 May 2025
Suspension of dealings in National World Shares	By 7.30 a.m. on 27 May 2025
Effective Date for the Scheme	27 May 2025
Delisting and cancellation of admission to trading of National World Shares	By 8.00 a.m. on 28 May 2025
Latest date for dispatch of cheques and crediting of CREST for cash consideration due under the Scheme	14 days after the Effective Date
Latest date by which the Scheme must be implemented (Long Stop Date)	11.59 p.m. on 18 June 2025

As stated in the 25 February announcement, the Acquisition remains conditional upon the Court sanction hearing occurring on or before 31 May 2025 (the "**Sanction Long Stop**").

National World confirms that this announcement has been made with the consent of Media Concierge.

*Terms used but not otherwise defined in this announcement shall have the meanings given in the circular in relation to the Acquisition published by National World on 20 January 2025 (the "**Scheme Document**"), which is available free of charge on Media Concierge's website at <https://www.mediaconcierge.co.uk/possible-offer-for-national-world/>.*

**The financial terms of the Final* Improved Proposal are final and will not be increased, save that, in accordance with Rule 2.5(a)(ii) of the Code, Media Concierge reserves the right to revise and increase the financial terms of the Final* Improved Proposal where a third party announces a possible offer or firm intention to make an offer for National World on better terms than the Final* Improved Proposal.*

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