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Disclosure under Rule 2.10(c) of the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers (the "Code") in respect of the

RECOMMENDED CASH ACQUISITION

of

DOWNING RENEWABLES & INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST PLC

by

POLAR NIMROD TOPCO LIMITED

(a newly formed vehicle, wholly-owned by Bagnall Energy Limited)

to be implemented by means of a Court-sanctioned scheme of arrangement under Part 26 of the Companies Act

Update on letter of intent given by Hawksmoor Investment Management Limited ("Hawksmoor")

On 20 June 2025, the boards of directors of Downing Renewables & Infrastructure Trust plc ("**DORE**") and Bagnall Energy Limited ("**Bagnall**") announced that they had reached agreement on the terms of a recommended cash acquisition, pursuant to which Polar Nimrod Topco Limited ("**Bidco**"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Bagnall, will acquire the entire issued and to be issued ordinary share capital of DORE that the Bagnall Group does not already own (the "**Acquisition**") to be effected by means of a Court-sanctioned scheme of arrangement under Part 26 of the Companies Act 2006 (the "**Rule 2.7 Announcement**").

Unless otherwise defined in this announcement, capitalised words and phrases used in this announcement shall have the same meanings given to them in the Rule 2.7 Announcement.

As set out in the Rule 2.7 Announcement, Bidco and Bagnall had received certain non-binding letters of intent to, inter alia, vote in favour of the Scheme at the Court Meeting and in favour of the Resolutions to be proposed at the General Meeting.

The non-binding letter of intent given by Hawksmoor related to a total of 6,402,668 DORE Shares, representing approximately 3.76 per cent of DORE's issued ordinary share capital (excluding any shares held in treasury) and approximately 5.06 per cent of Scheme Voting Shares as at the Latest Practicable Date (the "**Hawksmoor Letter of Intent**").

On 1 July 2025, Hawksmoor confirmed that it sold 2,930,000 DORE Shares that were subject to the Hawksmoor Letter of Intent (the "**1 July Sold Shares**") and that it was, therefore, no longer in a position to vote the 1 July Sold Shares in favour of the Scheme at the Court Meeting and in favour of the Resolutions to be proposed at the General Meeting.

On 9 July 2025, Hawksmoor confirmed that it had also sold its remaining 3,472,668 DORE Shares that were subject to the Hawksmoor Letter of Intent (the "**9 July Sold Shares**") and that it was, therefore, no longer in a position to vote the 9 July Sold Shares in favour of the Scheme at the Court Meeting and in favour of the Resolutions to be proposed at the General Meeting.

As a result, following completion of the sale of the 1 July Sold Shares and the 9 July Sold Shares:

- no DORE Shares remain subject to the Hawksmoor Letter of Intent; and
- the total number of DORE Shares which are subject to irrevocable undertakings and letters of intent has reduced to 21,002,702 DORE Shares, representing approximately 12.34 per cent of DORE's issued ordinary share capital (excluding any shares held in treasury) and 16.60 per cent of the Scheme Voting Shares, as at close of business on 9 July 2025, being the last Business Day prior to this announcement.

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The availability of the Acquisition to DORE Shareholders who are not resident in the United Kingdom may be affected by the laws of the jurisdiction in which they are resident. Persons who are not resident in the United Kingdom should inform themselves of, and observe, any applicable requirements.

Further details in relation to DORE Shareholders in overseas jurisdictions will be contained in the Scheme Document.

The Acquisition will be subject to the applicable requirements of the Companies Act, the Court, the Code, the Panel, the FCA, the London Stock Exchange and the Registrar of Companies.

Additional information for US investors

The Acquisition relates to the shares of an English company and is expected to be implemented by means of a scheme of arrangement provided for under the Companies Act. A transaction implemented by means of a scheme of arrangement is not subject to the tender offer rules or the proxy solicitation rules under the US Exchange Act. The Acquisition is subject to the disclosure requirements and practices applicable to a scheme of arrangement involving a target company in England whose shares are traded on the main market of the London Stock Exchange, which differ from the disclosure requirements of the US tender offer and proxy solicitation rules.

The financial information with respect to DORE included in this announcement or that may be included in the Scheme Document (or, if the Acquisition is implemented by way of a Takeover Offer, the Offer Document) has been or will have been prepared in accordance with accounting standards applicable in the UK and may not therefore be comparable to the financial information of US companies or companies whose financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the US. Generally accepted accounting principles in the US differ in certain significant respects from accounting standards applicable in the UK.

If, in the future, Bidco exercises its right to implement the Acquisition by way of a Takeover Offer and determines to extend the Takeover Offer into the US, the Acquisition will be made in compliance with applicable US laws and regulations, including Section 14(e) of the US Exchange Act and Regulation 14E thereunder.

The receipt of cash pursuant to the Acquisition by US DORE Shareholders as consideration for the transfer of DORE Shares pursuant to the Scheme may be a taxable transaction for US federal income tax purposes and under applicable US state and local, as well as foreign and other, tax laws. Each DORE Shareholder (including each US DORE Shareholder) is urged to consult their own independent professional adviser immediately regarding the legal and tax consequences of the Acquisition applicable to them.

Neither the SEC nor any US state securities commission has approved or disapproved or passed judgment upon the fairness or the merits of the Acquisition or determined if this announcement is adequate, accurate or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offence in the US.

Each of DORE and Bidco is incorporated under the laws of England and Wales. In addition, some or all of their respective officers and directors reside outside the US, and some or all of their respective assets are or may be located in jurisdictions outside the US. Therefore, investors may have difficulty effecting service of process within the US upon those persons or recovering against DORE or Bidco or their respective officers or directors on judgments of US courts, including judgments based upon the civil liability provisions of US federal securities laws. Further, it may be difficult to compel a non-US company and its affiliates to subject themselves to a US court's judgment. It may not be possible to sue DORE or Bidco or their respective officers or directors in a non-US court for violations of US securities laws.

In accordance with normal United Kingdom practice and pursuant to Rule 14e-5(b) of the US Exchange Act, to the extent applicable, Bidco or its nominees or brokers (acting as agents) may from time to time make certain purchases of, or arrangements to purchase, DORE Shares outside of the US, other than pursuant to the Acquisition, until the date on which the Acquisition becomes Effective, lapses or is otherwise withdrawn in compliance with applicable law, including the US Exchange Act. These purchases may occur either in the open market at prevailing prices or in private transactions at negotiated prices. Any information about such purchases or arrangements to purchase will be disclosed as required in the United Kingdom, will be reported via a Regulatory Information Service and will be available on the London Stock Exchange website at www.londonstockexchange.com.

Further details in relation to US investors in DORE will be contained in the Scheme Document.

Disclosure requirements of the Code

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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, 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.

Publication on websites

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