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The Company notes the recent media speculation regarding the Company. In accordance with Rule 2.4 of the Code, the Company confirms that, following expressions of interest made to Global Yatırım Holding A.Ş (Global Investments Holding, the Company’s majority shareholder), the Company received an approach regarding a potential cash offer for all of the shares in the Company by SAS Shipping Agencies Services Sarl (“SAS”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of MSC Mediterranean Shipping Company Holdings S.A (“MSC”), and discussions are ongoing. These deliberations are at a preliminary stage and no decisions with respect to an offer have been made. There can be no certainty that an offer might ultimately be made for the Company nor as to the terms on which any offer might be made.

In accordance with Rule 2.6(a) of the Code, SAS is required, by not later than 5.00 p.m. on 13 July 2022, to either announce a firm intention to make an offer in accordance with Rule 2.7 of the Code or announce that they do not intend to make an offer, in which case the announcement will be treated as a statement to

which Rule 2.8 of the Code applies. This deadline can be extended with the consent of the Takeover Panel in accordance with Rule 2.6(c) of the Code.

A further announcement will be made when appropriate.

In accordance with Rule 2.9 of the Code, GPH confirms that, as of the date of this announcement, it has in issue 62,826,963 ordinary shares of one penny (GBP 0.01) each under the International Securities Identification Number GB00BD2ZT390.

The person responsible for arranging for the release of this announcement on behalf of the Company is Martin Brown, Investor Relations Director.

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