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**Recommended cash acquisition of**

**Inmarsat Plc ("Inmarsat")**

**by**

**Connect Bidco Limited ("Bidco")**

**Satisfaction/Waiver of Regulatory Conditions**

On 25 March 2019, the boards of Inmarsat plc ("**Inmarsat**") and Connect Bidco Limited ("**Bidco**") announced that they had reached an agreement on the terms of a recommended cash acquisition of the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Inmarsat (the "**Acquisition**"). The Acquisition is to be effected by means of a scheme of arrangement under Part 26 of the Companies Act 2006 (the "**Scheme**") and is subject to the terms and conditions set out in the scheme document dated 18 April 2019 (the "**Scheme Document**").

On 10 May 2019, Inmarsat announced that the Scheme and the Acquisition had been approved by Inmarsat Shareholders at the Court Meeting and the Inmarsat General Meeting, respectively.

The Acquisition is subject to the Conditions set out in Part 3 of the Scheme Document, including the receipt of certain anti-trust and regulatory approvals. Bidco is pleased to announce that it has today received clearance from the Foreign Investment Review Board in Australia and, accordingly, all Regulatory Conditions have now been satisfied or (where capable of waiver) waived.

**Next steps**

The Scheme remains subject to certain other conditions, including sanction by the Court at the Court Hearing and the delivery of a copy of the Court Order to the Registrar of Companies.

Capitalised terms used but not defined in this announcement shall have the meaning given to them in the Scheme Document.

**Website Publication**

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