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**26 November 2019** 

# PROPOSED ALL SHARE ACQUISITION OF REFINITIV BY LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE GROUP PLC ("LSEG PLC") APPROVED BY LSEG SHAREHOLDERS

# **Results of LSEG General Meeting**

At the LSEG General Meeting held earlier today for LSEG Shareholders to consider the recommendation of the Board of LSEG plc to acquire Refinitiv in an all share transaction for a total enterprise value of approximately US\$27 billion (as at 1 August 2019) (the "**Transaction**"), LSEG Shareholders approved both resolutions. The receipt of LSEG Shareholders' approval marks an important milestone towards achieving completion.

#### **Next Steps**

In addition to approval by LSEG Shareholders, the Transaction is also conditional upon, among other things, the receipt of relevant antitrust and regulatory clearances and the relevant processes are underway.

Given the Transaction is classified as a Reverse Takeover of LSEG plc under the Listing Rules of the FCA, the Transaction is also conditional on the FCA and London Stock Exchange agreeing to re-admit LSEG plc's enlarged voting ordinary share capital to the premium listing segment of the Official List and to trading on London Stock Exchange's Main Market for listed securities ("Admission"). LSEG plc expects to publish a prospectus in relation to Admission shortly prior to completion of the Transaction.

LSEG plc continues to make good progress on integration planning and the Transaction remains on track to close during the second half of 2020.

## Resolutions

Full details of the resolutions passed are set out in the notice of the LSEG General Meeting contained in the circular published by LSEG plc on 6 November 2019 in connection with the Transaction (the "Circular").

In accordance with Listing Rules 9.6.2R and 9.6.3R, the full text of the resolutions passed at the LSEG General Meeting will be submitted to the National Storage Mechanism and will be available in due course for inspection at <a href="www.morningstar.co.uk/uk/NSM">www.morningstar.co.uk/uk/NSM</a> as well as on LSEG plc's website <a href="www.lseg.com/investor-relations">www.lseg.com/investor-relations</a>.

## **Voting results of the LSEG General Meeting**

The table below sets out the results of the poll at the LSEG General Meeting held today. Each LSEG Shareholder, present in person or by proxy, was entitled to one vote per LSEG Share held at the Voting Record Time.

	FOR*		AGAINST		TOTAL	WITHHELD**
	Number of Votes	% of Votes	Number of Votes	% of Votes	Number of Votes	Number of Votes
Ordinary resolution  Approval of the acquisition by LSEG plc of Refinitiv	275,490,693	99.27	2,019,069	0.73	277,509,762	10,878
Ordinary resolution  Authority to allot LSEG Shares in connection with the Transaction	275,457,572	99.26	2,051,489	0.74	277,509,061	11,579

<sup>\*</sup> Includes discretionary votes.

The number of LSEG Shares in issue at the Voting Record Time of 6.30 p.m. (London time) on 22 November 2019 was 350,671,521. LSEG plc holds 932,533 ordinary shares in treasury. Therefore, the total number of voting rights in LSEG plc at the Voting Record Time was 349,738,988.

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## **Further information**

### No offer of securities

This announcement does not constitute or form part of any offer or invitation to purchase, acquire, subscribe for, sell, dispose of or issue, or any solicitation of any offer to sell, dispose of, purchase, acquire or subscribe for, any security, including any LSEG plc shares to be issued in connection with the

<sup>\*\*</sup> A vote withheld is not a vote in law and is not counted in the calculation of the proportion of votes "For" or "Against" the resolutions.

Transaction. In particular, the LSEG plc shares to be issued in connection with the Transaction have not been and will not be registered under the US Securities Act of 1934 (as amended) and may not be offered or sold in the US absent registration or an applicable exemption from the registration requirements of the US Securities Act of 1934 (as amended).

## Forward-looking statements

This announcement, oral statements made regarding the Transaction, and other information published in connection with the Transaction, contain statements which are, or may be deemed to be, "forward-looking statements". Forward-looking statements are prospective in nature and are not based on historical facts, but rather on current expectations and projections about future events, and are therefore subject to risks and uncertainties which could cause actual results to differ materially from the future results expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements contained in this announcement include statements relating to the expected effects of the Transaction on LSEG plc and its group, the expected timing and scope of the Transaction and other statements other than historical facts. Often, but not always, forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking words such as "plans", "expects" or "does not expect", "is expected", "is subject to", "budget", "scheduled", "estimates", "forecasts", "intends", "anticipates" or "does not anticipate", or "believes", or variations of such words and phrases or statements that certain actions, events or results "may", "could", "should", "would", "might" or "will" be taken, occur or be achieved.

Although LSEG plc believes that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, LSEG plc can give no assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct. There are a number of factors that could cause actual results and developments to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. These factors include the satisfaction of the conditions to the Transaction, as well as factors such as future market conditions, currency fluctuations, the behaviour of other market participants, the actions of regulators and other factors such as changes in the political, social and regulatory framework, or in economic or technological trends or conditions. Other unknown or unpredictable factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements should therefore be construed in the light of such factors.

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# Transaction conditions

Completion of the Transaction is subject to the satisfaction of a number of conditions as more fully described in the Circular. Consequently, there can be no certainty that completion of the Transaction will be forthcoming.

## **Defined** terms

Unless otherwise defined, all capitalised terms used but not defined in this announcement shall have the meaning given to them in the Circular.