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SPIRE HEALTHCARE GROUP PLC

TULIP UK BIDCO LIMITED

COOPERATION AGREEMENT

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THIS AGREEMENT is made on 5 September 2026

BETWEEN:

- (1) **SPIRE HEALTHCARE GROUP PLC**, a public limited company registered in England and Wales with registered number 09084066, whose registered office is at 3 Dorset Rise, London, EC4Y 8EN (**Spire**); and
- (2) **TULIP UK BIDCO LIMITED**, a private company limited by shares registered in England and Wales with registered number 17362218, whose registered office is at 5th Floor Ferguson House, 15 Marylebone Road, London, United Kingdom, NW1 5JD (**Bidco**),

(each a **party** and together the **parties**).

WHEREAS:

- (A) Bidco, a company to be indirectly owned by the Consortium (as defined below), proposes to announce immediately following execution of this Agreement a firm intention to make a recommended offer for the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Spire, other than Spire Shares already owned or controlled by members of the Consortium, pursuant to Rule 2.7 of the Code.
- (B) The Acquisition will be made on the terms and subject to the conditions set out in the Announcement and this Agreement.
- (C) The parties intend that the Acquisition will be implemented by way of the Scheme, although Bidco reserves the right, subject to the terms of this Agreement and the Announcement, to elect to implement the Acquisition by way of a Takeover Offer.
- (D) The parties have agreed to take certain steps to effect the completion of the Acquisition and certain other matters in connection with the Acquisition, and are entering into this Agreement to set out their respective rights, obligations and commitments in relation to such matters.

IT IS AGREED as follows:

1. Definitions and interpretation

- 1.1 In this Agreement (including the recitals but excluding Schedule 1), the terms and expressions listed in this clause 1.1 shall have the meanings set out in this clause 1.1. Terms and expressions used in Schedule 1 shall have the meanings given to them in Schedule 1.

Acceptance Condition means the acceptance condition to any Takeover Offer;

Acquisition means the acquisition by Bidco of the entire issued and to be issued ordinary share capital of Spire not already owned by the Consortium, to be effected by way of: (a) the Scheme; or (b) subject to the terms of this Agreement and the Announcement, a Takeover Offer (as the case may be);

Acquisition Document means (a) if the Scheme is (or is to be) implemented, the Scheme Document; or (b) if a Takeover Offer is (or is to be) implemented, the Offer Document;

Additional Consortium Responsible Persons has the meaning given in clause 4.1(c);

Agreed Switch means where the Acquisition is implemented by way of a Takeover Offer in accordance with clause 5.1(a);

Announcement means the announcement detailing the terms and conditions of the Acquisition to be made pursuant to Rule 2.7 of the Code, in substantially the form set out in Schedule 1;

Ares means Ares Management Limited, a private company limited by shares registered in England and Wales with registered number 05837428, whose registered office is at C/O TMF Group, 13th Floor, One Angel Court, London EC2R 7HJ;

Barings means Barings Asset Management Limited, a private company limited by shares registered in England and Wales with registered number 02915887, whose registered office is at 20 Old Bailey, London, United Kingdom, EC4M 7BF;

Bidco Directors means the directors of Bidco from time to time;

Bidco Group means Topco and its subsidiaries and subsidiary undertakings and **member of the Bidco Group** shall be construed accordingly;

Business Day means a day other than a Saturday or Sunday or public holiday in England and Wales on which banks in London are open for general commercial business;

Clearances means all authorisations, orders, grants, recognitions, confirmations, consents, licences, clearances, certificates, permissions, approvals, waivers, determinations and/or comfort letters that are necessary, or that the parties reasonably consider to be advisable, to be obtained, all applications, filings, notifications and submissions that are required to be made and all waiting periods that are required to have expired, from or under any of the Laws or any of the practices applied by any Relevant Authority (or under any agreements or arrangements to which any Relevant Authority is a party) in each case that are necessary to satisfy one or more of the Regulatory Conditions, and any reference to a Clearance having been **satisfied** shall be construed as meaning that the foregoing has been obtained and/or, where relevant, made and/or expired;

Code means the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers, as issued, amended and interpreted from time to time by or on behalf of the Panel;

Companies Act means the Companies Act 2006;

Conditions means:

- (a) for so long as the Acquisition is being implemented by means of the Scheme, the conditions to the implementation of the Acquisition (including the Scheme) as set out in Appendix 1 to the Announcement and to be set out in the Scheme Document, as such conditions may be amended by agreement in writing between the parties and, if required, with the consent of the Panel; and
- (b) if the Acquisition is implemented by means of a Takeover Offer, the conditions referred to in (a) above, as amended by replacing the Scheme Conditions with the Acceptance Condition and as may be further amended in accordance with clause 5.2(f) or otherwise as required by the Panel or by agreement in writing between the parties (if required, with the consent of the Panel),

and **Condition** shall be construed accordingly;

Confidentiality Agreements means the confidentiality agreements in relation to the Acquisition between Spire and: (i) Toscafund dated 17 March 2026; (ii) Three Hills dated 16 April 2026; and (iii) Ares dated 8 December 2025 as amended on 3 September 2026;

Consortium means the Tosca Investors, Three Hills Funds and the Minority Investors and **Consortium Members** means each of them;

Controller means any person, other than Bidco, in respect of whom FCA approval is required for such person to acquire or increase control (within the meaning of Regulation 6A(2) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Controllers) (Exemption) Order 2009) of any member of the Spire Group as a result of the Acquisition;

Court means the High Court of Justice in England and Wales;

Court Hearing means the hearing by the Court to sanction the Scheme under section 899 of the Companies Act, including (where the context requires) any adjournment thereof;

Court Meeting means the meeting(s) of the Scheme Shareholders to be convened by order of the Court pursuant to section 896 of the Companies Act for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, approving the Scheme (with or without modification), including (where the context requires) any adjournment, postponement or reconvening thereof;

Day 60 has the meaning given to it in the Code;

Effective Date means:

- (a) if the Acquisition is implemented by way of the Scheme, the date on which the Scheme becomes effective in accordance with its terms;
- or

- (b) if the Acquisition is implemented by way of a Takeover Offer, the date that the Takeover Offer becomes or is declared unconditional in accordance with the requirements of the Code,

and **Effective** shall be construed accordingly;

FCA means the Financial Conduct Authority or its successor from time to time;

FCA Regulatory Condition means the condition set out in paragraph 3(a) of Part A of Appendix 1 to the Announcement;

Law means any applicable statute, law, rule, regulation, ordinance, code, order, judgment, injunction, writ, decree, directive, policy, guideline, interpretation or rule of common law issued, administered or enforced by any Relevant Authority, or any judicial or administrative interpretation thereof;

London Stock Exchange means London Stock Exchange plc;

Longstop Date means 11.59 p.m. on 4 March 2027 or such later date as may be agreed in writing by Bidco and Spire (with the Panel's consent, if required) or directed by the Panel and in each case as the Court may approve (if such approval is required);

Minority Investors means (i) such funds, vehicles, accounts or persons managed, advised or sub-advised by Ares and/or its affiliates as may become equity investors in Topco; (ii) such funds, vehicles, accounts or persons managed, advised or sub-advised by Barings and/or its affiliates as may become equity investors in Topco; and (iii) Darblay Capital Ltd;

Offer Document means, if Bidco elects (subject to and in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and the Announcement) to implement the Acquisition by way of a Takeover Offer, the document to be sent to (among others) Spire Shareholders setting out, among other things, the full terms and conditions of the Takeover Offer, including (where the context requires) any revised or supplementary document;

Panel means the UK Panel on Takeovers and Mergers;

Regulatory Conditions means the conditions set out in paragraphs 3(a) to 3(d) of Part A of Appendix 1 to the Announcement (including the FCA Regulatory Condition);

Regulatory Information Service means any information service authorised from time to time by the Financial Conduct Authority for the purpose of disseminating regulatory announcements;

Relevant Authority means any central bank, ministry, governmental, quasi-governmental (including the United Kingdom and the European Union), supranational, statutory, regulatory or investigative body or authority or tribunal (including any national or supranational anti-trust,

competition, trade or merger control authority, any sectoral ministry or regulator and any foreign investment review body), any national, state, municipal or local government (including any subdivision, court, tribunal, administrative agency or commission or other authority thereof), any entity owned or controlled by them, any private body exercising any regulatory, taxing, importing or other authority, or any trade agency, association, institution or professional or environmental body in any jurisdiction, including, for the avoidance of doubt, the Panel and the FCA;

Remedies means any conditions, obligations, measures, commitments, modifications, undertakings, orders, remedies (including disposals (whether before or following the Effective Date) and any pre-divestiture reorganisations by a party) or assurance (financial or otherwise) offered or required in connection with satisfaction of any Clearance, and **Remedy** shall be construed accordingly;

Scheme means the scheme of arrangement proposed to be made under Part 26 of the Companies Act between Spire and the Scheme Shareholders, with or subject to any modification, addition or condition approved or imposed by the Court and agreed to by Spire and Bidco;

Scheme Conditions means the conditions referred to in paragraph 2 of Part A of Appendix 1 to the Announcement;

Scheme Document means the document to be sent to (among others) Spire Shareholders in connection with the Acquisition (if being implemented by way of the Scheme) containing and setting out, among other things, the full terms and conditions of the Scheme and containing the notices convening the Court Meeting and the Spire General Meeting (and including, as the context requires, any revised or supplementary circular);

Scheme Shareholders means the holders of Scheme Shares;

Scheme Shares has the meaning given in the Announcement;

Spire Board means the board of directors of Spire from time to time;

Spire Board Recommendation means a unanimous and unqualified recommendation from the Spire Board to Spire Shareholders in respect of the Acquisition: (a) to vote in favour of the Scheme at the Court Meeting and the Spire Resolutions at the Spire General Meeting; or (b) if Bidco elects to proceed with a Takeover Offer in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and the Announcement, to accept the Takeover Offer;

Spire Board Recommendation Change means:

- (a) if Spire makes an announcement without the written consent of Bidco prior to publication of the Scheme Document or (if different) the document convening the Spire Meetings that: (i) the Spire Board no longer intends to make the Spire Board Recommendation (or include the same in the Scheme Document) or intends to adversely modify or qualify such recommendation; (ii) other than where a Switch has

occurred, it will not convene the Court Meeting or the Spire General Meeting; or (iii) other than where a Switch has occurred, it intends not to post the Scheme Document or (if different) the document convening the Spire General Meeting;

- (b) other than where a Switch has occurred, the Spire Board Recommendation is not included in the Scheme Document or (if different) the document convening the Spire Meetings;
- (c) the Spire Board publicly withdraws, adversely modifies or adversely qualifies the Spire Board Recommendation (or makes an announcement that it intends to do so); or
- (d) the Spire Board fails to reaffirm publicly or re-issue a statement of its intention to make the Spire Board Recommendation on an unmodified basis before 5.30 p.m. on the tenth Business Day following Bidco's reasonable request to do so,

provided that the issue by Spire of any interim holding statement(s) following a change of circumstances (so long as any such holding statement does not contain a statement that the Spire Board intends to withdraw, adversely modify or adversely qualify the Spire Board Recommendation) shall not constitute a Spire Board Recommendation Change;

Spire Directors means the directors of Spire from time to time;

Spire General Meeting means the general meeting of Spire to be convened in connection with the Acquisition, notice of which will be set out in the Scheme Document, including (where the context requires) any adjournment, postponement or reconvening thereof;

Spire Group means Spire and its subsidiaries and subsidiary undertakings and **member of the Spire Group** shall be construed accordingly;

Spire Meetings means the Court Meeting and the Spire General Meeting;

Spire Representative has the meaning given in clause 10.4;

Spire Re-Recommendation Event means reconfirmation or reissue by Spire of the Spire Board Recommendation or publication of a statement that it intends to re-issue the Spire Board Recommendation (as applicable) following a Spire Board Recommendation Change;

Spire Resolutions means such shareholder resolutions of Spire as are necessary to approve, implement and effect the Scheme and the Acquisition and any related changes to Spire's articles of association;

Spire Share Schemes means the Spire Long-Term Incentive Plan 2014 (the **2014 LTIP**), the Spire Long-Term Incentive Plan 2024 (the **2024 LTIP**), the Spire Deferred Share Bonus Plan 2014 (the **2014 DSBP**), the Spire Deferred Share Bonus Plan 2024 (the **2024 DSBP**), the Spire SAYE

Option Scheme (the **SAYE**) and the Spire Senior Management Long Term Incentive Award programme providing for cash awards (the **Cash LTIP**);

Spire Shareholders means the holders of Spire Shares from time to time;

Spire Shares means the ordinary shares of 1 penny each in the capital of Spire;

Sponsor means each of Toscafund, Three Hills, Ares and Barings;

Switch has the meaning given in clause 5.1;

Takeover Offer means, in the event of a Switch, a takeover offer (within the meaning of section 974 of the Companies Act) to be made by or on behalf of Bidco to acquire the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Spire not already held by Bidco or any associate (as defined in section 988 of the Companies Act) of Bidco on the terms and conditions to be set out in the Offer Document, including, where the context requires, any subsequent revision, variation, extension or renewal of such takeover offer made in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and the Announcement;

Three Hills means TCHP Advisory Limited, a private limited company registered in England and Wales with registered number 11397497, whose registered office is at 25a Soho Square, London W1D 3QR;

Three Hills Funds means such funds, vehicles, accounts or persons managed, advised or sub-advised by Three Hills and/or its affiliates as may become equity investors in Topco;

Three Hills Responsible Persons has the meaning given in clause 4.1(c);

Topco means Tulip Topco Limited, a private company limited by shares company registered in Jersey with registered number 166506, whose registered office is at 1 IFC, St. Helier JE2 3BX Jersey;

Tosca Investors means Toscafund, Toscafund Ltd, Tosca Service III LP, Tosca Birch LP and such other funds, vehicles, accounts or persons managed, advised or sub-advised by Toscafund and/or its affiliates as may become equity investors in Topco;

Toscafund means Toscafund Asset Management LLP, a limited liability partnership registered in England and Wales with registered number OC320318, whose registered office is at Ferguson House, 15 Marylebone Road, 5th Floor, London, NW1 5JD;

Toscafund Responsible Persons has the meaning given in clause 4.1(c);

UK Listing Rules means the rules published by the Financial Conduct Authority as the UK Listing Rules sourcebook as part of the FCA Handbook;

Working Hours means 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. in the relevant location on a Business Day; and

Voting Record Time has the meaning given in the Announcement.

1.2 In this Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) the expressions **holding company**, **subsidiary** and **subsidiary undertaking** have the meanings given in the Companies Act;
- (b) the expressions **acting in concert** and **concert parties** and **offer** shall be construed in accordance with the Code;
- (c) **interest** in shares or securities shall be construed in accordance with the Code;
- (d) a reference to an enactment or statutory provision shall include a reference to any subordinate legislation made under the relevant enactment or statutory provision and is a reference to that enactment, statutory provision or subordinate legislation as from time to time amended, consolidated, modified, re-enacted or replaced;
- (e) references to a **person** include any individual, an individual's executors or administrators, a partnership, a firm, a body corporate (wherever incorporated), an unincorporated association, government, state or agency of a state, local or municipal authority or government body, a joint venture, association, works council or employee representative body (in any case, whether or not having separate legal personality);
- (f) references to a recital, paragraph, clause or Schedule (other than a schedule to a statutory provision) shall refer to those of this Agreement unless stated otherwise;
- (g) headings do not affect the interpretation of this Agreement, the singular shall include the plural and *vice versa*, and references to one gender include all genders;
- (h) references to time are to London time;
- (i) references to any English legal term or concept for any action, remedy, method of judicial proceeding, legal document, legal status, court, official or any legal concept or thing shall, in respect of any jurisdiction other than England, be construed as references to the term or concept which most nearly corresponds to it in that jurisdiction;
- (j) references to **£**, **GBP**, **pounds sterling**, **pence**, **penny** and **p** are references to the lawful currency from time to time of the United Kingdom;
- (k) any phrase introduced by the terms **including**, **include**, **in particular** or any similar expression shall be construed as illustrative and shall not limit the sense of the words preceding those terms;

- (l) a reference to any other document referred to in this Agreement is a reference to that other document as amended, varied or supplemented at any time; and
 - (m) references to this Agreement include this Agreement as amended or supplemented in accordance with its terms.
- 1.3 The Schedules form part of this Agreement and shall have the same force and effect as if set out in the body of this Agreement and any reference to this Agreement shall include the Schedules.

2. Publication of the Announcement and the terms of the Acquisition

- 2.1 The obligations of the parties under this Agreement, other than this clause 2.1 and clauses 1, 8 to 17 (inclusive) and 19 to 23 (inclusive), shall be conditional on the release of the Announcement via a Regulatory Information Service at or before 6.00 p.m. on the date of this Agreement or such later time and date as the parties may agree (and, where required by the Code, the Panel may approve). This clause 2.1 and clauses 1, 8 to 17 (inclusive) and 19 to 23 (inclusive) shall take effect on and from execution of this Agreement.
- 2.2 The terms of the Acquisition shall be as set out in the Announcement, together with such other terms as may be agreed by the parties in writing (save in the case of an improvement, for Spire Shareholders, to the financial terms of the Acquisition which shall be at the absolute discretion of Bidco) and, where required by the Code, approved by the Panel. The terms of the Acquisition at the date of publication of the Acquisition Document shall be set out in the Acquisition Document.
- 2.3 Subject and without prejudice to clause 3, Bidco undertakes to Spire to co-operate with Spire and its advisers for the purposes of implementing, and to take all reasonable steps as are reasonably necessary to implement, the Acquisition in substantially the form contemplated by, and on the terms set out in, the Announcement or as otherwise agreed by the parties as referred to in clause 2.2.

3. Undertakings in relation to Clearances and Regulatory Conditions

- 3.1 Save to the extent that it has been agreed between the parties or it is otherwise required by Law that Spire (rather than Bidco) shall seek any Clearance, Bidco shall:
 - (a) use all reasonable efforts to satisfy the FCA Regulatory Condition; and
 - (b) in respect of all other Clearances, take all steps necessary to secure such Clearances and satisfy the relevant Regulatory Conditions,in each case, as soon as is reasonably practicable and, in any event, in sufficient time to allow the Effective Date to occur by the Longstop Date.

3.2 Subject to clause 3.3, the parties acknowledge and agree that:

- (a) Bidco's obligations pursuant to clause 3.1(a) shall include:
 - (i) accepting any Remedies in respect of any member or members of the Spire Group and/or its or their respective business(es) that are required to satisfy the FCA Regulatory Condition insofar as they are not considered by Bidco (acting reasonably) to be unreasonably burdensome; and
 - (ii) executing, performing and implementing any such Remedies required by clause 3.2(a)(i) that are accepted by Bidco or otherwise agreed with the FCA; and
- (b) Bidco's obligations pursuant to clause 3.1(b) shall include:
 - (i) offering (and not withdrawing) and accepting any Remedies that are indicated, required or otherwise necessary to, or can reasonably be expected to be required as a condition to, obtaining each Clearance at each stage of a Relevant Authority's review process and, where the relevant Clearance is nevertheless not obtained, proceeding to the next phase of any such review process and taking or causing to be taken the steps set out in this clause 3.2(b) to obtain the relevant Clearance as soon as reasonably practicable within such phase; and
 - (ii) executing, performing and implementing any such Remedies that are offered to and accepted by or otherwise agreed with any Relevant Authority,

and, in each case, if applicable but subject to clause 3.3, Bidco shall procure the foregoing by any relevant member of the Bidco Group (and, in relation to clause 3.2(a), use reasonable efforts to procure the foregoing by any other person who would become a Controller of any member of the Spire Group as a result of completion of the Acquisition).

3.3 The parties acknowledge and agree that nothing in this Clause 3 shall require:

- (a) Bidco, any member of the Bidco Group, the Consortium, any Consortium Member, any Sponsor or any other person acting in concert with Bidco to: (i) commence, defend, maintain or appeal any litigation or other proceedings; or (ii) amend the terms, structure, financing or ownership of the Acquisition; or
- (b) the Consortium, any Consortium Member or any Sponsor to offer, agree or implement (and Bidco shall not be required to procure that the Consortium, any Consortium Member or any Sponsor offers, agrees or implements) any Remedies that would apply to any company or business (other than the Bidco Group and the Spire Group) which is directly or indirectly controlled by the Consortium,

any Consortium Member, any Sponsor, any affiliate of any Sponsor or any funds managed or advised by any Sponsor (or any affiliate of any Sponsor).

- 3.4 Without prejudice to the generality of clause 3.1 and except to the extent otherwise required by Law or a Relevant Authority (and/or to the extent it has been agreed between the parties or is otherwise required by Law that Spire (rather than Bidco) shall seek any Clearance), Bidco shall:
- (a) submit all filings, notifications or submissions (as applicable) (or, in the case of the FCA Regulatory Condition, procure to the extent reasonably practicable the submission of all filings, notifications or submissions (as applicable) by any person who would become a Controller of any member of the Spire Group as a result of completion of the Acquisition) to the appropriate Relevant Authorities as are necessary to obtain the Clearances as soon as is reasonably practicable after the signing of this Agreement and in any event within 10 Business Days after signing of this Agreement; and
 - (b) take all steps within its control necessary or advisable (or, in the case of the FCA Regulatory Condition, use all reasonable efforts) to avoid any such filing, notification or submission being declared incomplete by the appropriate Relevant Authority of competent jurisdiction and to avoid the suspension of any review periods of the appropriate Relevant Authority.
- 3.5 Except to the extent otherwise required by Law or a Relevant Authority and without prejudice to clauses 3.1 and 3.4:
- (a) Bidco and Spire shall use reasonable endeavours to agree the strategy to be pursued for obtaining the Clearances and contacting and corresponding with the Relevant Authorities in relation to such Clearances, including the timing, sequencing and determination of any Remedies to be offered to or agreed with Relevant Authorities (the "**Strategy**"), provided that, if Bidco and Spire are unable to agree the Strategy, Bidco shall ultimately have the right to determine the Strategy (after prior consultation with Spire);
 - (b) without prejudice to clause 3.5(a), Bidco (or, where agreed between the parties, or otherwise required by Law, Spire) shall contact and correspond with the Relevant Authorities in relation to such Clearances (including submitting and preparing, with the assistance of the other party in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, all necessary filings, notifications and submissions and responding to supplemental questions or requests for further information by and correspondence from a Relevant Authority as soon as reasonably practicable after receipt of such request or correspondence) and maintain appropriate regular and ongoing dialogue with each Relevant Authority in order to monitor and facilitate the timely progress of any filings, notifications or submissions and offer such

reasonable assistance and input as may be necessary to assist each Relevant Authority to consider and progress the relevant Clearances; and

- (c) Bidco shall be responsible for the payment of all filing, administrative and similar fees required in connection with the Clearances but, for the avoidance of doubt, each party shall be responsible for its own costs of preparing, reviewing and commenting on any filings, notifications, submissions, correspondence or communications intended or required to be submitted in connection with the Clearances.

3.6 Subject to clause 3.9, Bidco and Spire shall provide each other, in a timely manner following request:

- (a) such documents, information and assistance as may be reasonably required for:
 - (i) the other party to prepare and make any filings, notifications or submissions to Relevant Authorities as are necessary or advisable in connection with the obtaining of the Clearances, taking into account all applicable waiting periods;
 - (ii) inclusion in any responses to requests for further information consequent upon such filings, notifications or submissions described in sub-clause (i) above; and
 - (iii) the identification, structuring and preparation of any Remedies; and
- (b) such access to their respective management and employees as the other party or any Relevant Authority may reasonably require for the purposes of obtaining the Clearances,

provided that, for the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this clause 3 shall require Spire to (i) maintain the Spire Board Recommendation, (ii) adjourn, postpone or seek to adjourn or postpone either of the Spire Meetings (or refrain from doing any of the foregoing), or (iii) require Spire to make (or refrain from making) any change to the timetable for implementation of the Acquisition.

3.7 Subject to clause 3.9, and without prejudice to the generality of clauses 3.1 to 3.6, and except to the extent that to do so is prohibited by Law:

- (a) each party shall (subject, in the case of the FCA Regulatory Condition, to redaction of any information relating to the incoming Controllers that Bidco deems (in its absolute discretion) to be of a sensitive nature) provide, or procure the provision of, draft copies of all filings, notifications, submissions, material correspondence and material communications (including, in the case of non-written communications, reasonably detailed summaries of such communications) required or intended to be submitted, made, sent

or communicated by or on behalf of that party (other than those of a purely administrative nature or, in the case of the FCA Regulatory Condition, those that only contain information relevant to the incoming Controllers) to any Relevant Authority in relation to obtaining any Clearances to the other party and its advisers at such time as will allow the receiving party and its advisers a reasonable opportunity to review and provide comments on such filings, notifications, submissions, correspondence and communications before they are submitted, sent or made;

- (b) each party shall have regard in good faith to any comments made in a timely manner by the other party on draft copies of filings, notifications, submissions, correspondence and communications provided pursuant to clause 3.7(a);
- (c) each party shall (subject, in the case of the FCA Regulatory Condition, to redaction of any information relating to the incoming Controllers that Bidco deems (in its absolute discretion) to be of a sensitive nature) provide (or procure the provision of) copies of all such filings, notifications, submissions, material correspondence and material communications (other than those of a purely administrative nature or, in the case of the FCA Regulatory Condition, those that only contain information relevant to the incoming Controllers) in the form finally submitted or sent by or on behalf of that party (including reasonably detailed summaries of non-written communications) to the other party;
- (d) Bidco shall notify Spire, and (subject, in the case of the FCA Regulatory Condition, to redaction of any information relating to the incoming Controllers that Bidco deems (in its absolute discretion) to be of a sensitive nature) provide (or procure the provision of) to Spire copies (including reasonably detailed summaries of non-written communications), in each case in a timely manner, of any correspondence or communication from any Relevant Authority in relation to obtaining any Clearances (save that, in respect of any correspondence or communication from the FCA in connection with the FCA Regulatory Condition that only contains information relevant to the incoming Controllers, Bidco shall only be required to notify Spire, and provide (or procure the provision of) to Spire reasonably detailed summaries, in a timely manner);
- (e) save in respect of the FCA Regulatory Condition, Bidco shall:
 - (i) give Spire reasonable prior notice of and, where requested by Spire or its legal advisers and permitted by the Relevant Authority and by Law, allow persons nominated by Spire to (i) attend meetings, hearings and calls with any Relevant Authority relating to obtaining any Clearance, and (ii) make reasonable oral submissions at such meetings, hearings or calls; or

- (ii) where such attendance and participation is not permitted by the Relevant Authority or by Law, provide, to the extent so permitted, Spire and its advisers with a reasonably detailed written summary of such meeting, hearing or call as soon as reasonably practicable following the meeting, hearing or call and have regard in good faith to any submission that Spire proposes should be made by Bidco or its representatives at or following such meeting, hearing or call;
- (f) where reasonably requested by Bidco, and insofar as permitted by the Relevant Authority concerned, Spire shall make available appropriate representatives for meetings, hearings and calls with any Relevant Authority in connection with the obtaining of any Clearances;
- (g) Bidco shall keep Spire informed:
 - (i) promptly of any developments, facts or circumstances which are material or reasonably likely to be material to the obtaining of a Clearance; and
 - (ii) promptly upon reasonable request from Spire of the progress of any filing, notification or submission made pursuant to clause 3.4(a), including the obtaining of any Clearances and the satisfaction of any Regulatory Conditions; and
- (h) Bidco shall not (and shall procure to the extent reasonably practicable that any person who would become a Controller of any member of the Spire Group as a result of completion of the Acquisition shall not) withdraw any filing, notification or submission made to any Relevant Authority pursuant to clause 3.4(a) without the prior written consent of (or, in the case of the FCA Regulatory Condition, notification to) Spire.

3.8 Except as required by Law or with the prior written consent of Spire, Bidco shall not make any filing, notification or submission or proactively engage with any Relevant Authority (other than the Panel) in respect of the Acquisition where doing so is not required in order to satisfy a Regulatory Condition.

3.9 Any cooperation and provision of information, access or assistance pursuant to this clause 3 shall be conducted in a manner reasonably designed to preserve applicable lawyer/client and lawyer work product privileges and to limit the exchange of any commercially or competitively sensitive information pursuant to appropriate clean team arrangements. If a provision of this Agreement obliges a party (the **disclosing party**) to disclose any information to another party:

- (a) which the disclosing party reasonably considers to be commercially or competitively sensitive;

- (b) which the disclosing party is prohibited from disclosing by Law or the requirements of a Relevant Authority or the terms of an existing contract; or
- (c) where such disclosure would result in the loss of privilege that subsists in relation to such information (including legal professional privilege),

the disclosing party shall disclose the relevant information to such other party: (i) pursuant to appropriate arrangements as may be agreed between the relevant parties to ensure compliance with Law (including the practices of any Relevant Authority); or (ii) where disclosure in a manner contemplated by clause 3.7(i) would not be reasonably practicable, on an 'external counsel only' basis (or as the disclosing party and the other party may otherwise agree); or (iii) where disclosure in a manner contemplated by clause 3.9(i) would reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the disclosing party's legitimate business interest, and such information may be disclosed directly to a Relevant Authority, directly to a Relevant Authority (and in such circumstances, the disclosing party shall provide to the other relevant party a non-confidential version of such information).

- 3.10 Bidco undertakes to Spire that until the Effective Date, it shall not, and shall procure that no other member of the Bidco Group nor (so far as it is able to) any other person acting in concert with it shall take, or omit to take, or permit or cause to be taken or omitted to be taken, any action, or enter into an agreement for, or complete, any acquisition or other transaction (including, for the avoidance of doubt, in relation to any merger, acquisition or joint venture transaction or commercial relationship) which would, or would be reasonably likely to, have the effect of materially delaying, impeding or preventing satisfaction of the Regulatory Conditions or completion of the Acquisition.
- 3.11 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, nothing contained in this Agreement shall require a party or any of its concert parties to take, or cause to be taken, any action with respect to the divestiture of any assets, properties or businesses of the Spire Group or the Bidco Group, or any combination thereof, that is not conditional on completion of the Acquisition, except as otherwise agreed by the parties (with the consent of the Panel, if required).

4. Scheme Document and Scheme implementation

- 4.1 Subject to clause 3.9, Bidco agrees and undertakes:
 - (a) as soon as reasonably practicable, to provide to Spire (and/or its legal advisers) all such information about itself, the Bidco Directors, Toscafund, Three Hills or the Minority Investors or relating to any of the matters described in sub-clause 4.1(c)(i) to 4.1(c)(iv) below as may reasonably be requested by Spire (and/or its legal advisers)

(having regard to the Code and other Law), or which is required under the Code and the Companies Act, for inclusion in the Scheme Document or any other document required by Law or the Code to be published or produced by or on behalf of Spire in connection with the Scheme or the Acquisition;

- (b) as soon as reasonably practicable, to provide Spire with all such other assistance and access as may reasonably be requested or required by Spire and/or its legal advisers in connection with the preparation of the Scheme Document and any other document required under the Code or by other Law to be published or produced in connection with the Scheme or the Acquisition, including access to, and ensuring the provision of reasonable assistance by, Bidco's relevant professional advisers;
- (c) to procure that the Bidco Directors (and any other person required by the Panel to take responsibility for information in relation to Bidco, and/or Toscafund and its concert parties (the **Toscafund Responsible Persons**), and/or Three Hills and its concert parties (the **Three Hills Responsible Persons**) and/or any other Consortium Member and its concert parties (the **Additional Consortium Responsible Persons**)) accept responsibility, in the terms required by the Code, for all information in the Scheme Document or any other document required to be published under the Code or by other Law in connection with the Scheme or the Acquisition for which Bidco and/or such persons (as applicable) are required to accept responsibility under the Code or other Law, relating to:
 - (i) themselves and their close relatives (as defined in the Code), related trusts and other persons connected with them and the Bidco Group and: (A) in the case of the Bidco Directors only, Bidco's concert parties (which, for the avoidance of doubt, shall not include any information (or expression of opinion) relating to Toscafund or Three Hills or any of their respective affiliates); (B) in the case of Toscafund Responsible Persons only, Toscafund and its concert parties; (C) in the case of Three Hills Responsible Persons only, Three Hills and its concert parties; and (D) in the case of any Additional Consortium Responsible Persons only, the relevant Consortium Member and its concert parties (as required by the Panel);
 - (ii) any financing of or in connection with the Acquisition;
 - (iii) Bidco's future plans for the Spire Group and its management and employees, pension schemes, fixed assets and for any other aspect of Spire's business as required under the Code;

- (iv) statements of opinion, intention, belief or expectation of (i) Bidco or the Bidco Directors, (ii) in the case of Toscafund Responsible Persons only, Toscafund or any of its concert parties, (iii) in the case of Three Hills Responsible Persons only, Three Hills or any of its concert parties, (iv) in the case of any Additional Consortium Responsible Persons only, the relevant Consortium Member or any of its concert parties (as required by the Panel), in each case, in relation to the Acquisition or in relation to the Bidco Group (or any person acting in concert with Bidco) or, following the Effective Date, the Spire Group; and
 - (v) any other information in the Scheme Document for which any such person is required by the Panel to accept responsibility under the Code; and
 - (d) to notify Spire of, and to correct, any information provided by it in accordance with clauses 4.1(a) and 4.1(b) above to the extent that such information is or has become false or misleading, as soon as reasonably practicable upon Bidco becoming aware that such information is or has become false or misleading.
- 4.2 The parties acknowledge and agree that whilst Spire shall consult with Bidco as to the timing of the publication of the Scheme Document, the timing of the publication of the Scheme Document, the holding of the Spire Meetings and the holding of the Court Hearing shall, unless the Panel requires otherwise, be at the sole election of Spire (having regard to the timetable agreed between the parties and included in the Scheme Document).
- 4.3 Where the Acquisition is being implemented by way of the Scheme:
- (a) Bidco undertakes that, by no later than 11.59 p.m. on the Business Day immediately preceding the Court Hearing, it shall deliver a notice in writing to Spire either:
 - (i) confirming the satisfaction or waiver of all Conditions (other than the conditions set out in paragraphs 1 and 2(c)(i) of Part A of Appendix 1 to the Announcement); or
 - (ii) confirming its intention to invoke one or more Conditions (if permitted by the Panel) and providing reasonable details of the event which has occurred, or circumstances which have arisen, which Bidco reasonably considers entitle it to invoke such Condition(s) and the reasons why Bidco considers such event or circumstance to be sufficiently material for the Panel to permit it to invoke such Condition;
 - (b) if Bidco confirms the satisfaction or waiver of all Conditions (other than the conditions set out in paragraphs 1 and 2(c)(i) of Part A of Appendix 1 to the Announcement) in accordance with clause 4.3(a)(i), Bidco agrees that:

- (i) Spire shall be permitted to take all necessary steps to procure that the Court Hearing is duly held as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter; and
 - (ii) Bidco shall cooperate with Spire in taking the steps described in sub-clause (i) above and shall not object to (and shall cooperate in relation to) the Scheme being implemented as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter; and
 - (c) Bidco shall (i) instruct counsel to appear on its behalf at the Court Hearing and undertake to the Court to be bound by the terms of the Scheme in so far as it relates to Bidco, and (ii) as soon as reasonably practicable upon Spire's request, provide such documentation or information as may reasonably be required by Spire's counsel or the Court in relation to such undertaking.
- 4.4 If Bidco, any of the Bidco Directors, any of the Toscafund Responsible Persons, any of the Three Hills Responsible Persons or any of the Additional Consortium Responsible Persons (if any) become aware of any fact, matter or circumstance that they reasonably consider (i) could result in a significant change to the timetable for the Scheme or the Acquisition, or (ii) would or may allow any of the Conditions to be invoked, Bidco shall (in each case subject to any restrictions under Law) promptly inform Spire of the same and provide reasonable details thereof and in the case of any fact, matter or circumstance falling within limb (ii) above, and subject and without prejudice to any right Bidco may have to invoke any Condition with the consent of the Panel in accordance with Rule 13.5(a) of the Code, shall provide Spire with reasonable opportunity to remedy such fact, matter or circumstance.

5. Structure of the Acquisition

- 5.1 The parties currently intend that the Acquisition shall be implemented by way of the Scheme. However, Bidco shall be entitled, with the consent of the Panel (if required), to implement the Acquisition by way of a Takeover Offer rather than the Scheme (such election being a **Switch**) if (but only if):
- (a) Spire provides its prior written consent;
 - (b) a third party announces a firm intention to make an offer for the entire issued and to be issued ordinary share capital of Spire which is recommended by the Spire Board; or
 - (c) a Spire Board Recommendation Change occurs and a Spire Re-Recommendation Event has not subsequently occurred prior to Bidco publicly announcing its intention to Switch.
- 5.2 In the event of any Agreed Switch (unless and until there is a Spire Board Recommendation Change), unless otherwise agreed in writing with Spire or required by the Panel:

- (a) Bidco shall:
- (i) discuss and agree any announcements and/or other documents that Bidco proposes to publish relating to the Acquisition in a timely manner prior to publication of such announcements or other documents and discuss and agree any proposed changes to the timetable (including, if proposed, any changes to the Longstop Date) in relation to implementation of the Acquisition with Spire in a timely manner prior to announcement of such timetable changes;
 - (ii) prepare, as soon as reasonably practicable, the Offer Document and related form of acceptance and other documents that Bidco proposes to publish relating to the Acquisition;
 - (iii) consult with Spire in a timely manner as to the form, content and timing of the publication of the Offer Document and the form of acceptance and other documents that Bidco proposes to publish relating to the Acquisition;
 - (iv) without prejudice to clause 5.2(a)(v), allow Spire a reasonable opportunity to consider the draft Offer Document and related form of acceptance and other documents that Bidco proposes to publish relating to the Acquisition for review and comment and consider in good faith for inclusion any comments proposed by Spire on such documents;
 - (v) without prejudice to the generality of clause 5.2(a)(iv), seek and obtain Spire's approval (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) of any information on and references to Spire, Spire Group or the Spire Directors, or for which Spire or the Spire Directors are taking responsibility, contained in the Offer Document before it is published, and afford Spire sufficient time to consider such document in order to give its approval of such information. Bidco shall only publish the Offer Document once such information in the Offer Document is in a form satisfactory to Spire (acting reasonably), provided that if Spire does not approve the Offer Document within 28 days from the date of the Switch, Bidco shall be entitled to publish the Offer Document containing only information required by Rule 24 of the Code and excluding such information as may be approved by the Panel;
- (b) the Acceptance Condition shall be set at ninety (90) per cent of the Spire Shares to which the Takeover Offer relates (or such other percentage as may be agreed between the parties in writing after, to the extent necessary, consultation with the Panel, being in any case more than fifty (50) per cent of the Spire Shares);

- (c) Bidco shall not, and shall procure that no member of the Bidco Group nor any other person acting in concert with it shall, take any action (including, without limitation, by publishing any acceptance condition invocation notice under Rule 31.6 of the Code or specifying in the Offer Document an unconditional date which is earlier than Day 60) which would cause the Takeover Offer not to proceed, to lapse or to be withdrawn, in each case for non-fulfilment of the Acceptance Condition, prior to midnight on Day 60 and Bidco shall ensure that the Takeover Offer remains open for acceptances until such time;
- (d) Bidco shall not make any acceleration statement (as defined in the Code), unless: (i) all of the Conditions (other than the Acceptance Condition) have been satisfied or waived (if capable of waiver); (ii) the acceleration statement contains no right for Bidco to set the statement aside (except with Spire's prior written consent); and (iii) Bidco undertakes to Spire not to take any action or step otherwise to set the acceleration statement aside;
- (e) if:
 - (i) at any time between publication of the Offer Document and 5.00 p.m. on the date falling on the second day prior to Day 39 (as defined in the Code), it becomes reasonably expected that any Regulatory Condition is not likely to be satisfied or waived (if capable of waiver) prior to the last date permitted under Rule 31.1 of the Code; or
 - (ii) by 5.00 p.m. on the date falling on the ninth day prior to Day 39 (as defined in the Code), any Regulatory Condition has not been satisfied,

in each case, Bidco shall promptly consult with Spire as to whether the offer timetable should be suspended in accordance with Rule 31.4 and, if requested by Spire, shall request or consent to such suspension by no later than the date falling on the second day prior to Day 39, in each case to a date agreed with Spire and the Panel, provided always that such date shall not be later than the Longstop Date;
- (f) Bidco shall ensure that the Takeover Offer is made on the same terms as those set out in the Announcement (or on improved terms for Spire Shareholders) and the only conditions to the Takeover Offer shall be the Conditions, subject to replacing the Scheme Conditions with the Acceptance Condition and any other modifications or amendments to the terms and Conditions as may be required by the Panel or agreed in writing between the parties (with the consent of the Panel, if required); and
- (g) Bidco shall keep Spire informed, on a confidential basis on the next Business Day following receipt of a written request from Spire, of (i) the number of Spire Shareholders that have validly returned their

acceptance or withdrawal forms, and (ii) the number of Spire Shareholders who have incorrectly completed their acceptance or withdrawal forms, including in each case the identity of such Spire Shareholders and the number of Spire Shares to which such forms relate.

This clause 5.2 shall also apply in full (other than paragraph (b) to the extent that a lower Acceptance Condition has already been fixed), in the case of a Switch that is not an Agreed Switch, if and from the time that (after such Switch) a Spire Re-Recommendation Event occurs.

- 5.3 In the event of any Agreed Switch (or any other Switch from the time that (after such Switch) a Spire Re-Recommendation Event occurs), all provisions of this Agreement relating to the Scheme and its implementation shall apply to the Takeover Offer or its implementation *mutatis mutandis*, save as set out in this clause 5.

6. Employee-related matters

- 6.1 The provisions of Schedule 2 shall apply in respect of the Spire Share Schemes and certain other Spire employee-related matters.

7. Directors' and officers' insurance

- 7.1 If and to the extent such obligations are permitted by Law, for six years after the Effective Date, Bidco shall procure that the members of the Spire Group honour and fulfil their respective obligations (if any) existing as at the date of this Agreement to indemnify their respective directors and officers and to advance expenses, and to provide such directors and officers with all reasonable assistance to the extent they need to make a claim against the existing Spire directors' and officers' insurance policies (including any associated run-off cover existing at the date of this Agreement or purchased pursuant to clause 7.2 below) in each case with respect to matters existing or occurring at or prior to the Effective Date.
- 7.2 Bidco acknowledges and agrees that Spire may purchase directors' and officers' liability insurance cover for both current and former directors and officers of the Spire Group, including directors and officers who retire or whose employment is terminated as a result of the Acquisition, for acts and omissions up to and including the Effective Date, in the form of run-off cover for a period of six years following the Effective Date. Such insurance cover shall be with reputable insurers and provide cover, in terms of amount and breadth, at least as much as that provided under the Spire Group's directors' and officers' liability insurance as at the date of this Agreement. If and to the extent that such insurance cover has not been purchased by Spire (or a member of the Spire Group) prior to the Effective Date, Bidco shall procure that Spire (or a member of the Spire Group) purchases such insurance promptly following the Effective Date.

8. Termination

8.1 Subject to clauses 8.2 to 8.3, this Agreement shall terminate, and all rights and obligations of the parties under this Agreement shall cease, as follows:

- (a) if agreed in writing between the parties;
- (b) if the Announcement is not released via a Regulatory Information Service at or before the time and date specified in clause 2.1 (unless, before that time, Bidco and Spire agree another later time and date in accordance with clause 2.1, in which case the later time and date shall apply for the purpose of this clause 8.1(b));
- (c) if a third party (which is not acting in concert with Bidco) announces an offer for the entire issued and to be issued ordinary share capital of Spire under Rule 2.7 of the Code which completes, becomes effective or is declared or becomes unconditional;
- (d) upon service of written notice by Bidco to Spire or Spire to Bidco, if one or more of the following occurs:
 - (i) a Spire Board Recommendation Change occurs and a Spire Re-Recommendation Event does not subsequently occur within seven days of such Spire Board Recommendation Change;
 - (ii) a third party (which is not acting in concert with Bidco) announces an offer for the entire issued and to be issued ordinary share capital of Spire under Rule 2.7 of the Code and such offer is recommended by the Spire Board;
 - (iii) any Condition is invoked by Bidco (where the invocation of the relevant Condition is permitted by the Panel);
 - (iv) the Acquisition is, with the permission of the Panel, withdrawn, terminated or lapses in accordance with its terms prior to the Longstop Date (other than where such withdrawal, termination or lapse: (i) is as a result of the exercise of Bidco's right to effect a Switch in accordance with the terms of this Agreement; or (ii) is otherwise to be followed within five (5) Business Days (or such later date as the parties agree in writing) by an announcement under Rule 2.7 of the Code made by Bidco or a person acting in concert with Bidco to implement the Acquisition by a different offer or scheme on substantially the same or improved terms for Spire Shareholders);
- (e) unless otherwise agreed by the parties in writing or required by the Panel, if the Effective Date has not occurred on or before the Longstop Date.

- 8.2 Termination of this Agreement shall be without prejudice to the rights of the parties which have arisen prior to termination, including any claim in respect of a breach of this Agreement.
- 8.3 Clauses 9 to 17 (inclusive), 19 to 23 (inclusive), this clause 8 and all related provisions of clause 1 shall survive termination of this Agreement.
- 8.4 Without prejudice to clause 8.3, in the event this Agreement is terminated in accordance with its terms on or after the Effective Date, clauses 6 and 7 and Schedule 2 and all related provisions of clause 1 shall survive termination of this Agreement, subject to any amendment as may be agreed in writing by the parties.

9. Takeover Code

- 9.1 Nothing in this Agreement shall in any way limit the parties' obligations under the Code, and any uncontested rulings of the Panel as to the application of the Code in conflict with the terms of this Agreement shall take precedence over such terms of this Agreement.
- 9.2 The parties agree that, if the Panel determines that any provision of this Agreement that requires Spire to take or not to take any action, whether as a direct obligation or as a condition to any other person's obligation (however expressed), is not permitted by Rule 21.2 of the Code, that provision shall have no effect and shall be disregarded.
- 9.3 Nothing in this Agreement shall oblige Spire or the Spire Directors to recommend any Takeover Offer or any Scheme proposed by Bidco or any person acting in concert with Bidco.
- 9.4 Without prejudice to the warranties and undertakings given by the parties pursuant to clause 10, nothing in this Agreement shall be taken to restrict the directors of any member of the Spire Group or the Bidco Group from complying with Law, orders of court or regulations, including the Code, the UK Listing Rules and the rules and regulations of the Panel and the Financial Conduct Authority.

10. Warranties and undertakings

- 10.1 Each party warrants to each other party on the date of this Agreement that:
- (a) it has the requisite power and authority to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement;
 - (b) this Agreement constitutes its legal, valid and binding obligations in accordance with its terms; and
 - (c) the execution and delivery of, and performance of its obligations under, this Agreement shall not:
 - (i) result in any breach of any provision of its constitutional documents;

- (ii) result in a breach of, or constitute a default under, any instrument which is material in the context of the Acquisition to which it is a party or by which it is bound; or
- (iii) result in a breach of any order, judgment, or decree of any court or governmental agency to which it is a party or by which it is bound.

10.2 Bidco warrants to Spire that as at the date of this Agreement:

- (a) it has the requisite power and authority to enter into and implement the Acquisition on the terms and subject to the Conditions set out in the Announcement; and
- (b) it is not aware of any matters or circumstances that have occurred, or are reasonably expected to occur, which would or could reasonably be expected to result in any of the Conditions not being satisfied.

10.3 No parties shall have any claim against the other parties pursuant to clause 10.1 or 10.2 for breach of warranty after the Effective Date (without prejudice to any liability for fraudulent misrepresentation or fraudulent misstatement).

10.4 Bidco acknowledges and agrees, on its own behalf and on behalf of the Bidco Group, the Consortium Members and any person acting in concert with any of them (including each Sponsor) that any information and/or assistance provided by any directors, officers, employees, contractors or advisers of any member of the Spire Group (each a **Spire Representative**) to a Consortium Member, a Sponsor, Bidco and/or any other member of the Bidco Group or any of its or their directors, officers, employees, contractors or advisers, whether before, on or after the date of this Agreement: (i) pursuant to the obligations of Spire or any member of the Spire Group under or otherwise in connection with this Agreement; or (ii) in connection with the Acquisition, shall in each case be (and have been) given on the basis that the relevant Spire Representative shall not incur any liability, whether in contract, tort (including negligence) or otherwise, nor owe any duty of care in connection with the Acquisition to any Consortium Member, any Sponsor, Bidco or any other member of the Bidco Group or any of its or their respective directors, officers, employees, contractors or advisers in respect of any loss or damage that any Consortium Member, any Sponsor or any member of the Bidco Group or any of their respective directors, officers, employees, contractors or advisers may suffer as a result of the provision of any such information and/or assistance (save, in each case, for loss or damage resulting from the fraudulent misrepresentation or fraudulent misstatement of the relevant Spire Representative).

11. Costs

Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, each party shall pay its own costs and expenses (including taxation) incurred in connection with

negotiating, preparing, completing and/or terminating this Agreement and otherwise in connection with the Acquisition (including any matters contemplated by this Agreement).

12. Entire agreement

- 12.1 The provisions of this Agreement shall be supplemental to and shall not prejudice the terms of the Confidentiality Agreements, each of which shall remain in full force and effect as between the parties to it. Without prejudice to the terms of the Announcement or the Acquisition Document, this Agreement and the Confidentiality Agreements together set out the entire agreement between the parties relating to the Acquisition (provided that each Confidentiality Agreement shall only apply as between the parties to it) and supersede any previous draft, agreement, arrangement or understanding, whether in writing or not, relating to the Acquisition.
- 12.2 Each party acknowledges and agrees that in entering into this Agreement it is not relying upon any pre-contractual statement that is not expressly set out in this Agreement or a Confidentiality Agreement to which it is a party.
- 12.3 Except in the case of fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation, no party shall have any right of action against any other party to this Agreement arising out of or in connection with any pre-contractual statement except to the extent that it is repeated in this Agreement or a Confidentiality Agreement to which it is a party.
- 12.4 For the purposes of this clause, ***pre-contractual statement*** means any draft, agreement, undertaking, representation, warranty, promise, assurance or arrangement of any nature whatsoever, whether or not in writing, relating to the subject matter of this Agreement or the relevant Confidentiality Agreement made or given by any person at any time prior to the entry into of this Agreement.
- 12.5 Nothing in this Agreement shall limit any liability for (or remedy in respect of) fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation.

13. Assignment

Unless the parties specifically agree in writing, no person shall assign, transfer, charge or otherwise deal with all or any part of its rights under this Agreement nor grant, declare, create or dispose of any right or interest in it.

14. Notices

- 14.1 Any notice to be given by one party to another party in connection with this Agreement shall be in writing in English and signed by or on behalf of the party giving it. It shall be delivered by hand, email, registered post or courier using an internationally recognised courier company.

14.2 Subject to clause 14.3, a notice shall be effective upon receipt and shall be deemed to have been received:

- (a) at the time of delivery, if delivered by hand, registered post or courier; or
- (b) at the time of transmission, if delivered by email, in which case:
 - (i) except as provided in sub-clause (ii) below, the time at which an email is sent shall be the time in the place for service of notices on the recipient by hand; and
 - (ii) if an email delivery failure notice is received in the sender's email account immediately after the sender tried to send it, the notice shall be deemed to have been received at the time the sender tried to send it, if the sender also sends the notice to the recipient by hand, registered post or courier within 48 hours of receipt of the email delivery failure notice.

14.3 If a notice is deemed received outside Working Hours, the notice shall be deemed to have been received at the start of Working Hours on the next following Business Day.

14.4 The addresses and email addresses of the parties for the purpose of clause 14.1 are:

Bidco

Address:

Email:

For the attention of:

With a copy (which shall not constitute notice) to:

Address:

Email:

For the attention of:

Spire

Address:

Email:

For the attention of:

With a copy (which shall not constitute notice) to:

Address: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

For the attention of: [REDACTED]

14.5 Each party may notify the other parties in writing of any change to its details in clause 14.4 from time to time.

14.6 This clause 14 does not apply to the service of any proceedings or other documents in any legal action or, where applicable, any arbitration or other method of dispute resolution.

15. Language

Each language of communication under or in connection with this Agreement shall be in English.

16. Waivers, rights and remedies

16.1 The rights and remedies provided for in this Agreement are cumulative and not exclusive of any other rights or remedies, whether provided by Law or otherwise.

16.2 No failure to exercise, or delay in exercising, any right under this Agreement or provided by Law shall affect that right or operate as a waiver of the right. The single or partial exercise of any right under this Agreement or provided by Law shall not preclude any further exercise of it or the exercise of any other rights or remedies.

16.3 Without prejudice to any other rights or remedies that another party may have, each party acknowledges and agrees that damages may not be an adequate remedy for any breach by it of this Agreement and that accordingly the other parties may be entitled, without proof of special damages, to the remedies of final or interim injunction, specific performance and other equitable relief (or any combination of such remedies) for any threatened or actual breach of this Agreement by any party and no proof of special damages shall be necessary for the enforcement by any party of the rights under this Agreement.

16.4 Nothing in this Agreement shall oblige Spire to pay an amount in damages which the Panel determines would not be permitted by Rule 21.2 of the Code.

17. No partnership

No provision of this Agreement creates a partnership between the parties or makes a party the agent of another party for any purpose. A party has no

authority or power to bind, to contract in the name of, or to create a liability for another party in any way or for any purpose.

18. Further assurances

At its own cost, each party shall (and shall procure that members of the Spire Group or the Bidco Group (as applicable) shall and shall use reasonable endeavours to procure that any necessary third party shall) execute such documents and do such acts and things as may reasonably be necessary for the purpose of giving the full effect to and benefit of this Agreement.

19. Counterparts

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, and by each party on separate counterparts. Each counterpart is an original, but all counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument. Delivery of a counterpart of this Agreement by email attachment or telecopy shall be an effective mode of delivery.

20. Variations

20.1 No variation of this Agreement shall be valid unless it is in writing and duly executed by or on behalf of all of the parties to it.

20.2 If this Agreement is varied:

- (a) the variation shall not constitute a general waiver of any provisions of this Agreement;
- (b) unless the parties expressly agree otherwise in writing, the variation shall not affect any rights, obligations or liabilities under this Agreement that have already accrued up to the date of variation; and
- (c) the rights and obligations of the parties under this Agreement shall remain in force, except as, and only to the extent that, they are varied.

21. Invalidity

21.1 Each of the provisions of this Agreement is severable.

21.2 If and to the extent that any provision of this Agreement is held to be, or becomes, illegal, invalid or unenforceable under the Law of any jurisdiction, such illegality, invalidity or unenforceability shall not in any way affect or impair:

- (a) the legality, validity or enforceability in that jurisdiction of any other provision of this Agreement;

- (b) the legality, validity or enforceability under the law of any other jurisdiction of that provision or any other provision of this Agreement,

and, if the relevant provision would be valid, binding and enforceable in that jurisdiction if some part of the provision were deleted or amended, then the provision shall apply with the minimum modifications necessary to make it valid, binding and enforceable.

22. Third party enforcement rights

- 22.1 Each of the persons to whom clauses 7.1, 7.2, and/or 10.4 apply may under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 enforce the terms of clauses 7.1, 7.2, and/or 10.4 (as applicable). This right is subject to: (i) the rights of the parties to rescind or vary this Agreement without the consent of any other person; and (ii) the other terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- 22.2 Except as set out in clause 22.1, a person who is not a party to this Agreement shall have no right under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any of its terms.

23. Governing law and jurisdiction

- 23.1 This Agreement and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with this Agreement shall be governed by, and interpreted in accordance with, English law.
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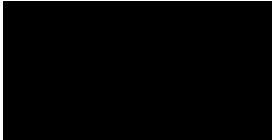


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5 September 2026

RECOMMENDED ACQUISITION

of

SPIRE HEALTHCARE GROUP PLC

by

TULIP UK BIDCO LIMITED

(a newly formed company to be indirectly owned by a consortium including (i) funds managed or advised by Toscafund Asset Management LLP; (ii) funds managed or advised by THCP Advisory Limited; and (iii) funds managed or advised by Ares Management Limited)

to be implemented by means of a Court-sanctioned scheme of arrangement under Part 26 of the Companies Act 2006

Summary

- The boards of directors of Spire Healthcare Group plc ("**Spire**") and Tulip UK Bidco Limited ("**Bidco**") are pleased to announce that they have reached agreement on the terms of a recommended cash offer, pursuant to which Bidco (a newly formed company to be indirectly owned by a Consortium including (i) funds managed or advised by Toscafund; (ii) funds managed or advised by Three Hills; and (iii) funds managed or advised by Ares) will acquire the entire issued and to be issued ordinary share capital of Spire that the Consortium does not already own.
- It is intended that the Acquisition will be implemented by means of a Court-sanctioned scheme of arrangement under Part 26 of the Companies Act.

The Cash Offer

- Under the terms of the Acquisition, which will be subject to the Conditions and further terms set out in Appendix 1 to this announcement and to the full terms and conditions that will be set out in the Scheme Document, each Scheme Shareholder at the Scheme Record Time will be entitled to receive:

for each Scheme Share: 250 pence in cash (the "Cash Consideration")

(the "Cash Offer")

- The Cash Offer values the entire issued, and to be issued, ordinary share capital of Spire at approximately £1,026.5 million on a fully diluted basis and implies an enterprise value of approximately £2,307.6 million. It represents:
 - a premium of approximately 66.2 per cent. to the Closing Price of 150.4 pence per Spire Share on 13 May 2026 (being the last Business Day prior to the Possible Offer Announcement);
 - a premium of approximately 55.2 per cent. to the volume weighted average price of 161.1 pence per Spire Share for the one-month period ended on 13 May 2026;
 - a premium of approximately 47.2 per cent. to the volume weighted average price of 169.8 pence per Spire Share for the three-month period ended on 13 May 2026;
 - a premium of approximately 40.3 per cent. to the volume weighted average price of 178.2 pence per Spire Share for the six-month period ended on 13 May 2026;
 - a premium of approximately 20.2 per cent. to the Closing Price of 208.0 pence per Spire Share on 17 September 2025 (being the last Business Day prior to the commencement of the Offer Period);
 - an implied enterprise value multiple of approximately 8.6 times Spire's adjusted EBITDA for the year ended 31 December 2025; and
 - an implied enterprise value multiple of approximately 10.2 times Spire's adjusted EBITDA minus maintenance capital expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The Alternative Offer

- As an alternative to the Cash Consideration under the Cash Offer, Eligible Scheme Shareholders may elect to participate in the Alternative Offer and thereby exchange some or all of their Scheme Shares for loan notes issued by Bidco which will, subject to implementation of the Rollover, ultimately be exchanged for B ordinary shares in the capital of Topco ("**Rollover Securities**") having the rights as set out in the Topco Articles (as amended from time to time), subject to the terms and conditions of the Alternative Offer (detailed in paragraph 10 of this announcement). Eligible Scheme Shareholders will be able to elect for the Alternative Offer in relation to some or all of their holdings of Scheme Shares and will receive (subject to implementation of the Rollover):

for each Scheme Share: 2.5 Rollover Securities

- The maximum number of Spire Shares that Eligible Scheme Shareholders may elect to exchange under the Alternative Offer shall be limited, in aggregate, to 28,000,000 Spire Shares (being approximately 8.5 per cent. of the Scheme Shares as at the Latest Practicable Date).
- The principal terms and conditions of the Alternative Offer are set out in paragraph 10 of this announcement and a summary of the rights and restrictions attaching to the Rollover Securities is set

out in paragraph 11 and Appendix 4 to this announcement. The Rollover Securities will not be listed nor transferable (subject to certain limited exceptions).

- An estimate by Darblay Capital (as financial adviser to Bidco) of the range of values that may be attributed to a Rollover Security, together with the assumptions, qualifications and caveats forming the basis of its estimate of such values, will be set out in a letter to be included in the Scheme Document.

Other terms of the Acquisition

- If, on or after the date of this announcement and prior to the Acquisition becoming Effective, any dividend and/or other distribution and/or other return of capital is declared, made or paid or becomes payable by Spire in respect of the Spire Shares (in each case with a record date prior to the Effective Date), Bidco reserves the right to reduce the Cash Consideration payable under the Cash Offer by an amount equal to the amount of such dividend, distribution and/or other return of capital (and, as the case may be, proportionately reduce the number of Rollover Securities available and due, subject to implementation of the Rollover, under the terms of the Alternative Offer). If Bidco so chooses to reduce the consideration, any reference in this announcement to the Cash Consideration payable under the Cash Offer (or consideration due under the Alternative Offer) will automatically be deemed to be a reference to the consideration as so reduced. In such circumstances, Spire Shareholders would be entitled to receive and retain any such dividend, distribution and/or other return of capital. Any reduction in the consideration payable under the Cash Offer (or under the Alternative Offer) pursuant to this paragraph shall be the subject of an announcement and shall not be regarded as constituting any revision or variation of the terms of the Acquisition or the Scheme.

Background to and reasons for the Acquisition

- Funds managed or advised by Toscafund have been investors in Spire since 2021 and Toscafund has long been supportive of Spire. Toscafund highly regards Spire's culture and commitment to delivering high quality care. Toscafund has a detailed understanding of Spire's business model and of the UK healthcare sector, supported by its previous ownership of a private hospital peer of comparable size to Spire.
- In that context, the Bidco Board considers that the underlying quality, freehold property and well-invested asset base of the Spire Group are not fully reflected in its public market valuation. The Bidco Board believes that taking the Spire Group private pursuant to the Acquisition would provide strategic and financial flexibility to unlock long-term stakeholder value.
- While the Bidco Board believes the focus on transactions can often seem only to be on financial metrics, it also places great importance on the continuation of the high quality care that Spire delivers to its patients. The Bidco Board believes it is the dedication of Spire's consultants, nurses and other colleagues that makes the care that is delivered possible, backed by a robust compliance and regulatory function which underpins the wider ethical conduct across the Spire Group. These values will remain central to Spire's philosophy under private ownership.

Background to and reasons for the Spire Directors' recommendation

- Spire is a leading, independent healthcare group in the United Kingdom, operating 38 hospitals and over 55 clinics across England, Wales and Scotland with a strong presence in Mental Health Talking Therapies and Occupational Health delivery. Working in partnership with over 8,800 experienced

consultants, Spire delivered tailored, personalised care to over 1.36 million inpatients, outpatients and day case patients, and workplace health clients, in 2025. Spire's well-located clinical sites deliver award-winning care for self-pay patients, the NHS, employers and private medical insurance providers. 98 per cent. of Spire's inspected locations are rated 'Good', 'Outstanding', or the equivalent by health inspectors in England, Wales and Scotland and 97 per cent. of Spire hospital patients rated their experience as 'Good' or 'Very good'.

- Over multiple years, Spire has made significant progress in strengthening care quality, diversifying revenue streams and driving efficiencies. These actions have supported adjusted free cash flow to grow at a CAGR of 32 per cent. and ROCE from 6.2 per cent. to 8.0 per cent. between FY22 and FY25 with consistent like-for-like revenue growth over the same period.
- While the Spire Directors remain confident in the long-term prospects of the business, the Spire Directors also note the ongoing challenges of delivering the Company's standalone plan against a backdrop of macroeconomic volatility, cost pressures – in particular inflation, and the dynamic nature of the payor environment. The Spire Directors also note that investor sentiment in the UK public markets remains subdued and believe that Spire's fundamentals, performance, cash generation, asset base, and growth prospects are not reflected in full by the market. Accordingly, the Spire Directors consider that the prospect of a sustained and material re-rating of Spire shares in the near term is limited and, should the Acquisition not proceed, that there could be a period of share price volatility.
- In July 2025, alongside its interim results, Spire announced that it was actively evaluating actions that could drive long-term sustainable shareholder value. In September 2025, the Spire Board formally commenced a strategic review, including a potential sale of the Company, as well as consideration of a range of other strategic alternatives, including continuation of the standalone plan, selective asset disposals, and the potential monetisation of Spire's freehold property portfolio. Rothschild & Co, Spire's lead financial adviser, held discussions with more than 60 potential strategic and financial acquirers over a period of approximately eight months. During this extensive process, Bidco was the only party to submit a formal proposal at a level that the Spire Board considered sufficiently attractive to merit further engagement. Bidco's offer of 250 pence per Spire Share followed a number of earlier proposals from the Consortium, with the first proposal made in March 2026. Prior proposals were not at a level that the Spire Board felt adequately reflected an appropriate valuation for Spire, whereas the Spire Directors believe that the terms of the Cash Offer are at a level that they can recommend to shareholders to accept.
- In evaluating the financial terms of the Cash Offer, and determining whether they reflect an appropriate valuation for Spire and a proposal the Spire Directors can recommend to Spire Shareholders, the Spire Board considered a number of factors, namely that:
 - Bidco's offer of 250 pence per Scheme Share represents an opportunity for Spire Shareholders to crystallise their holdings in cash and in full at a significant premium to recent trading levels, against a backdrop of historically limited trading liquidity;
 - it represents a premium of approximately 66.2 per cent. to the Closing Price of 150.4 pence per Spire Share on 13 May 2026 (being the last Business Day prior to the Possible Offer Announcement), and approximately 28.7 per cent. to the volume weighted average price of 194.3 pence per Spire Share in the 12 month period ended on 13 May 2026;

- it implies an enterprise value multiple of approximately 8.6 times Spire's adjusted EBITDA for the year ended 31 December 2025;
 - it implies an enterprise value multiple of approximately 10.2 times Spire's adjusted EBITDA minus maintenance capital expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2025;
 - the strategic review was comprehensive and thorough. The Cash Offer of 250 pence per Spire Share was higher than all other formal proposals received by the Spire Board during this process and was also deemed to represent more attractive certain value than the other strategic alternatives considered;
 - while good progress has been made, there are further steps required to deliver the Company's standalone plan and the Acquisition should be weighed against the uncertainty and execution risks associated with delivering the future value that exists in the business, particularly given the dynamic environment for UK independent healthcare providers. The Spire Directors believe that the demand environment for private healthcare, underpinned by a base level of NHS commissioning, will continue to be attractive in the medium term, but note the volatility in that trajectory in recent years, which could well continue. Similarly, ongoing cost pressures including from increases in the national minimum wage and employer national insurance contributions have been taken into account in the Spire Directors' considerations, together with the challenge of delivering further transformation savings at the right pace and without disruption to the business;
 - after careful consideration together with its advisers, Berenberg, Perella Weinberg, J.P. Morgan Cazenove and Rothschild & Co, the Spire Board believes that the Acquisition adequately values the business today and its prospects, whilst delivering immediate value to shareholders; and
 - three large shareholders other than Toscafund, representing in aggregate approximately 42.2 per cent. of Scheme Shares as at the Latest Practicable Date, indicated their willingness to provide, and have subsequently provided irrevocable undertakings to vote in favour of the Acquisition at the Court Meeting and the General Meeting.
- The Spire Directors also acknowledge the benefits of private ownership, including greater flexibility to invest in the business over the long term without the constraints of public market reporting cycles and greater access to capital and appetite for leverage to pursue new growth opportunities, including through M&A, innovation and digital transformation.
 - In considering the Acquisition and their decision, the Spire Directors have considered the interests of Spire's wider stakeholders, including the patients Spire cares for and the dedicated colleagues and consultant partners who care for them. The Spire Directors have also taken into account Bidco's stated intentions for the business and its employees, including Bidco's commitment to preserving the character, clinical governance and operational autonomy of each hospital, maintaining its position as a trusted partner to the NHS, to continuing to enhance the experience of patients and consultants and maintain the highest quality standards, and to safeguarding employees' existing contractual and statutory rights. The Spire Board acknowledges that delivery of Bidco's strategy may, over time, involve changes to certain roles and functions, particularly those linked to Spire's listed company status and notes Bidco's intention to implement any such changes in an orderly and respectful manner. The Spire Board also notes Bidco's

intention to undertake an appropriate consultation prior to implementing any reallocation of roles within the executive management team.

- Accordingly, after careful consideration of the above factors, the Spire Directors are pleased to confirm their intention to recommend unanimously that Scheme Shareholders vote in favour of the Scheme at the Court Meeting and that Spire Shareholders vote in favour of the Resolutions to be proposed at the General Meeting, as the Spire Directors who hold Spire Shares have committed to do in respect of their own beneficial holdings of Spire Shares.

Recommendation

Cash Offer

- **The Spire Directors, who have been so advised by Perella Weinberg, Rothschild & Co and J.P. Morgan Cazenove as to the financial terms of the Cash Offer, consider the terms of the Cash Offer to be fair and reasonable. In providing their advice to the Spire Directors, Perella Weinberg, Rothschild & Co and J.P. Morgan Cazenove have taken into account the commercial assessments of the Spire Directors. Perella Weinberg is providing independent financial advice to the Spire Directors for the purposes of Rule 3 of the Code.**
- **The Spire Directors consider that the terms of the Cash Offer are in the best interests of Spire Shareholders as a whole. Accordingly, the Spire Directors intend to unanimously recommend that the Scheme Shareholders vote in favour of the Scheme at the Court Meeting and Spire Shareholders vote in favour of the Resolutions to be proposed at the General Meeting (or, in the event that the Acquisition is implemented by way of a Takeover Offer, accept the Takeover Offer), as the Spire Directors who hold Spire Shares at the date of this announcement have irrevocably undertaken to do in respect of their own beneficial holdings of Spire Shares representing, in aggregate, approximately 0.4 per cent. of the issued ordinary share capital of Spire and approximately 0.5 per cent. of the Scheme Shares, in each case as at the Latest Practicable Date.**

Alternative Offer

- **The Spire Directors have also considered the Alternative Offer, but for the reasons described in paragraph 5 of this announcement, the Spire Directors are unable to form an opinion as to whether or not the terms of the Alternative Offer are fair and reasonable and do not intend to make any recommendation to Eligible Scheme Shareholders as to whether or not they should elect for the Alternative Offer.**
- In reviewing the terms of the Alternative Offer proposed by Bidco, the Spire Directors, Perella Weinberg, Rothschild & Co and J.P. Morgan Cazenove have identified certain key disadvantages and advantages of electing for the Alternative Offer which are set out in further detail in paragraph 5 of this announcement. Spire Shareholders are strongly encouraged to take into account such disadvantages and advantages, as well as their particular circumstances, when deciding whether to elect for the Alternative Offer in respect of some or all of their Spire Shares.
- None of the Spire Directors intends to elect for the Alternative Offer in respect of their own holding of Spire Shares.

- Further details of the Alternative Offer are set out in paragraph 10 to 11 of this announcement and Appendix 4 below.

Irrevocable undertakings

- Bidco has received irrevocable undertakings in respect of the Acquisition from:
 - Spire Shareholders in respect of 214,992,062 Spire Shares, which represent, in aggregate, approximately 53.4 per cent. of Spire's issued ordinary share capital; and
 - Scheme Shareholders in respect of 140,052,840 Scheme Shares, which represent, in aggregate, approximately 42.7 per cent. of the Scheme Shares,

in each case as at the Latest Practicable Date.

- These include irrevocable undertakings received from each of the Spire Directors who hold Spire Shares to vote (or, where applicable, procure votes): (i) in favour of the Scheme at the Court Meeting; and (ii) in favour of the Resolutions to be proposed at the General Meeting (or, in the event that the Acquisition is implemented by way of a Takeover Offer, to accept or procure acceptance of the Takeover Offer) in respect of their entire beneficial holdings of Spire Shares. In aggregate, these undertakings relate to 1,767,505 Spire Shares, representing approximately 0.4 per cent. of Spire's issued ordinary share capital and approximately 0.5 per cent. of the Scheme Shares, in each case as at the Latest Practicable Date. None of the Spire Directors who hold Spire Shares have undertaken to elect for the Alternative Offer.
- Bidco has also received irrevocable undertakings from Mediclinic Jersey Limited, Harwood Capital Management Limited and Richard Griffiths in each case to vote (or, where applicable, procure votes): (i) in favour of the Scheme at the Court Meeting; and (ii) in favour of the Resolutions to be proposed at the General Meeting (or, in the event that the Acquisition is implemented by way of a Takeover Offer, to accept or procure acceptance of the Takeover Offer). The undertakings from Mediclinic Jersey Limited, Harwood Capital Management Limited and Richard Griffiths will cease to be binding in the circumstances set out in paragraph 2 of Appendix 3 of this announcement. In aggregate, these irrevocable undertakings relate to 138,285,335 Spire Shares, representing approximately 34.3 per cent. of Spire's issued ordinary share capital and approximately 42.2 per cent. of the Scheme Shares, in each case as at the Latest Practicable Date.
- In addition, Spire and Bidco have also received an irrevocable undertaking from Toscafund to vote (or, where applicable, procure votes) in favour of the Resolutions to be proposed at the General Meeting. This irrevocable undertaking relates to 74,939,222 Spire Shares (none of which are Scheme Shares) held by or on behalf of funds managed or advised by Toscafund (including the Tosca Consortium Funds), representing approximately 18.6 per cent. of Spire's issued ordinary share capital as at the Latest Practicable Date.
- Further details of these irrevocable undertakings (including the circumstances in which they may lapse) are set out in Appendix 3 to this announcement.

Information relating to Bidco and the Consortium

- Bidco is a private limited company formed for the purposes of the Acquisition. As at the Effective Date and prior to implementation of the Rollover, it is intended that Bidco will be indirectly owned by: (i) the Tosca Investors, including certain funds managed or advised by Toscafund Asset Management LLP ("**Toscafund**"); (ii) Three Hills Funds, being funds, vehicles, accounts or persons managed, advised or sub-advised by THCP Advisory Limited ("**Three Hills**") and/or its affiliates; and (iii) certain other Minority Investors (including funds, vehicles, accounts or persons managed, advised or sub-advised by Ares Management Limited ("**Ares**") and/or its affiliates).

Toscafund

- Toscafund is part of the Old Oak Group, a financial services group based in London, which is engaged in asset management and private equity activities. It was founded in 2000 by Martin Hughes, its Chief Executive. Toscafund's primary activity is to act as an investment manager/adviser to a number of investment funds and accounts that follow primarily equity investment strategies. The holding company for Old Oak Group is Old Oak Holdings Limited, a company established and owned by Martin Hughes. As at 30 June 2026, the Old Oak Group had combined assets under management of approximately US\$2.5 billion.
- Toscafund acts as the investment manager to the Tosca Consortium Funds and Tosca Micro Cap, which are the beneficial owners of, in aggregate, 74,939,222 Spire Shares.

Three Hills

- Three Hills is an investment house with more than EUR 3.2 billion of assets under management (as at 30 June 2026) and provides flexible structured capital solutions to entrepreneurs and management teams in the European mid-market. Three Hills prides itself on partnering with ambitious teams looking to grow their businesses with discipline, integrity, and positive social impact – and seeks to back them in their growth journeys with minority capital and ongoing support. Three Hills has completed more than 40 investments since its founding in 2013, and several blue-chip institutional investors routinely co-invest alongside Three Hills.
- Three Hills benefits from a diverse, growing team of more than 65 professionals located across offices in London, Milan, Paris, Madrid, New York, and Luxembourg. Three Hills is further supported by a highly connected and diverse investor base, consisting of family offices, private investors, and leading institutional investors globally.
- Each of the Three Hills Funds is managed or advised by Three Hills and/or its affiliates.

Ares

- Ares Management Corporation (NYSE:ARES) is a leading global alternative investment manager offering clients complementary primary and secondary investment solutions across the credit, real estate, private equity and infrastructure asset classes. As at 30 June 2026 Ares Management Corporation's global platform had approximately US\$671 billion of assets under management. The Ares Funds that have provided an equity commitment letter to Topco have experience of providing equity financing as well as making equity investments in, and the ownership of, public and private businesses.

Information relating to Spire

- Spire is a public limited company incorporated in England and Wales under the Companies Act. The Spire Shares are admitted to listing on the Official List and to trading on the London Stock Exchange's Main Market. Spire is a constituent of the FTSE 250 index with a market capitalisation of £958.6 million as at the Latest Practicable Date.
- Spire is a leading, independent healthcare group in the United Kingdom, running 38 hospitals and over 55 clinics across England, Wales and Scotland as at the date of this announcement. Working in partnership with over 8,800 experienced consultants, Spire delivered tailored, personalised care to over 1.36 million inpatients, outpatients and day case patients, and workplace health clients, in 2025. As at 31 December 2025, Spire was the leading private provider, by volume, of knee and hip operations in the United Kingdom.
- Spire operates a network of private GPs and provides workplace health services to over 1,400 employers. Spire also delivers a range of private, NHS and employer-funded mental health, musculoskeletal and dermatological services, and is the largest independent provider of NHS talking therapies in England.
- Spire's almost 100 well-located clinical sites deliver award-winning care for self-pay patients, the NHS, employers and private medical insurance providers. As at 31 December 2025, 98 per cent. of Spire's inspected locations were rated 'Good,' 'Outstanding' or the equivalent by health inspectors in England, Wales and Scotland.

Conditions, timetable and valuation report

- It is intended that the Acquisition will be implemented by way of a Court-sanctioned scheme of arrangement between Spire and the Scheme Shareholders under Part 26 of the Companies Act. However, Bidco reserves the right to elect (with the consent of the Panel and subject to the terms of the Co-operation Agreement) to implement the Acquisition by way of a Takeover Offer.
- The Acquisition will be subject to the Conditions and certain further terms set out in Appendix 1 to this announcement and to the full terms and conditions that will be set out in the Scheme Document. The Conditions include, among other things: (i) the approval of Scheme Shareholders at the Court Meeting and the passing of the Resolutions at the General Meeting; (ii) the sanction of the Scheme by the Court; and (iii) the Scheme becoming Effective by no later than 11.59 p.m. (London time) on the Long Stop Date. The Conditions also include the receipt of approval of the change in control of certain regulated entities within the Spire Group by the FCA (or it otherwise being regarded under FSMA as having approved the same), as further described in Part A of Appendix 1 of this announcement.
- In order to become Effective:
 - the Scheme must be approved by a majority in number of Scheme Shareholders, representing at least 75 per cent. in value of the Scheme Shares held by the Scheme Shareholders, in each case present and voting (and entitled to vote), whether in person or by proxy, at the Court Meeting or at any adjournment of such meeting;
 - the Resolutions must be passed by Spire Shareholders representing the requisite majority at the General Meeting; and
 - the Scheme must be sanctioned by the Court.

- It is expected that the Scheme Document, containing full details of the Scheme and notices of the Court Meeting and General Meeting, together with the Forms of Proxy and the Form of Election, will be sent to Spire Shareholders within 28 days of this announcement (or such later time as Spire, Bidco and the Panel may agree).
- Subject to the satisfaction or, where applicable, waiver of the Conditions, it is expected that the Scheme will become Effective in the fourth quarter of 2026 or the first quarter of 2027. An expected timetable of principal events relating to the Acquisition will be provided in the Scheme Document.
- For the purposes of Rule 29.5 of the Code, Knight Frank has confirmed to the Spire Board that an updated valuation of Spire's property portfolio as at the date of this announcement would not be materially different from the valuation given by Knight Frank as at 1 March 2026 and contained in the Knight Frank valuation report set out in Appendix 5 to this announcement.

Commenting on the Acquisition, Debbie White, Spire's Chair-Designate, said:

"Spire has made significant progress in executing its strategy to strengthen care quality, diversify revenue streams and drive efficiencies across the UK's largest independent integrated healthcare network. This has been reflected in a CAGR of 32 per cent. in adjusted free cash flow and an improvement in ROCE from 6.2 per cent. to 8.0 per cent. between FY22 and FY25. The Spire Directors remain confident in the long-term prospects of the business.

Notwithstanding this progress, there are further steps required to deliver the Company's standalone plan and uncertainty and execution risk to doing so. The long-term prospects for independent healthcare in the UK are strong, but the trajectory has demonstrated much volatility in recent years and the ongoing cost pressures have been material, including from increases in national insurance contributions and the national minimum wage.

Having conducted a comprehensive strategic review, the Board is satisfied that the Acquisition represents the best available outcome for Spire Shareholders. The Cash Offer of 250 pence per share was higher than all other formal proposals received during this process, and provides certain value in cash today for Spire Shareholders.

As an experienced healthcare investor and the Company's second largest shareholder, Toscafund has deep knowledge and experience of the business and its operations, and Toscafund has assured the Board of Spire that it is committed to providing the highest standards of care to patients."

Commenting on the Acquisition, Martin Hughes, Chief Executive of Toscafund, said:

"As Spire's second-largest shareholder, we know the business well and believe strongly in its future. Our offer reflects our confidence in the care Spire's hospitals provide, the people who deliver it and an ambition to achieve even more. Toscafund has a track record of backing successful healthcare businesses to grow and improve. As a private company, Spire would have the freedom to plan for the long term and the agility to move faster: investing in its hospitals and people, putting the latest technology to work and setting new standards in patient care."

This summary should be read in conjunction with, and is subject to, the full text of this announcement and its Appendices.

The Acquisition will be subject to the Conditions and further terms set out in Appendix 1 and to the full terms and conditions which will be set out in the Scheme Document. The sources and bases of calculation of certain information contained in this announcement are set out in Appendix 2. Details of the irrevocable undertakings given in relation to the Acquisition are set out in Appendix 3. Appendix 4 contains details of Bidco, the Consortium, the Rollover Securities and eligibility to elect for the Rollover Securities. The valuation report prepared by Knight Frank in respect of Spire's property portfolio as at 1 March 2026 is set out in Appendix 5 to this announcement pursuant to Rule 29 of the Code. Definitions of certain terms used in this announcement are set out in Appendix 6.

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Inside information

¹ The acquisition of Gleacher Shacklock LLP by Perella Weinberg Partners completed on 1 September 2026.

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The statements contained in this announcement are made as at the date of this announcement, unless some other time is specified in relation to them, and the release of this announcement shall not give rise to any implication that there has been no change in the facts set out in this announcement since such date. This announcement does not constitute a prospectus or a prospectus equivalent document.

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Spire Shareholders should be aware that the transaction contemplated herein may have tax consequences and that such consequences, if any, are not described herein. Spire Shareholders are urged to consult with appropriate legal, tax and financial advisers in connection with the consequences of the Acquisition (including the Alternative Offer) on them. It is intended that the Bidco Rollover Securities, Midco Rollover Securities and

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Overseas Shareholders

This announcement has been prepared in accordance with, and for the purpose of complying with, English law, the Code, MAR and the DTRs, and the information disclosed may not be the same as that which would have been disclosed if this announcement had been prepared in accordance with the laws of jurisdictions outside England.

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Unless otherwise determined by Bidco or required by the Code, and permitted by applicable law and regulation, the Acquisition (including the Alternative Offer) shall not be made available, directly or indirectly, in, into or from a Restricted Jurisdiction or any other jurisdiction where to do so would violate the laws or regulations in that jurisdiction and no person may vote in favour of the Acquisition by use of the mails or any other means or instrumentality (including, without limitation, facsimile, e-mail or other electronic transmission, telex or telephone) of interstate or foreign commerce of, or any facility of a national, state or other securities exchange of, any Restricted Jurisdiction or from within a Restricted Jurisdiction or any other jurisdiction if to do so would constitute a violation of the laws of that jurisdiction.

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If the Acquisition is implemented by way of a Takeover Offer (unless otherwise permitted by applicable law or regulation), the Takeover Offer may not be made, directly or indirectly, in or into, or by use of the mails or any other means or instrumentality (including, without limitation, facsimile, e-mail or other electronic transmission, telex or telephone) of interstate or foreign commerce of, or any facility of a national, state or other securities exchange of, any Restricted Jurisdiction and the Takeover Offer will not be capable of acceptance by any such use, means, instrumentality or facility or from within any Restricted Jurisdiction.

The availability of the Rollover Securities to persons who are not resident in the United Kingdom may be affected by the laws and/or regulations of the relevant jurisdiction in which they are located. Persons who are not resident in the United Kingdom should inform themselves of, and observe, any applicable requirements.

Where Bidco believes that an election for the Alternative Offer by any Scheme Shareholder may infringe applicable legal or regulatory requirements, or may result in a requirement for a registration under the securities laws of any Restricted Jurisdiction, Bidco will have the right to deem that such Scheme Shareholder has not validly elected for the Alternative Offer and such Scheme Shareholder will instead receive the Cash Consideration in respect of the Scheme Shares which were subject to such an election in accordance with the terms of the Acquisition.

Further details in relation to Overseas Shareholders will be contained in the Scheme Document.

The Acquisition will be subject to the applicable requirements of English law, 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 English law. 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 Spire included in this announcement and the Scheme Document (or, if the Acquisition is to be 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 the 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.

US Spire Shareholders should be aware that the transaction contemplated herein may have tax consequences for US federal income tax purposes and under applicable US state and local, as well as foreign and other, tax laws and that such consequences are not described herein. Spire Shareholders (including US Spire Shareholders) are urged to consult with appropriate legal, tax and financial advisers in connection with the consequences of the Acquisition (including the Alternative Offer) on them.

Any Rollover Securities to be issued pursuant to the Acquisition have not been and will not be registered under the US Securities Act or under the relevant securities laws of any state or territory or other jurisdiction of the United States. Accordingly, the Rollover Securities may not be offered, sold or delivered, directly or indirectly, in or into the US except pursuant to exemptions from the applicable requirements of such jurisdiction.

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 Spire 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 Spire 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 be difficult for US Spire Shareholders to enforce their rights and claims arising out of the US federal securities law and it may not be possible to sue Spire 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, Spire Shares outside 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 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: <http://www.londonstockexchange.com>.

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

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This announcement (including information incorporated by reference in this announcement), oral statements made regarding the Acquisition, and other information published by Bidco, Topco, the Consortium and/or Spire contain certain statements which are, or may be deemed to be, "forward-looking statements". These statements are prospective in nature and are not based on historical facts, but rather on the current expectations and projections of the management of Bidco, Topco, the Consortium and/or Spire (as the case may be) about future events, and are, therefore, naturally subject to risks, uncertainties and changes in circumstances that could cause actual results to differ materially from the future results expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements often use words such as, without limitation, "anticipate", "budget", "scheduled", "intend" "target", "expect", "estimate", "intend", "plan", "forecast", "project", "goal", "believe", "aim", "will", "may", "hope", "continue", "would", "could" or "should" or other words of similar meaning or the negative thereof. Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements relating to the following: (i) future capital expenditures, expenses, revenues, economic performance, financial conditions, dividend policy, losses and future prospects, (ii) business and management strategies and the expansion and growth of the operations of Spire, Bidco or Topco, (iii) the effects of government regulation on the business of Spire, Bidco or Topco, (iv) the expected effects of the Acquisition on Spire and (v) the expected timing and scope of the Acquisition. There are many factors which could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in forward-looking statements. Among such factors are changes in global, political, economic, business, competitive, market and regulatory forces, circumstances or conditions, future exchange and interest rates, changes in tax rates and future business combinations or disposals. Such statements are qualified in their entirety by the inherent risks and uncertainties surrounding future expectations.

These forward-looking statements are based on numerous assumptions regarding the present and future business strategies of such persons and the environment in which each will operate in the future. Except as expressly provided in this announcement, neither they nor any other statements have been reviewed by the auditors of Bidco, Topco, the Consortium and/or Spire. By their nature, these forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties because they relate to events and depend on circumstances that will or may occur in the future. The factors described in the context of such forward-looking statements in this announcement may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of any such person, or industry results and developments, to be materially different from any results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Although it is believed that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, none of Bidco, Topco, the Consortium and/or Spire can give any assurance that such expectations will prove to have been correct and persons reading this announcement are therefore cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements which speak only as at the date of this announcement. None of Bidco, Topco, the Consortium and/or Spire or their respective associates, members, directors, officers, employees, advisers or any person acting on behalf of one or more of them, provides any representation, assurance or guarantee that the occurrence of the events expressed or implied in any forward-looking statements in this announcement will actually occur.

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No statement in this announcement is intended as a profit forecast, profit estimate or quantified financial benefit statement for, or in respect of, Bidco, Topco, the Consortium or Spire for any period and no statement in this announcement should be interpreted to mean that cash flow from operations, earnings, or earnings per share or income of those persons (where relevant) for the current or future financial years would necessarily match or exceed the historical published cash flow from operations, earnings, earnings per share or income of those persons (as appropriate).

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A copy of this announcement and the documents required to be published pursuant to Rule 26.1 and Rule 26.2 of the Code will be made available (subject to certain restrictions relating to persons resident in Restricted Jurisdictions), free of charge, on Bidco's website at www.toscafund.com and on Spire's website at www.investors.spirehealthcare.com by no later than 12 noon on the Business Day following the date of this announcement.

Neither the content of these websites nor the content of any other website accessible from hyperlinks on such websites is incorporated into, or forms part of, this announcement.

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Spire Shareholders and persons with information rights may also request that all future documents, announcements and information to be sent to them in relation to the Acquisition be sent in hard copy form. For persons who have received a copy of this announcement in electronic form or via a website notification, a hard copy of this announcement will not be sent to you unless so requested. Such persons may also request that all future documents, announcements and information to be sent to them in relation to the Acquisition should be in hard copy form.

Rounding

Certain figures included in this announcement have been subjected to rounding adjustments. Accordingly, figures shown for the same category presented in different tables may vary slightly and figures shown as totals in certain tables may not be an arithmetic aggregation of the figures that precede them.

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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.

Right to switch to a Takeover Offer

Bidco reserves the right to elect, with the consent of the Panel and subject to the terms of the Co-operation Agreement, to implement the Acquisition by way of a Takeover Offer as an alternative to the Scheme. If the Acquisition is effected by way of a Takeover Offer, and such offer becomes or is declared unconditional and sufficient acceptances are received, Bidco intends to exercise its rights to apply the provisions of Chapter 3 of Part 28 of the Companies Act so as to acquire compulsorily the remaining Spire Shares in respect of which the Takeover Offer has not been accepted.

General

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5 September 2026

RECOMMENDED ACQUISITION

of

SPIRE HEALTHCARE GROUP PLC

by

TULIP UK BIDCO LIMITED

(a newly formed company to be indirectly owned by a consortium including (i) funds managed or advised by Toscafund Asset Management LLP; (ii) funds managed or advised by THCP Advisory Limited; and (iii) funds managed or advised by Ares Management Limited)

to be implemented by means of a Court-sanctioned scheme of arrangement under Part 26 of the Companies Act 2006

1. Introduction

The Bidco Board and the Spire Board are pleased to announce that they have reached agreement on the terms of a recommended cash offer, pursuant to which Bidco (a newly formed company to be indirectly owned by a Consortium including (i) funds managed or advised by Toscafund; (ii) funds managed or advised by Three Hills; and (iii) funds managed or advised by Ares) will acquire the entire issued and to be issued ordinary share capital of Spire that the Consortium does not already own.

It is intended that the Acquisition will be implemented by means of a Court-sanctioned scheme of arrangement under Part 26 of the Companies Act. However, Bidco reserves the right to elect (with the consent of the Panel and subject to the terms of the Co-operation Agreement) to implement the Acquisition by way of a Takeover Offer.

2. The Acquisition

The Cash Offer

Under the terms of the Acquisition, which will be subject to the Conditions and further terms set out in Appendix 1 and to the full terms and conditions that will be set out in the Scheme Document, each Scheme Shareholder at the Scheme Record Time will be entitled to receive:

for each Scheme Share: 250 pence in cash (the "Cash Consideration")

(the "Cash Offer")

The Cash Offer values the entire issued, and to be issued, ordinary share capital of Spire at approximately £1,026.5 million on a fully diluted basis and implies an enterprise value of approximately £2,307.6 million. It represents:

- a premium of approximately 66.2 per cent. to the Closing Price of 150.4 pence per Spire Share on 13 May 2026 (being the last Business Day prior to the Possible Offer Announcement);
- a premium of approximately 55.2 per cent. to the volume weighted average price of 161.1 pence per Spire Share for the one-month period ended on 13 May 2026;
- a premium of approximately 47.2 per cent. to the volume weighted average price of 169.8 pence per Spire Share for the three-month period ended on 13 May 2026;
- a premium of approximately 40.3 per cent. to the volume weighted average price of 178.2 pence per Spire Share for the six-month period ended on 13 May 2026;
- a premium of approximately 20.2 per cent. to the Closing Price of 208.0 pence per Spire Share on 17 September 2025 (being the last Business Day prior to the commencement of the Offer Period);
- an implied enterprise value multiple of approximately 8.6 times Spire's adjusted EBITDA for the year ended 31 December 2025; and
- an implied enterprise value multiple of approximately 10.2 times Spire's adjusted EBITDA minus maintenance capital expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The Alternative Offer

As an alternative to the Cash Consideration under the Cash Offer, Eligible Scheme Shareholders may elect to participate in the Alternative Offer and thereby exchange some or all of their Scheme Shares for loan notes issued by Bidco ("**Bidco Rollover Securities**") which will, subject to implementation of the Rollover, ultimately be exchanged for B ordinary shares in the capital of Topco ("**Rollover Securities**") having the rights as set out in the Topco Articles (as amended from time to time), subject to the terms and conditions of the Alternative Offer (detailed in paragraph 10 of this announcement). Eligible Scheme Shareholders will be able to elect for the Alternative Offer in relation to some or all of their holdings of Scheme Shares and will receive (subject to implementation of the Rollover):

for each Scheme Share: 2.5 Rollover Securities

The maximum number of Spire Shares that Eligible Scheme Shareholders may elect to exchange under the Alternative Offer shall be limited, in aggregate, to 28,000,000 Spire Shares (being approximately 8.5 per cent. of the Scheme Shares as at the Latest Practicable Date).

The Alternative Offer will not be offered, and Rollover Securities will not be sold or delivered, directly or indirectly, in or into any Restricted Jurisdiction (and so Scheme Shareholders in such jurisdictions will not be eligible to elect for the Alternative Offer).

Pursuant to the Topco Shareholders' Agreement, Topco, or any relevant member of the Topco Group, shall, upon receipt of the related invoices, settle the total costs and expenses incurred and to be incurred by or on behalf of the Topco Group and the Consortium in connection with the Acquisition (including in relation to preparation of Acquisition documentation, financing of the Cash Consideration and the Consortium's due diligence exercise, together with any reasonable disbursements and any VAT payable on such amounts) in such amounts and to such entities as each of the Consortium Investors may approve and direct. Such costs and expenses incurred, and to be incurred, in connection with the Acquisition will reduce the net assets and cash resources otherwise available to the Topco Group and therefore the value of the Rollover Securities. An estimate of such costs and expenses will be included in the Scheme Document.

An estimate by Darblay Capital (as financial adviser to Bidco) of the range of values that may be attributed to a Rollover Security, together with the assumptions, qualifications and caveats forming the basis of its estimate of such values, will be set out in a letter to be included in the Scheme Document. Further information about the Rollover Securities is set out in paragraph 11 below and in Appendix 4, and will be included in the Scheme Document.

Other terms of the Acquisition

The Scheme Shares will be acquired by Bidco under the Acquisition fully paid and free from all liens, equities, equitable interests, charges, encumbrances, options, rights of pre-emption and any other third party rights or interests whatsoever and together with all rights existing at the date of this announcement or thereafter attaching or accruing thereto, including (without limitation) voting rights and the right to receive and retain, in full, all dividends and other distributions (if any) declared, made or paid or any other return of capital (whether by way of reduction of share capital or share premium account or otherwise) made on or after the date of this announcement, other than any dividend, distribution or other return of capital in respect of which Bidco exercises its right under the terms of the Acquisition to reduce the consideration payable in respect of each Scheme Share.

If, on or after the date of this announcement and prior to the Acquisition becoming Effective, any dividend and/or other distribution and/or other return of capital is declared, made or paid or becomes payable by Spire in respect of the Spire Shares (in each case with a record date prior to the Effective Date), Bidco reserves the right to reduce the Cash Consideration payable under the Cash Offer by an amount equal to the amount of such dividend, distribution and/or other return of capital (and, as the case may be, proportionately reduce the number of Rollover Securities available and due, subject to implementation of the Rollover, under the terms of the Alternative Offer). If Bidco so chooses to reduce the consideration, any reference in this announcement to the Cash Consideration payable under the Cash Offer (or consideration due under the Alternative Offer) will automatically be deemed to be a reference to the consideration as so reduced. In such circumstances, Spire Shareholders would be entitled to receive and retain any such dividend, distribution and/or other return of capital. Any reduction in the consideration payable under the Cash Offer (or under the Alternative Offer) pursuant to this paragraph shall be the subject of an announcement and shall not be regarded as constituting any revision or variation of the terms of the Acquisition or the Scheme.

To the extent that any such dividend, distribution and/or other return of capital is declared, made or paid or is payable and it is: (i) transferred pursuant to the Acquisition on a basis which entitles Bidco to receive the dividend, distribution or other return of capital and to retain it; or (ii) cancelled (such that no party is entitled to receive the dividend or distribution or retain it), the consideration payable under the terms of the Acquisition will not be subject to change in accordance with this paragraph.

3. Background to and reasons for the Acquisition

Funds managed or advised by Toscafund have been investors in Spire since 2021 and Toscafund has long been supportive of Spire. Toscafund highly regards Spire's culture and commitment to delivering high quality care. Toscafund has a detailed understanding of Spire's business model and of the UK healthcare sector, supported by its previous ownership of a private hospital peer of comparable size to Spire.

In that context, the Bidco Board considers that the underlying quality, freehold property and well-invested asset base of the Spire Group are not fully reflected in its public market valuation. The Bidco Board believes that taking the Spire Group private pursuant to the Acquisition would provide strategic and financial flexibility to unlock long-term stakeholder value.

While the Bidco Board believes the focus on transactions can often seem only to be on financial metrics, it also places great importance on the continuation of the high quality care that Spire delivers to its patients. The Bidco Board believes it is the dedication of Spire's consultants, nurses and other colleagues that makes the care that is delivered possible, backed by a robust compliance and regulatory function which underpins the wider ethical conduct across the Spire Group. These values will remain central to Spire's philosophy under private ownership.

4. Background to and reasons for the Spire Directors' recommendation

Spire is a leading, independent healthcare group in the United Kingdom, operating 38 hospitals and over 55 clinics across England, Wales and Scotland with a strong presence in Mental Health Talking Therapies and Occupational Health delivery. Working in partnership with over 8,800 experienced consultants, Spire delivered tailored, personalised care to over 1.36 million inpatients, outpatients and day case patients, and workplace health clients, in 2025. Spire's well-located clinical sites deliver award-winning care for self-pay patients, the NHS, employers and private medical insurance providers. 98 per cent. of Spire's inspected locations are rated 'Good', 'Outstanding', or the equivalent by health inspectors in England, Wales and Scotland and 97 per cent. of Spire hospital patients rated their experience as 'Good' or 'Very good'.

Over multiple years, Spire has made significant progress in strengthening care quality, diversifying revenue streams and driving efficiencies. These actions have supported adjusted free cash flow to grow at a CAGR of 32 per cent. and ROCE from 6.2 per cent. to 8.0 per cent. between FY22 and FY25 with consistent like-for-like revenue growth over the same period.

While the Spire Directors remain confident in the long-term prospects of the business, the Spire Directors also note the ongoing challenges of delivering the Company's standalone plan against a backdrop of macroeconomic volatility, cost pressures – in particular inflation, and the dynamic nature of the payor environment. The Spire Directors also note that investor sentiment in the UK public markets remains subdued and believe that Spire's fundamentals, performance, cash generation, asset base, and growth prospects are not reflected in full by the market. Accordingly, the Spire Directors

consider that the prospect of a sustained and material re-rating of Spire shares in the near term is limited and, should the Acquisition not proceed, that there could be a period of share price volatility.

In July 2025, alongside its interim results, Spire announced that it was actively evaluating actions that could drive long-term sustainable shareholder value. In September 2025, the Spire Board formally commenced a strategic review, including a potential sale of the Company, as well as consideration of a range of other strategic alternatives, including continuation of the standalone plan, selective asset disposals, and the potential monetisation of Spire's freehold property portfolio. Rothschild & Co, Spire's lead financial adviser, held discussions with more than 60 potential strategic and financial acquirers over a period of approximately eight months. During this extensive process, Bidco was the only party to submit a formal proposal at a level that the Spire Board considered sufficiently attractive to merit further engagement. Bidco's offer of 250 pence per Spire Share followed a number of earlier proposals from the Consortium, with the first proposal made in March 2026. Prior proposals were not at a level that the Spire Board felt adequately reflected an appropriate valuation for Spire, whereas the Spire Directors believe that the terms of the Cash Offer are at a level that they can recommend to shareholders to accept.

In evaluating the financial terms of the Cash Offer, and determining whether they reflect an appropriate valuation for Spire and a proposal the Spire Directors can recommend to Spire Shareholders, the Spire Board considered a number of factors, namely that:

- Bidco's offer of 250 pence per Scheme Share represents an opportunity for shareholders to crystallise their holdings in cash and in full at a significant premium to recent trading levels, against a backdrop of historically limited trading liquidity;
- it represents a premium of approximately 66.2 per cent. to the Closing Price of 150.4 pence per Spire Share on 13 May 2026 (being the last Business Day prior to the Possible Offer Announcement), and approximately 28.7 per cent. to the volume weighted average price of 194.3 pence per Spire Share for the 12 month period ended 13 May 2026;
- it implies an enterprise value multiple of approximately 8.6 times Spire's adjusted EBITDA for the year ended 31 December 2025;
- it implies an enterprise value multiple of approximately 10.2 times Spire's adjusted EBITDA minus maintenance capital expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2025;
- the strategic review was comprehensive and thorough. The Cash Offer of 250 pence per Spire Share was higher than all other formal proposals received by the Spire Board during this process and was also deemed to represent more attractive certain value than the other strategic alternatives considered;
- while good progress has been made, there are further steps required to deliver the Company's standalone plan and the Acquisition should be weighed against the uncertainty and execution risks associated with delivering the future value that exists in the business, particularly given the dynamic environment for UK independent healthcare providers. The Spire Directors believe that the demand environment for private healthcare, underpinned by a base level of NHS commissioning, will continue to be attractive in the medium term, but note the volatility in that trajectory in recent years, which could well continue. Similarly, ongoing cost pressures including from increases in the national minimum wage and employer national insurance

contributions have been taken into account in the Spire Directors' considerations, together with the challenge of delivering further transformation savings at the right pace and without disruption to the business;

- after careful consideration together with its advisers, Berenberg, Perella Weinberg, J.P. Morgan Cazenove and Rothschild & Co, the Spire Board believes that the Acquisition adequately values the business today and its prospects, whilst delivering immediate value to shareholders; and
- three large shareholders other than Toscafund, representing in aggregate approximately 42.2 per cent. of Scheme Shares as at the Latest Practicable Date, indicated their willingness to provide, and have subsequently provided irrevocable undertakings to vote in favour of the Acquisition at the Court Meeting and the General Meeting.

The Spire Directors also acknowledge the benefits of private ownership, including greater flexibility to invest in the business over the long term without the constraints of public market reporting cycles and greater access to capital and appetite for leverage to pursue new growth opportunities, including through M&A, innovation and digital transformation.

In considering the Acquisition and their decision, the Spire Directors have considered the interests of Spire's wider stakeholders, including the patients Spire cares for and the dedicated colleagues and consultant partners who care for them. The Spire Directors have also taken into account Bidco's stated intentions for the business and its employees, including Bidco's commitment to preserving the character, clinical governance and operational autonomy of each hospital, maintaining its position as a trusted partner to the NHS, to continuing to enhance the experience of patients and consultants and maintain the highest quality standards, and to safeguarding employees' existing contractual and statutory rights. The Spire Board acknowledges that delivery of Bidco's strategy may, over time, involve changes to certain roles and functions, particularly those linked to Spire's listed company status and notes Bidco's intention to implement any such changes in an orderly and respectful manner. The Spire Board also notes Bidco's intention to undertake an appropriate consultation prior to implementing any reallocation of roles within the executive management team.

Accordingly, after careful consideration of the above factors, the Spire Directors are pleased to confirm their intention to recommend unanimously that Scheme Shareholders vote in favour of the Scheme at the Court Meeting and that Spire Shareholders vote in favour of the Resolutions to be proposed at the General Meeting, as the Spire Directors who hold Spire Shares have committed to do in respect of their own beneficial holdings of Spire Shares.

5. Recommendation

Cash Offer

The Spire Directors, who have been so advised by Perella Weinberg, Rothschild & Co and J.P. Morgan Cazenove as to the financial terms of the Cash Offer, consider the terms of the Cash Offer to be fair and reasonable. In providing their advice to the Spire Directors, Perella Weinberg, Rothschild & Co and J.P. Morgan Cazenove have taken into account the commercial assessments of the Spire Directors. Perella Weinberg is providing independent financial advice to the Spire Directors for the purposes of Rule 3 of the Code.

The Spire Directors consider that the terms of the Cash Offer are in the best interests of Spire Shareholders as a whole. Accordingly, the Spire Directors intend to unanimously recommend that the Scheme Shareholders vote in favour of the Scheme at the Court Meeting and Spire Shareholders vote in favour of the Resolutions to be proposed at the General Meeting (or, in the event that the Acquisition is implemented by way of a Takeover Offer, accept the Takeover Offer), as the Spire Directors who hold Spire Shares at the date of this announcement have irrevocably undertaken to do in respect of their own beneficial holdings of Spire Shares representing, in aggregate, approximately 0.4 per cent. of the issued ordinary share capital of Spire and approximately 0.5 per cent. of the Scheme Shares, in each case as at the Latest Practicable Date.

Alternative Offer

Perella Weinberg, Rothschild & Co and J.P. Morgan Cazenove are unable to advise the Spire Directors as to whether or not the terms of the Alternative Offer are fair and reasonable. This is because Perella Weinberg, Rothschild & Co and J.P. Morgan Cazenove have not had any involvement in the development and validation of any financial projections for Topco or the Topco Group. As a result, Perella Weinberg, Rothschild & Co and J.P. Morgan Cazenove are unable to assess any plans Topco may have for the development of Spire or the Topco Group to the degree necessary to form an assessment of the value of the Alternative Offer. Perella Weinberg, Rothschild & Co and J.P. Morgan Cazenove also note the significant and variable impact that the disadvantages and advantages of the Alternative Offer, set out in further detail in this paragraph 5, may have for individual Eligible Scheme Shareholders.

Accordingly, the Spire Directors are unable to form an opinion as to whether or not the terms of the Alternative Offer are fair and reasonable. The Spire Directors, noting the disadvantages and advantages of the Alternative Offer, which may vary based on the particular circumstances of each individual Spire Shareholder, do not intend to make any recommendation to Eligible Scheme Shareholders as to whether or not they should elect for the Alternative Offer.

In reviewing the terms of the Alternative Offer proposed by Bidco, the Spire Directors and Perella Weinberg, Rothschild & Co and J.P. Morgan Cazenove have identified certain key disadvantages and advantages of electing for the Alternative Offer which are set out in further detail in this paragraph 5. Spire Shareholders are strongly encouraged to take into account such disadvantages and advantages, as well as their particular circumstances, when deciding whether to elect for the Alternative Offer in respect of some or all of their Spire Shares.

None of the Spire Directors intends to elect for the Alternative Offer in respect of their own holding of Spire Shares.

Disadvantages of electing for the Alternative Offer

- The Rollover Securities will be:
 - unlisted and will not be admitted to trading on any stock exchange or market for the trading of securities and will, therefore, be illiquid. As a result, any assessment of the value of the Rollover Securities should take into account an individual shareholder's assessment of an appropriate liquidity discount;

- of uncertain value and there can be no assurance that they will be capable of being sold in the future or that they will be capable of being sold at a price within the range of values to be estimated by Darblay Capital in the Scheme Document; and
 - non-transferable, save in very limited circumstances as set out in Appendix 4 of this announcement, such as with the prior consent of the Consortium Investors, to limited permitted transferees, or pursuant to the drag along and tag along provisions or otherwise in connection with an Exit initiated by the Tosca Investors (or the relevant Consortium Investor in accordance with the terms of the Topco Shareholders' Agreement).
- Rollover Securityholders will have limited control over the timing, terms and value at which they may be able to realise their investment in Topco. Rollover Securityholders may be required to sell their Rollover Securities pursuant to customary drag along provisions on the same terms as those agreed by the Tosca Investors (or the Consortium Investors as a whole), and the Tosca Investors (or the Consortium Investors, as applicable) may require that cash or a cash-equivalent is paid to dragged holders even if the Tosca Investors (or the Consortium Investors) themselves accept non-cash consideration (meaning Rollover Securityholders may be unable to participate in any non-cash upside on an Exit).
 - From the Effective Date, Topco will be controlled by the Tosca Investors. Holders of the Rollover Securities, which will not carry any general voting rights at general meetings of Topco nor the right to receive a copy of or vote on any written resolutions of shareholders of Topco and will have only the limited statutory minority protections available under Jersey law, will therefore have no influence over decisions made by Topco or the Topco Board in relation to its investment in Spire or the conduct of Spire's business or in any other business. The Topco Board will be primarily comprised of representatives appointed by the Consortium Members, and (other than Substantial B Shareholders) Rollover Securityholders will have no board observer appointment rights.
 - The Tosca Investors will be entitled to vary the Topco Shareholders' Agreement, the Topco Articles and related documents without the consent of, or notification to, Rollover Securityholders, provided that the impact is not disproportionately adverse to the economic position of Rollover Securityholders (taken as a whole) compared with the Tosca Investors' investment in Topco. Rollover Securityholders will therefore have no ability to block changes to the governance arrangements applicable to Topco.
 - Rollover Securityholders will be required to appoint the Tosca Investors or Topco to provide certain consents and approvals on their behalf, and will be subject to obligations under the Topco Shareholders' Agreement, including non-disparagement obligations in respect of the Topco Group and Spire Group and other compliance covenants.
 - The rights of Rollover Securityholders to participate in future issues of securities by Topco will be subject to certain exceptions (including those described in paragraph 11 of Appendix 4) which may result in them suffering significant dilution.
 - Costs and expenses incurred and to be incurred by or on behalf of the Topco Group and the Consortium in connection with the Acquisition will reduce the net assets and cash resources otherwise available to the Topco Group and therefore the value of the Rollover Securities.

- Spire Shares are currently listed on the Official List and traded on the Main Market. Spire Shareholders are afforded certain standards and protections, including in respect of disclosure, as a result. Eligible Scheme Shareholders who elect to receive Rollover Securities (being unlisted securities in a private company) will not be afforded standards and protections commensurate with those that they currently benefit from as shareholders in Spire.
- Other than Substantial B Shareholders, Rollover Securityholders will not be entitled to information rights in respect of Topco or Spire, and the default information rights available under Jersey law are very limited.
- Payments in respect of Rollover Securities will not be guaranteed or secured, and any returns to Rollover Securityholders on a distribution, sale or other Exit will rank behind, and be subject to prior payment in full of, Topco's debt financing (including structured debt advanced to certain members of the Topco Group and Spire). This may significantly reduce, or eliminate, the value attributable to the Rollover Securities.
- Eligible Scheme Shareholders will have no certainty as to the amount of Rollover Securities they will receive because:
 - the Alternative Offer Maximum, being the maximum number of Spire Shares that Eligible Scheme Shareholders may elect to exchange under the Alternative Offer, shall be limited, in aggregate, to 28,000,000 Spire Shares (being approximately 8.5 per cent. of the Scheme Shares as at the Latest Practicable Date); and
 - to the extent that elections for the Alternative Offer cannot be satisfied in full, the number of Rollover Securities to be issued to each Eligible Scheme Shareholder who has validly elected for the Alternative Offer will be reduced on a *pro rata* basis, and the consideration for each Scheme Share that is not exchanged for a Rollover Security will be paid in cash in accordance with the terms of the Cash Offer.
- The Rollover Securities may be ineligible for inclusion in ISAs and SIPPs and may not be capable of being held through retail platforms.

Advantages of electing for the Alternative Offer

- The Alternative Offer allows Eligible Scheme Shareholders to invest directly in Topco, providing continued economic exposure (indirectly) to Spire under private ownership.
- The Alternative Offer allows Eligible Scheme Shareholders to participate in potential future value creation and may ultimately deliver greater value than the Cash Consideration (although this cannot be guaranteed).
- From completion of the Acquisition, the Rollover Securities will rank economically *pari passu* with the Topco A Ordinary Shares in issue (which will be held by the Consortium) at the time the Rollover Securities are allotted and issued, including the right to receive and retain any dividends and other distributions declared, made or paid by reference to a record date falling after the Effective Date. Further information in respect of the economic rights of the different classes of Topco Ordinary Shares is set out in paragraph 5 of Appendix 4 of this announcement.

- Rollover Securityholders that qualify as Substantial B Shareholders (broadly, holders of at least 10 per cent. of the economic interest in the Topco Ordinary Shares immediately following implementation of the Rollover) will additionally benefit from board observer appointment rights in respect of each of the Topco Group and Spire Group and information rights in respect of the Topco Group (including the Spire Group), provided that any appointment or replacement of any such observer shall require the consent of the Tosca Investors (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld).
- Customary tag along rights will entitle Rollover Securityholders to sell Rollover Securities *pro rata* to the proportion of the other classes of Topco Ordinary Shares transferred by the Tosca Investors (or the Consortium Investors as a whole), on the same terms and conditions, if the Tosca Investors (or the Consortium Investors as a whole) propose a direct or indirect transfer of such other classes of Topco Ordinary Shares, providing some downside protection against being left as a minority alongside a new controlling shareholder. However, certain exceptions apply which would mean that Rollover Securityholders would not be entitled to a tag along right in certain circumstances.

Scheme Shareholders should also ascertain whether acquiring or holding Rollover Securities is affected by the laws of the relevant jurisdiction in which they reside and consider whether Rollover Securities are a suitable investment in the light of their own personal circumstances. Scheme Shareholders are, therefore, strongly recommended to seek their own independent financial, tax and legal advice in the light of their own particular circumstances and investment objectives before deciding whether to elect for the Alternative Offer in respect of some or all of their Scheme Shares. Any decision to elect for the Alternative Offer should be based on independent financial, tax and legal advice and full consideration of the information in this announcement and the Scheme Document (once published).

Further details of the Alternative Offer are set out in paragraphs 10 and 11 of this announcement and Appendix 4 below.

6. Irrevocable undertakings

Bidco has received irrevocable undertakings in respect of the Acquisition from: (i) Spire Shareholders in respect of 214,992,062 Spire Shares, which represent, in aggregate, approximately 53.4 per cent. of Spire's issued ordinary share capital; and (ii) Scheme Shareholders in respect of 140,052,840 Scheme Shares, which represent, in aggregate, approximately 42.7 per cent. of the Scheme Shares, in each case as at the Latest Practicable Date.

These include irrevocable undertakings received from each of the Spire Directors who hold Spire Shares to vote (or, where applicable, procure votes): (i) in favour of the Scheme at the Court Meeting; and (ii) in favour of the Resolutions to be proposed at the General Meeting (or, in the event that the Acquisition is implemented by way of a Takeover Offer, to accept or procure acceptance of the Takeover Offer) in respect of their entire beneficial holdings of Spire Shares. The undertakings from the Spire Directors will cease to be binding in the circumstances set out in paragraph 1 of Appendix 3 of this announcement. In aggregate, these undertakings relate to 1,767,505 Spire Shares, representing approximately 0.4 per cent. of Spire's issued ordinary share capital and approximately 0.5 per cent. of the Scheme Shares, in each case as at the Latest Practicable Date. None of the Spire Directors who hold Spire Shares have undertaken to elect for the Alternative Offer.

Bidco has also received irrevocable undertakings from Mediclinic Jersey Limited, Harwood Capital Management Limited and Richard Griffiths in each case to vote (or, where applicable, procure votes): (i) in favour of the Scheme at the Court Meeting; and (ii) in favour of the Resolutions to be proposed at the General Meeting (or, in the event that the Acquisition is implemented by way of a Takeover Offer, to accept or procure acceptance of the Takeover Offer). The undertakings from Mediclinic Jersey Limited, Harwood Capital Management Limited and Richard Griffiths will cease to be binding in the circumstances set out in paragraph 2 of Appendix 3. In aggregate, these irrevocable undertakings relate to 138,285,335 Spire Shares, representing approximately 34.3 per cent. of Spire's issued ordinary share capital and approximately 42.2 per cent. of the Scheme Shares, in each case as at the Latest Practicable Date. Of these, Harwood Capital Management Limited and Richard Griffiths have each undertaken to elect for the Alternative Offer in respect of, in aggregate, 14,000,000 Spire Shares, representing approximately 3.5 per cent. of Spire's issued ordinary share capital and approximately 4.3 per cent. of the Scheme Shares, in each case as at the Latest Practicable Date, with such Spire Shareholders having each undertaken to elect for the Cash Offer in respect of the balance of their respective holdings of Spire Shares.

In addition, Spire and Bidco have also received an irrevocable undertaking from Toscafund to vote (or, where applicable, procure votes) in favour of the Resolutions to be proposed at the General Meeting. This irrevocable undertaking relates to 74,939,222 Spire Shares (none of which are Scheme Shares) held by or on behalf of funds managed or advised by Toscafund (including the Tosca Consortium Funds), representing approximately 18.6 per cent. of Spire's issued ordinary share capital as at the Latest Practicable Date.

Further details of these irrevocable undertakings (including the circumstances in which they may lapse) are set out in Appendix 3 to this announcement.

7. Information relating to Bidco, Topco and the Consortium

Bidco, formed for the purposes of the Acquisition, is a private company limited by shares incorporated and registered in England and Wales on 27 July 2026 with company number 17362218. Bidco's registered office is at 5th Floor Ferguson House, 15 Marylebone Road, London NW1 5JD. Bidco is an indirectly wholly-owned subsidiary of Topco and was formed for the purpose of implementing the Acquisition. The Bidco Board comprises:

- Martin Hughes;
 - Steven Scott; and
 - Paolo Pieri.
- Topco is a private company limited by shares incorporated and registered in Jersey on 22 July 2026 with company number 166506. Topco's registered office is at 1 IFC, St. Helier JE2 3BX Jersey. The Topco Board comprises each of the directors of Bidco. As at the Effective Date, and prior to implementation of the Rollover, it is intended that Bidco will be indirectly owned by: (i) the Tosca Investors, including certain funds managed or advised by Toscafund Asset Management LLP ("**Toscafund**"); (ii) Three Hills Funds, being funds, vehicles, accounts or persons managed, advised or sub-advised by THCP Advisory Limited ("**Three Hills**") and/or its affiliates; and (iii) certain other Minority Investors (including funds, vehicles, accounts or persons managed, advised or sub-advised by Ares Management Limited ("**Ares**") and/or its affiliates).

Further details in relation to the Topco Group will be set out in the Scheme Document in due course.

Toscafund

Toscafund is part of the Old Oak Group, a financial services group based in London, which is engaged in asset management and private equity activities. It was founded in 2000 by Martin Hughes, its Chief Executive. Toscafund's primary activity is to act as an investment manager/adviser to a number of investment funds and accounts that follow primarily equity investment strategies. The holding company for Old Oak Group is Old Oak Holdings Limited, a company established and owned by Martin Hughes. As at 30 June 2026, the Old Oak Group had combined assets under management of approximately US\$2.5 billion.

Toscafund acts as the investment manager to the Tosca Consortium Funds and Tosca Micro Cap, which are the beneficial owners of, in aggregate, 74,939,222 Spire Shares.

Three Hills

Three Hills is an investment house with more than EUR 3.2 billion of assets under management (as at 30 June 2026) and provides flexible structured capital solutions to entrepreneurs and management teams in the European mid-market. Three Hills prides itself on partnering with ambitious teams looking to grow their businesses with discipline, integrity, and positive social impact – and seeks to back them in their growth journeys with minority capital and ongoing support. Three Hills has completed more than 40 investments since its founding in 2013, and several blue-chip institutional investors routinely co-invest alongside Three Hills. Three Hills benefits from a diverse, growing team of more than 65 professionals located across offices in London, Milan, Paris, Madrid, New York, and Luxembourg. Three Hills is further supported by a highly connected and diverse investor base, consisting of family offices, private investors, and leading institutional investors globally.

Each of the Three Hills Funds is managed or advised by Three Hills and/or its affiliates.

Ares

Ares Management Corporation (NYSE:ARES) is a leading global alternative investment manager offering clients complementary primary and secondary investment solutions across the credit, real estate, private equity and infrastructure asset classes. As at 30 June 2026 Ares Management Corporation's global platform had approximately US\$671 billion of assets under management. The Ares Funds that have provided an equity commitment letter to Topco have experience of providing equity financing as well as making equity investments in, and the ownership of, public and private businesses.

8. Information relating to Spire

Spire is a public limited company incorporated in England and Wales under the Companies Act. The Spire Shares are admitted to listing on the Official List and to trading on the London Stock Exchange's Main Market. Spire is a constituent of the FTSE 250 index with a market capitalisation of £958.6 million as at the Latest Practicable Date.

Spire is a leading, independent healthcare group in the United Kingdom, running 38 hospitals and over 55 clinics across England, Wales and Scotland as at the date of this announcement. Working in

partnership with over 8,800 experienced consultants, Spire delivered tailored, personalised care to over 1.36 million inpatients, outpatients and day case patients, and workplace health clients, in 2025. As at 31 December 2025, Spire was the leading private provider, by volume, of knee and hip operations in the United Kingdom.

Spire operates a network of private GPs and provides workplace health services to over 1,400 employers. Spire also delivers a range of private, NHS and employer-funded mental health, musculoskeletal and dermatological services, and is the largest independent provider of NHS talking therapies in England.

Spire's almost 100 well-located clinical sites deliver award-winning care for self-pay patients, the NHS, employers and private medical insurance providers. As at 31 December 2025, 98 per cent. of Spire's inspected locations were rated 'Good,' 'Outstanding' or the equivalent by health inspectors in England, Wales and Scotland.

9. Intentions with regard to the business of Spire

9.1 Strategic plans

Bidco, through the Consortium's ownership, brings deep knowledge and direct experience of the UK private healthcare sector. The Consortium is led by Toscafund, a long-term investor and the second largest shareholder in Spire. The proposed Acquisition is, at its heart, a vote of confidence in Spire, its hospitals and clinics, in the quality of the healthcare it delivers, and in the people who make that care possible every day.

Bidco recognises that Spire's network of hospitals and clinics is well-run and efficient, with clinical quality and patient safety outcomes amongst the strongest in the UK's private healthcare sector. Bidco is committed to safeguarding and building upon that legacy, and the delivery of high-quality patient care represents the cornerstone of its investment approach.

Bidco is acutely aware of the importance of Spire's long-standing relationship with the NHS. As one of the leading independent healthcare providers in the UK, Spire plays an integral part in delivering NHS funded care, free at the point of delivery to patients, and reducing patient waiting times. Bidco is committed to maintaining Spire's position as a trusted and reliable partner to the NHS.

The Consortium's history of healthcare investments gives it confidence that Spire's foundations are sound, and Bidco's ambition is to work with the business to realise its full potential, building on what is already working well rather than seeking to disrupt it. Bidco is proposing to make a long-term strategic commitment to Spire, with a view to maintaining and cementing the operational successes that have been built up across Spire's network, while pursuing an enhanced operational and strategic plan.

At the centre of this plan is a renewed focus on Spire's core hospitals business. Bidco believes there is meaningful opportunity in continuing to invest in the Spire asset base, improve patient access and ultimately drive utilisation across Spire's hospital network, through refocusing on its core business. Overall, Bidco believes this will deliver sustainable growth for the Company. In addition, this is a unique moment in terms of the pace of technological innovation in healthcare, and Bidco believes there is great opportunity in developing a consumer technology offering, and deploying artificial intelligence in long-term patient management.

Bidco also recognises the significant strides which have been made in recent years in relation to the streamlining of Spire's operations via its transformation programme, which was designed to enhance the experience of patients and consultants, and maintain the highest quality standards. This will remain a key priority for Spire under Bidco's ownership and, following completion of the Acquisition, Bidco intends, with the help of management, to identify further areas where performance can be enhanced to improve efficiency and service delivery.

Following completion of the Acquisition, Bidco intends to work with Spire's management to undertake a further review of Spire's operations, investment priorities, and business plan (the "**Review**"). The Review is expected to take approximately 12 months from the Effective Date and will include:

- a further assessment of the performance, short and long-term objectives, strategy, market position, strategic alignment and long-term potential of Spire's businesses;
- a further assessment of Spire's existing transformation programmes to formulate a more detailed long-term plan around their continued implementation;
- a further assessment of Spire's primary care businesses to formulate a more detailed long-term strategic and operational plan, and assess the relative clinical and commercial contributions, including the referral economics, to the core hospitals business. The Review may result in changes to the ownership, structure, operating arrangements or fixed asset base of, or a divestment of, one or more of Spire's primary care businesses within the Spire Group, where Bidco considers this would better enable the relevant business to achieve long-term success and improved patient outcomes. Any such steps would be taken carefully and in an orderly manner and with full regard to the interests of patients, clients, staff and other stakeholders, and would be subject to the agreement of satisfactory terms and the satisfaction of applicable regulatory approvals and conditions;
- evaluating the management, organisational and governance structures of the Spire Group with the aim of optimising performance against strategic objectives and patient outcomes;
- a further assessment of potential investments in innovation, automation and software solutions, AI and wider commercial capabilities and how best to position the business to deliver improved patient outcomes and compete for greater market share; and
- further engagement with the key stakeholders of each of Spire's businesses.

Whilst the Review is expected to take approximately 12 months to complete, Bidco, in conjunction with Spire's management team, may identify opportunities to improve the outlook for the underlying operating businesses during the course of the Review which, if identified, would be actioned by Spire's management team in parallel with the ongoing Review.

9.2 Intentions for employees and management

Bidco does not intend to make any material change in respect of the number of employees, conditions of employment or balance of skills and functions across the Spire Group as a whole, as a result of the proposed Acquisition.

Operational staff of hospitals and clinics

Spire's hospitals and clinics, together with the hospital directors, clinical directors, consultants, nurses, and other staff who run them, represent the heart of the Company and Bidco is committed to preserving the character, clinical governance and operational autonomy of each hospital and clinic across the Spire Group. Bidco wholeheartedly recognises the skills, expertise, dedication and professionalism of the staff working across Spire's hospitals and clinics and fully understands that their continued commitment and wellbeing is fundamental to Spire's future success.

Bidco intends to continue implementing the Spire Group's existing transformation programmes through 2027, which are not expected to result in any material change in respect of the number of employees, conditions of employment or balance of skills and functions across the Spire Group as a whole, as a result of the proposed Acquisition, however the long-term plan with respect to such programmes remains subject to the outcome of the Review.

As part of the Review, Bidco also intends to undertake an assessment of Spire's primary care businesses. As referred to above, this may result in a divestment of one or more of those businesses which, if they were to occur, may result in a material reduction in the number of employees in respect of the Spire Group as a whole.

Bidco wishes to be clear that any such reduction resulting from potential divestments would arise from the relevant employees transferring out of the Spire Group together with any divested businesses and not from any redundancy programme as a direct consequence of the Acquisition.

Head office and other central function staff (excluding PLC functions)

Bidco recognises that there is a wealth of talent and expertise amongst the staff operating across the head office and other central functions – including regional management – and wishes to retain this. Securing institutional memory to ensure continuity of service will be a very important part of the transition and integration process.

Bidco is aware that there is a wide range of vital central functions, and has a strong belief in their ability to deliver many of their own initiatives further and faster with enhanced support. In addition, Bidco is supportive of the Patient Support Centres, recognises the key role they play in maintaining Spire's high levels of patient satisfaction, and would actively support bringing in more technology to enhance their effectiveness.

PLC function staff

Bidco believes that private ownership would allow Spire greater focus on strategic, commercial, operational and financial activities without the ongoing requirements of being a publicly listed company. As such, following completion of the Acquisition, certain functions related to Spire's status as a publicly quoted company may no longer be required or will be reduced in size to reflect Spire ceasing to be a publicly quoted company, but this reduction in employees will not be material in respect of the Spire Group as a whole.

Bidco has not yet fully developed proposals as to how such potential changes will be implemented but it expects a limited number of PLC-related roles to be removed, which will not be material in respect of the Spire Group as a whole, and will work with Spire's management to achieve this in an orderly and respectful manner.

Board of directors and executive committee

Bidco highly regards the existing respective non-executive Chair, Chair-Designate and CEO. However, consistent with the announcement by Spire on 14 July 2026, the non-executive Chair will step down with effect from the date of this announcement and the Chair-Designate will immediately assume the role of Chair.

It has also been agreed between Spire and the CEO that he will step down with effect from the date of this announcement and remain available to support Spire on the Acquisition. Sir David Sloman, a non-executive director of Spire, has with immediate effect been appointed to serve as Interim CEO.

It is intended that, following completion of the Acquisition, both the Chair-Designate and the Interim CEO will step down from their roles. In their place, Bidco will appoint a new Chair and a new CEO to drive the Company's strategic direction and realise its next chapter of growth. Bidco is genuinely appreciative of the considerable work done by the individuals who have served and will serve in these roles and places great importance on ensuring there is a carefully, respectfully and professionally managed integration and transition period which prioritises operational stability and continuity of patient care.

While the process of identifying a new CEO remains ongoing, Bidco intends to appoint Paolo Pieri as Chair following completion of the Acquisition. Paolo brings strong industry expertise having pioneered several of the largest UK healthcare acquisitions in recent years. Most recently as CFO and then long-term CEO of Circle Health Group during a c.15 year tenure at the group, he has a track record of supporting effective management teams to deliver industry-leading metrics in growth and patient outcomes. Prior to running hospitals, Paolo led several fast-growth tech and consumer-focused businesses, and has particular expertise in transitioning organisations from public to private ownership.

Bidco intends that, subject to the below, the remainder of the existing Spire executive leadership team will continue leading the business following completion of the Acquisition, alongside Paolo Pieri and the new CEO. Bidco recognises the depth of experience and talent amongst the existing management team and strongly believes that realising Spire's full long-term potential requires unified leadership with a clear strategic vision and direct alignment with the long-term ownership philosophy of Bidco.

Bidco also has access to significant expertise in technology, consumer services, capital deployment, human resources, regulatory matters and business transformation to support Spire to go further and faster in delivering its objectives. As such, Bidco additionally intends to reallocate responsibilities currently assigned to certain roles within the executive management team (at the corporate level) and appoint a selection of new hires to complement Spire's executive leadership team. Any such hires will be selected with an emphasis on clinical engagement, operational excellence, a patient-first philosophy, and deep experience of leading and growing healthcare businesses. At this stage, consideration of further rebalancing management at the corporate (rather than at a hospital or other operational) level remains ongoing. A specific proposal as to the individuals affected, or how the separation of corporate responsibilities currently assigned to certain roles is to be implemented, has not yet been fully developed. Any such proposal will be finalised and implemented following appropriate consultation with relevant stakeholders, including affected employees.

As is customary, it is also intended that, with effect from the Effective Date, each of the non-executive directors of Spire shall resign from office.

9.3 Incentivisation and retention arrangements

Bidco believes strongly that the incentivisation and retention of key talent across the Spire Group is central to the long-term success of the business. Accordingly, following completion of the Acquisition, Bidco intends to put in place appropriate and competitive incentivisation and retention arrangements for management and key employees across the Spire Group. These arrangements will be designed to align the interests of management and key personnel with the long-term objectives of the business and with Bidco as its long-term owner. Bidco has not entered into and has not had discussions on proposals to enter into any form of incentivisation arrangements with members of Spire's management or employees but intends to have discussions with respect to such arrangements following the Effective Date.

9.4 Existing employment rights

Bidco confirms that, following completion of the Acquisition, the existing contractual and statutory rights and terms and conditions of employment, including pension obligations, of the management and employees of the Spire Group will be fully safeguarded in accordance with applicable law and as further specified in the Co-operation Agreement.

9.5 Pension scheme

No member of the Spire Group participates in any defined benefit pension schemes. As mentioned above, the existing contractual and statutory rights of members of the Spire Group's defined contribution pension schemes will be fully safeguarded in accordance with applicable law.

9.6 Intentions for headquarters, locations, fixed assets and research and development

Following completion of the Acquisition, Bidco intends for Spire to continue to operate as a standalone business, led by the Spire management team. Without prejudice to the outcome of the Review, Bidco has no intention to change the locations of the Spire Group's business operations or any of its individual sites and does not intend to redeploy any of the Spire Group's properties or fixed assets in a manner that would be material to the operations of the Spire Group as a whole. Following completion of the Acquisition, Bidco intends that certain of the Spire Group's properties will form part of a sale package, subject to long-term lease agreements under which the Spire Group would continue to occupy the properties, but the selection of properties forming part of the sale package remains subject to review. Bidco does not intend for there to be any change in respect of the number of Spire's employees or business operations that it provides as a result of such sales.

Bidco further confirms that it has no intention to change the location or principal functions of the Spire Group headquarters, other than in respect of a number of PLC related functions which will no longer be required upon Spire ceasing to operate as a publicly listed company.

Bidco has no intention to make any changes to the Spire Group's research and development activities, clinical innovation programmes or academic and research partnerships. Bidco is committed to continued investment in innovation and digital transformation across the Company, including in areas such as digital patient pathways, remote and virtual consultation capabilities, data-driven clinical

outcomes management, and technology-enabled care, all with a view to broadening patient access and further improving the quality and efficiency of care that Spire provides.

9.7 Trading facilities

Spire Shares are currently listed on the Official List and admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's main market for listed securities. As set out in paragraph 16 of this announcement, following the Scheme becoming Effective, applications will be made for the cancellation of the listing of Spire Shares on the Official List and the cancellation of trading of Spire Shares on the London Stock Exchange. Following completion of the Acquisition, Bidco intends to re-register Spire as a private company.

9.8 No post-offer undertakings

No statements in this paragraph 9 constitute "post-offer undertakings" for the purpose of Rule 19.5 of the Code.

10. The Alternative Offer

Under the Alternative Offer, Eligible Scheme Shareholders may elect to exchange some or all of their Scheme Shares for Bidco Rollover Securities which will, subject to implementation of the Rollover, ultimately be exchanged for Rollover Securities. Eligible Scheme Shareholders who validly participate under the Alternative Offer will receive (subject to implementation of the Rollover):

for each Scheme Share: 2.5 Rollover Securities

The maximum number of Spire Shares that Eligible Scheme Shareholders may elect to exchange under the Alternative Offer shall be limited, in aggregate, to 28,000,000 Spire Shares (being approximately 8.5 per cent. of the Scheme Shares as at the Latest Practicable Date).

The Topco Bridge Kicker Shares, which will be issued to certain Three Hills Funds and certain Minority Investors, have ordinary share 'equity kicker' rights unless and until certain circumstances arise. These circumstances include where elections for the Alternative Offer exceed 24,000,000 Spire Shares (the "**Bridge Hurdle**") or additional equity is raised by Topco within certain parameters set out in the Topco Articles (such that elements of bridge financing under the Senior First Out Facility Agreement become surplus to requirements for the Acquisition). In these circumstances, the 'equity kicker' rights would begin to fall away (and such Topco Bridge Kicker Shares would ultimately convert into Topco Deferred Shares). In the case of the Alternative Offer, the 'equity kicker' rights of (i) the Topco A2 Ordinary Shares fall away automatically (with the Topco A2 Ordinary Shares converting into Topco Deferred Shares) if the number of Spire Shares validly elected for the Alternative Offer is not less than the Alternative Offer Maximum; and (ii) the Topco A3 Ordinary Shares would begin to fall away proportionately for each Spire Share that is validly elected for the Alternative Offer in excess of the Bridge Hurdle up to the Alternative Offer Maximum (with such Topco Bridge Kicker Shares then converting into Topco Deferred Shares).

Subject to implementation of the Rollover, the issued share capital of Topco on or around the Effective Date is expected to comprise of the following Topco Offer Shares: (i) the Topco A Ordinary Shares and the Rollover Securities to be issued on or around the Effective Date; (ii) the Topco A1 Ordinary Shares; and (iii) any Topco Bridge Kicker Shares (comprising the Topco A2 Ordinary Shares and the

Topco A3 Ordinary Shares), to the extent that they have not converted into Topco Deferred Shares immediately following the Rollover.

The Topco A1 Ordinary Shares and (subject to the continuation of the 'equity kicker' rights) the Topco A2 Ordinary Shares will each have specified percentage returns (as set out in the Topco Shareholders' Agreement and described in further detail in paragraph 5 of Appendix 4 below). The Topco A Ordinary Shares, the Rollover Securities and the Topco A3 Ordinary Shares will each have the same economic rights.

As set out in paragraph 6 above, Scheme Shareholders holding, in aggregate, 14,000,000 Spire Shares have already given irrevocable undertakings to elect for the Alternative Offer (the "**Alternative Offer Undertakings**").

For illustrative purposes only, and assuming no additional equity has been raised by Topco in the interim (such that none of the 'equity kicker' rights have otherwise fallen away), if the aggregate number of Spire Shares validly elected for the Alternative Offer is:

- 14,000,000, comprising the Alternative Offer Undertakings only (such that none of the 'equity kicker' rights fall away), a holding of 1,000,000 Rollover Securities (equating to 400,000 Scheme Shares) would equate to an economic interest in the Topco Offer Shares of approximately 0.29 per cent.;
- 24,000,000, being the Bridge Hurdle (being the maximum amount before the 'equity kicker' rights begin to fall away), a holding of 1,000,000 Rollover Securities would equate to an economic interest in the Topco Offer Shares of approximately 0.26 per cent.; or
- equal to or more than 28,000,000, being the Alternative Offer Maximum (such that all 'equity kicker' rights fall away and the Topco Bridge Kicker Shares convert automatically into Topco Deferred Shares), a holding of 1,000,000 Rollover Securities would equate to an economic interest in the Topco Offer Shares of approximately 0.28 per cent.

If valid elections are received from Eligible Scheme Shareholders in respect of, in aggregate, a number of Spire Shares exceeding the Alternative Offer Maximum, such elections will be unable to be satisfied in full. In those circumstances, the number of Bidco Rollover Securities and, in turn, the number of Rollover Securities to be issued (subject to implementation of the Rollover) to each Eligible Scheme Shareholder who has validly elected for the Alternative Offer will be scaled back in a manner which is, as near as practicable, *pari passu* and *pro rata* amongst all Eligible Scheme Shareholders who have made such elections (by reference the number of Spire Shares so elected). The balance of the consideration due to each such Eligible Scheme Shareholder will be paid in cash in accordance with the terms of the Cash Offer.

Any fractional entitlements to Rollover Securities under the Alternative Offer will be rounded down to the nearest whole number of Rollover Securities, with the balance of the consideration due for each applicable Scheme Share to be paid in cash in accordance with the terms of the Cash Offer.

For the purposes of Rule 24.11 of the Code, Darblay Capital, as financial adviser to Bidco, will provide an estimate of the range of values that may be attributed to a Rollover Security, together with the assumptions, qualifications and caveats forming the basis of its estimate of such values, in a letter to be included in the Scheme Document.

If the Scheme becomes Effective, Eligible Scheme Shareholders: (i) who do not validly elect to receive some or all their consideration by means of the Alternative Offer; or (ii) who make an election for the Alternative Offer but fail to provide the required "know your customer" information, will automatically receive Cash Consideration in respect of their entire holding of Scheme Shares.

The availability of the Alternative Offer is not conditional upon a minimum acceptance threshold.

Costs and expenses

Pursuant to the Topco Shareholders' Agreement, Topco, or any relevant member of the Topco Group, shall, upon receipt of the related invoices, settle the total costs and expenses incurred and to be incurred by or on behalf of the Topco Group and the Consortium in connection with the Acquisition (including in relation to preparation of Acquisition documentation, financing of the Cash Consideration and the Consortium's due diligence exercise, together with any reasonable disbursements and any VAT payable on such amounts) in such amounts and to such entities as each Consortium Investor may approve and direct. Such costs and expenses incurred and to be incurred in connection with the Acquisition will reduce the net assets and cash resources otherwise available to the Topco Group and therefore the value of the Rollover Securities. An estimate of such costs and expenses will be included in the Scheme Document.

"Know your customer" information

Eligible Scheme Shareholders who wish to make an election for the Alternative Offer will be required, as a condition to their election being treated as valid and to Rollover Securities being issued to them, to provide certain preliminary "know your customer" information (being such information required in order to comply with applicable anti-money laundering, sanctions or "know your customer" laws) to Topco's Administration Agent or as otherwise reasonably required by Bidco, Topco or the Consortium. Details regarding the information to be provided, and the manner in which it must be provided, will be set out in the Scheme Document. Failure to provide the required information will result in elections for the Alternative Offer being invalid and Eligible Scheme Shareholders who made such an invalid election will instead receive the Cash Consideration for the number of Scheme Shares in respect of which they purported to make an election for the Alternative Offer.

Furthermore, if and to the extent required by applicable anti-money laundering, sanctions or "know your customer" laws, Eligible Scheme Shareholders who receive Rollover Securities may be required to provide Topco's Administration Agent with further "know your customer" information following the issue of Rollover Securities to them and information regarding this will be set out in the Scheme Document.

Overseas Shareholders

Unless otherwise determined by Bidco and permitted by applicable law and regulation, the Alternative Offer will not be offered, and Rollover Securities will not be sold or delivered, directly or indirectly, in or into any Restricted Jurisdiction. Further details in relation to Overseas Shareholders will be contained in the Scheme Document.

U.S. Shareholders

The Rollover Securities have not been, and will not be, registered under the US Securities Act nor under the securities laws of any state or territory or other jurisdiction of the United States, will not be listed on any stock exchange in the United States (or elsewhere) and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an available exemption from the registration requirements of the US Securities Act. Accordingly, they will not be issued to Spire Shareholders unless Bidco considers that they may be so issued pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the US Securities Act provided by Section 3(a)(10) of the US Securities Act or another available exemption under the US Securities Act.

Where Bidco reasonably believes that an election for the Alternative Offer by any Scheme Shareholder may result in a requirement for a registration or qualification under the US Securities Act, US Exchange Act or any other securities laws in any state or territory or other jurisdiction of the United States, Bidco will have the right to deem that such Scheme Shareholder has not elected for the Alternative Offer and such Scheme Shareholder will instead receive cash consideration in respect of the Scheme Shares that were subject to such an election in accordance with the terms of the Cash Offer.

Following the Scheme becoming Effective and except with the approval of the Topco Board, the Rollover Securities may not be offered, sold, resold, taken up, delivered or transferred, directly or indirectly, in or into the United States or to or for the account or benefit of any US Person, or in any other manner whatsoever, as a result of which a registration under the US Securities Act or the US Exchange Act would be required. Any transfer of Rollover Securities to a US Person shall require the approval of Topco Board.

The Rollover

If the Scheme becomes Effective, Eligible Scheme Shareholders that validly elect to receive consideration by means of the Alternative Offer will receive: (i) their Rollover Securities pursuant to a rollover mechanism in the Scheme whereby on or shortly following the Effective Date such number of Scheme Shares in respect of which Eligible Scheme Shareholders validly elect for the Alternative Offer (subject to the terms of this announcement) will be exchanged for Bidco Rollover Securities to be issued by Bidco pursuant to the Scheme which will then be exchanged, directly or indirectly and subject to exercise of associated put or call options, for the relevant number of Rollover Securities in Topco that Eligible Scheme Shareholders are entitled to in accordance with the Alternative Offer; and (ii) if applicable, as a result of a partial election for the Alternative Offer and/or any scaling back as described above, the Cash Consideration in respect of such Scheme Shareholders' remaining holdings of Scheme Shares not exchanged pursuant to the Alternative Offer.

The issue of any Rollover Security pursuant to the Alternative Offer will be in accordance with the mechanism described in this paragraph 10 and in Appendix 4 to this announcement and subject to the Conditions and further terms set out in Appendix 1 to this announcement and to be set out in the Scheme Document and the Topco Articles. Further details of the Alternative Offer, the Topco Group, the Rollover and the rights and restrictions attaching to the Rollover Securities are set out in paragraph 11 and in Appendix 4 to this announcement.

11. The Rollover Securities

Terms of issue of Rollover Securities

Any Rollover Securities to be issued (subject to implementation of the Rollover) to Eligible Scheme Shareholders who validly elect for the Alternative Offer in accordance with the Rollover will be issued credited as fully paid and will rank economically *pari passu* with the Topco A Ordinary Shares held by and issued to the Consortium Members in connection with the Acquisition, including the right to receive and retain any dividends and other distributions declared, made or paid by reference to a record date falling on or after the Effective Date. The Topco A3 Ordinary Shares, being Topco Bridge Kicker Shares that will provide an anti-dilution protection for their holders in respect of their interests in Topco A Ordinary Shares, will also rank economically *pari passu* with the Topco A Ordinary Shares and the Rollover Securities (to the extent that their 'equity kicker' rights remain in place).

Summary of the key rights and restrictions of the Rollover Securities

A summary of the key rights and restrictions attaching to the Rollover Securities is included at Appendix 4 of this announcement and will be set out in the Scheme Document. Spire Shareholders are encouraged to read in full Appendix 4 and the advantages and disadvantages set out in paragraph 5 of this announcement (which Bidco also considers to contain the key risk factors and investment considerations in relation to an election for the Alternative Offer), together with the Topco Shareholders' Agreement and the Topco Articles and, in due course, the Scheme Document.

References to "Topco B Ordinary Shares" have the same meaning as references to "Rollover Securities", and references to "Topco B Shareholders" have the same meaning as references to "Rollover Securityholders" and "holders of Rollover Securities". As an overview, the Rollover Securities will be subject to the following terms and conditions:

- the Rollover Securities will not carry any general voting rights at general meetings of Topco;
- the Rollover Securities will not be transferable (save in very limited circumstances such as where required or permitted pursuant to an Exit or reorganisation transaction or in accordance with customary 'drag along' and 'tag along' provisions, or transfers to close family members, vehicles under a Rollover Securityholder's (or their close family's) sole control and/or family trust(s) subject to customary transfer back requirements or otherwise with the prior consent of the Tosca Investors);
- the Rollover Securities will be unlisted;
- Eligible Scheme Shareholders who validly elect for the Alternative Offer will, pursuant to a power of attorney to be included in the Form of Election and/or the Scheme, deliver a fully executed deed of adherence pursuant to which they will be bound by the Topco Shareholders' Agreement;
- any proposed transferee of Rollover Securities:
 - must adhere to the Topco Shareholders' Agreement;
 - must provide such information and materials as the Tosca Investors or any other relevant person (including the Administration Agent or any other corporate administrator) reasonably requires and requests in respect of such transferee and/or its affiliated or related persons in order to satisfy their respective obligations in respect of any 'know your customer', proceeds of crime, anti-terrorism financing and/or anti-money laundering legislation or regulation from time to time, or in connection with any anti-trust or regulatory

change in control approvals required by any regulator (which Topco shall provide reasonable information and assistance in obtaining, if required); and

- must not be a Sanctions Restricted Person;
- if the Tosca Investors (or all of the Consortium Investors) and their associates propose to directly or indirectly transfer all of their securities in the Topco Group to a *bona fide* third-party purchaser which is not connected with them or their associates as part of a single transaction or series of connected transactions, the Tosca Investors (or, if applicable, all of the Consortium Investors) shall have a right to 'drag along' (that is, force the sale of) all Rollover Securities held by Topco B Shareholders in Topco, on economic terms no less favourable than the Tosca Investors (or all of the Consortium Investors) and their associates, to such third-party purchaser, provided that there shall be no obligation for the Tosca Investors (or the Consortium Investors as a whole) to exercise this drag along right and the Tosca Investors (or the Consortium Investors, as applicable) shall be entitled to elect for Topco B Shareholders to receive a cash alternative to any non-cash component of consideration; and
- if the Tosca Investors (or the Consortium Investors as a whole) and their associates propose to transfer, directly or indirectly, any of their securities in the Topco Group to a third-party purchaser as part of a single transaction or series of connected transactions, Topco B Shareholders shall have a 'tag along' right exercisable on a *pro rata* basis in relation to such transfer and any transfer of securities of the Topco Group by the Tosca Investors (or the Consortium Investors as a whole) and their associates thereafter. Any transfer by Topco B Shareholders of their rights under the 'tag along' provision shall be at the same price and otherwise on the same terms as agreed to by the selling Tosca Investors (or the Consortium Investors as a whole) and their associates, save that the Tosca Investors (or, if applicable, the Consortium Investors) shall be entitled to elect for Topco B Shareholders to receive a cash alternative to any non-cash component of consideration. It should be noted that the Topco Shareholders' Agreement does not permit a partial Exit by the Tosca Investors prior to the fourth anniversary of the Effective Date without Consortium Investor consent. This 'tag along' right is also subject to a number of exceptions, including, amongst others, in relation to any transfers (i) in connection with a syndication of equity interests by the Tosca Investors or their affiliates; (ii) to any current or prospective director, officer, employee or consultant of the Topco Group in connection with any management incentivisation plan; or (iii) in connection with a Refinancing, reorganisation transaction or an IPO.

12. Financing of the Acquisition

The Tosca Consortium Funds will, as members of the Consortium, exchange their existing investments in 74,789,222 Spire Shares for Topco A Ordinary Shares.

In addition, Harwood Capital Management Limited and Richard Griffiths have each irrevocably undertaken to elect for the Alternative Offer in respect of, in aggregate, 14,000,000 Spire Shares pursuant to the terms of their irrevocable undertakings detailed in paragraph 6 of this announcement.

The Cash Consideration payable to Scheme Shareholders by Bidco under the terms of the Acquisition will be financed by Bidco through a combination of:

- (i) equity to be invested in Topco, pursuant to the terms of the Equity Commitment Letter, by certain Tosca Investors, certain Three Hills Funds, certain Ares Funds and certain Barings

Funds (for Topco A Ordinary Shares and, in certain cases, Topco A1 Ordinary Shares and Topco Bridge Kicker Shares);

- (ii) senior first out debt facilities comprising £250,000,000 provided to Bidco by Three Hills Credit Funds, Ares Credit Funds and Barings Credit Funds pursuant to the Senior First Out Facility Agreement;
- (iii) senior last out debt facilities comprising: (i) a £160,500,000 term loan facility; and (ii) a £35,000,000 term loan facility (the "**Senior Last Out Facility B Loan**") provided to Bidco by Three Hills Credit Funds, Ares Credit Funds and Barings Credit Funds pursuant to the Senior Last Out Facility Agreement;
- (iv) subordinated debt facilities comprising £250,000,000 provided to Midco by Three Hills Credit Funds, Ares Credit Funds and Barings Credit Funds pursuant to the Secured Subordinated Notes Facility Agreement, with such facilities to be down-streamed and made available to Bidco by way of a series of customary intra-group loan arrangements; and
- (v) senior bridge facilities provided to Bidco by NatWest comprising £500,000,000 pursuant to the Senior Bridge Facility Agreement.

Subject to the Acquisition becoming Effective, Bidco intends that, as soon as possible after Spire has been re-registered as a private limited company, Bidco will replace, in their entirety, the facilities provided under the Senior Bridge Facility Agreement with the facilities to be made available under the Song Facility Agreement.

Darblay Capital, in its capacity as financial adviser to Bidco, confirms that it is satisfied that sufficient financial resources are available to Bidco to enable it to satisfy in full the cash consideration payable to Spire Shareholders under the terms of the Acquisition.

Further information on the financing of the Acquisition will be set out in the Scheme Document.

13. Offer-related arrangements

Confidentiality Agreements

Spire has entered into Confidentiality Agreements in relation to the Acquisition with each of: (i) Toscafund (dated 17 November 2025 and superseded by the agreement dated 17 March 2026); (ii) Three Hills (dated 16 April 2026); and (iii) Ares (dated 8 December 2025 and amended on 3 September 2026).

Pursuant to the Confidentiality Agreements, Toscafund, Three Hills and Ares have each undertaken to: (i) subject to certain exceptions, keep information relating to Spire and the Acquisition confidential and not to disclose it to third parties; and (ii) use such confidential information for the sole purpose of evaluating, negotiating, advising on or implementing the potential Acquisition (and/or providing or arranging debt or equity financing in relation to the Acquisition). These confidentiality obligations will remain in force until (i) 17 March 2028 in respect of the Toscafund Confidentiality Agreement; (ii) 16 April 2028 in respect of the Three Hills Confidentiality Agreement; and (iii) 8 December 2027 in respect of the Ares Confidentiality Agreement.

The Confidentiality Agreements also include certain standstill undertakings which, in the case of each of the Toscafund Confidentiality Agreement and the Three Hills Confidentiality Agreement, ceased to apply upon the release of this Announcement, and in the case of the Ares Confidentiality Agreement apply for 9 months from the date of the Ares Confidentiality Agreement. The Toscafund Confidentiality Agreement and the Three Hills Confidentiality Agreement also contain customary non-solicitation undertakings, pursuant to which each of Toscafund and Three Hills has agreed that, for a period of 12 months from the date of its respective confidentiality agreement, it shall not employ, solicit for employment, or endeavour to entice away certain employees of Spire or its group undertakings, subject to certain exceptions. The Ares Confidentiality Agreement does not contain any employee non-solicitation undertakings.

Co-operation Agreement

Spire and Bidco entered into a co-operation agreement on the date of this Announcement (the "**Co-operation Agreement**") pursuant to which Bidco has agreed to (i) use all reasonable efforts to satisfy the FCA Regulatory Condition; and (ii) in respect of all other clearances, take all steps necessary to secure such clearances and satisfy the relevant regulatory Conditions, in each case, as soon as is reasonably practicable and, in any event, in sufficient time to allow the Effective Date to occur by the Long Stop Date.

Bidco's obligations include (i) accepting any remedies in respect of any member or members of the Spire Group and/or its or their respective business(es) that are required to satisfy the FCA Regulatory Condition insofar as they are not considered by Bidco (acting reasonably) to be unreasonably burdensome; and (ii) offering and accepting remedies indicated, required or otherwise necessary to, or which can reasonably be expected to be required as a condition to, obtaining each other regulatory clearance, provided that Bidco will not be required to accept any remedies that would apply to any company or business (other than the Bidco Group and the Spire Group) which is directly or indirectly controlled by the Consortium, any Consortium Member, any Sponsor, any affiliate of any Sponsor, or any funds managed or advised by any Sponsor (or any affiliate of any Sponsor).

Spire and Bidco have agreed to certain undertakings to provide each other with documents, information, assistance and access in relation to the filings, notifications and submissions to be made in relation to such regulatory clearances and authorisations. The Co-operation Agreement also includes certain undertakings to provide reasonable information, assistance and access for the preparation of the documentation to be published in connection with the Acquisition, including the Scheme Document.

Spire and Bidco each have the right to terminate the Co-operation Agreement in certain customary circumstances, including but not limited to:

- if Spire and Bidco so agree in writing;
- if a competing offer for the ordinary share capital of Spire completes, becomes effective or is declared or becomes unconditional;
- upon service of written notice by Spire or Bidco, if:
 - the Spire Directors change their recommendation of the Acquisition and do not subsequently reconfirm their recommendation within seven days;

- a competing offer for the ordinary share capital of Spire is announced and is recommended by the Spire Directors;
- the Acquisition is withdrawn, terminates or lapses in accordance with its terms and (where required) with the permission of the Panel (other than where Bidco has exercised its right to implement the Acquisition by way of a Takeover Offer or where such withdrawal, termination or lapse is followed within five Business Days by a firm offer by Bidco or a person acting in concert with Bidco to implement the Acquisition by a different offer or scheme on substantially the same or improved terms); or
- the Effective Date has not occurred by the Long Stop Date, unless otherwise agreed between Spire and Bidco in writing or required by the Panel.

The Co-operation Agreement records Spire's and Bidco's intention to implement the Acquisition by way of the Scheme, subject to the ability of Bidco to proceed by way of a Takeover Offer in certain circumstances.

The Co-operation Agreement also contains provisions that will apply in respect of directors' and officers' insurance, the Spire Share Schemes and certain other employee incentive arrangements.

14. Structure of and conditions to the Acquisition

It is intended that the Acquisition will be implemented by means of a Court-sanctioned scheme of arrangement between Spire and Scheme Shareholders under Part 26 of the Companies Act (although Bidco reserves the right to implement the Acquisition by way of a Takeover Offer, subject to the consent of the Panel and the terms of the Co-operation Agreement).

The purpose of the Scheme is to provide for Bidco to become the holder of the entire issued and to be issued ordinary share capital of Spire not already owned by the Consortium. This is to be achieved by the transfer of Scheme Shares to Bidco in consideration for which Scheme Shareholders will receive Cash Consideration due under the Cash Offer or, if an Eligible Scheme Shareholder makes a valid election under the Alternative Offer, Rollover Securities on the basis set out at paragraphs 2 and 10 of this announcement, in each case to be effected pursuant to the Scheme. The transfer to Bidco of the Scheme Shares is intended to result in Spire becoming a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bidco.

Conditions to the Acquisition

The Scheme is subject to the Conditions and certain further terms set out in Appendix 1 to this announcement and to the full terms and conditions which will be set out in the Scheme Document. In particular, the Scheme will only become Effective if, among other things, the following events occur on or before 11.59 p.m. (London time) on the Long Stop Date:

- (a) a resolution to approve the Scheme being passed by a majority in number of Scheme Shareholders, representing at least 75 per cent. in value of the votes of Scheme Shareholders, in each case present and voting (and entitled to vote), either in person or by proxy, at the Court Meeting;
- (b) the Resolutions being duly passed at the General Meeting by the requisite majority of Spire Shareholders;

- (c) the sanction of the Scheme by the Court (with or without modification but subject to any modification being on terms acceptable to Spire and Bidco);
- (d) following the sanction by the Court, a copy of the Court Order being delivered to the Registrar of Companies; and
- (e) the satisfaction (or, where applicable, waiver) of the FCA Regulatory Condition (being receipt of approval of the change in control of certain regulated entities within the Spire Group by the FCA (or it otherwise being regarded under FSMA as having approved the same), as further described in this announcement).

Bidco may only invoke a Condition so as to cause the Acquisition not to proceed, lapse or to be withdrawn with the consent of the Panel. Certain Conditions are not subject to this requirement. Further details are set out in Paragraphs 6 to 8 of Appendix 1 to this announcement.

Additionally, the Scheme will lapse if, among other things:

- (a) the Court Meeting and/or the General Meeting is not held by the 22nd day after the expected date of such meeting, which will be set out in the Scheme Document in due course (or such later date as may be agreed between Bidco and Spire with the consent of the Panel and, in the case of the Court Meeting, as the Court may allow);
- (b) the Court Hearing is not held by the 22nd day after the expected date of such hearing, which will be set out in the Scheme Document in due course (or such later date as may be agreed between Bidco and Spire with the consent of the Panel, and as the Court may allow); or
- (c) the Scheme does not become Effective by 11.59 p.m. (London time) on the Long Stop Date.

Upon the Scheme becoming Effective: (a) it will be binding on all Scheme Shareholders, irrespective of whether or not they attended or voted at the Court Meeting or the General Meeting (and, if they attended and voted, whether or not they voted in favour); and (b) share certificates in respect of Scheme Shares will cease to be valid and entitlements to Scheme Shares held within the CREST system will be cancelled. The Cash Consideration payable under the Scheme will be despatched to Scheme Shareholders who have not validly elected for the Alternative Offer by Bidco no later than 14 days after the Effective Date and (subject to implementation of the Rollover) share certificates in respect of Rollover Securities will be despatched to Eligible Scheme Shareholders who have validly elected for the Alternative Offer by Bidco no later than 14 days after the Effective Date.

Full details of the Scheme will be included in the Scheme Document, together with notices of the Court Meeting and the General Meeting. The Scheme Document will also contain the expected timetable for the Acquisition and will specify the necessary actions to be taken by Scheme Shareholders. It is expected that the Scheme Document, together with the Forms of Proxy and Form of Election, will be posted to Spire Shareholders and, for information only, to persons with information rights within 28 days of this announcement (or such later time as Bidco, Spire and the Panel may agree). Subject, amongst other things, to the satisfaction or (where applicable) waiver of the Conditions, it is expected that the Scheme will become effective during the fourth quarter of 2026 or the first quarter of 2027.

The Scheme will be governed by English law and will be subject to the jurisdiction of the Court. The Scheme will also be subject to the applicable requirements of the Code, the Panel, the FCA, the London Stock Exchange and the Registrar of Companies.

15. Spire Share Schemes

Participants in the Spire Share Schemes will be contacted regarding the effect of the Acquisition on their rights under the Spire Share Schemes and, where required, appropriate proposals will be made to such participants pursuant to Rule 15 of the Code in due course. Details of the impact of the Scheme on the Spire Share Schemes and the proposals referred to above will be set out in the Scheme Document.

16. De-listing and re-registration

The last day of dealings in Spire Shares on the London Stock Exchange's Main Market is currently expected to be the Business Day immediately prior to the Effective Date and it is currently expected that no transfers will be registered after 6.00 p.m. (London time) on that date.

It is further intended that an application will be made to each of the London Stock Exchange and the FCA to cancel trading in Spire Shares on the London Stock Exchange's Main Market for listed securities and to remove the listing of the Spire Shares from the Official List, respectively, with effect from or shortly after the Effective Date.

Share certificates in respect of Spire Shares will cease to be valid on the Effective Date. In addition, entitlements held within CREST to Spire Shares will be cancelled on the Effective Date.

It is Bidco's intention that, as soon as practicable following de-listing, Spire will be re-registered as a private limited company.

17. Disclosure of interests in Spire

As at the Latest Practicable Date, other than: (i) the disclosures set out in this paragraph 17; and (ii) the irrevocable undertakings referred to in paragraph 6 of this announcement, none of Bidco, or any of its directors or, so far as Bidco is aware, any person acting, or deemed to be acting, in concert with Bidco, had:

- (a) any interest in, or right to subscribe for, relevant securities of Spire;
- (b) any short position in (whether conditional or absolute and whether in the money or otherwise), including any short position under a derivative, any agreement to sell or any delivery obligation or right to require another person to purchase or take delivery of, relevant securities of Spire; or
- (c) borrowed, lent or entered into any financial collateral arrangements or dealing arrangements of the kind referred to in Note 11 on the definition of acting in concert in the Code in respect of any relevant securities of Spire.

Holdings in Spire held by Bidco and its concert parties

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the following interests in relevant securities of Spire (including Spire Shares) were held by, or on behalf of, the following persons or entities who are presumed to be acting in concert with Bidco under the Code for the purposes of the Acquisition:

- (a) the Tosca Consortium Funds beneficially owned, through their nominees, 74,789,222 Spire Shares in aggregate;
- (b) Tosca Micro Cap beneficially owned, through its nominee, 150,000 Spire Shares in aggregate;
- (c) Tosca Focus had a beneficial interest in an additional 760,487 Spire Shares through cash-settled derivatives;
- (d) Bridgemere Securities Ltd beneficially owned, through its nominees, 22,435,739 Spire Shares in aggregate.

In this paragraph 17:

- **"relevant securities of Spire"** means Spire Shares and securities convertible or exchangeable into Spire Shares; and
- **"interests"** in securities arise, in summary, when a person has a long economic exposure, whether absolute or conditional, to changes in the price of securities (and a person who only has a short position in securities is not treated as interested in those securities). In particular, a person will be treated as having an 'interest' by virtue of the ownership, voting rights or control of securities, or by virtue of any agreement to purchase, option in respect of, or derivative referenced to, securities.

18. Overseas Shareholders

The availability of the Acquisition (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the right to make an election for Rollover Securities under the Alternative Offer) and the distribution of this announcement to persons resident in, or citizens of, or otherwise subject to, jurisdictions outside the United Kingdom may be affected by the laws of the relevant jurisdictions. Such persons should inform themselves of, and observe, any applicable legal or regulatory requirements of their jurisdiction. Spire Shareholders who are in any doubt regarding such matters should consult an appropriate independent professional adviser in the relevant jurisdiction without delay.

This announcement is not intended to, and does not, constitute or form part of any offer to sell or to subscribe for, or any invitation to purchase or subscribe for, or the solicitation of any offer to purchase or otherwise subscribe for, any securities. Spire Shareholders are advised to read carefully the Scheme Document, the Forms of Proxy and the Form of Election once these have been despatched.

Further information for Overseas Shareholders will be set out in the Scheme Document.

19. General

The Scheme Document, the Forms of Proxy and the Form of Election accompanying the Scheme Document are expected to be sent to Spire Shareholders within 28 days of this announcement (or such later time as Bidco, Spire and the Panel may agree). A copy of the Scheme Document is also

expected to be sent (for information only) to persons with information rights at the same time as it is posted to Spire Shareholders.

In deciding whether or not to vote or procure votes to approve the Scheme at the Court Meeting or to vote or procure votes in favour of the Resolutions at the General Meeting in respect of their Spire Shares, Spire Shareholders who are entitled to vote at such meetings should rely on the information contained, and follow the procedures described, in the Scheme Document.

The Acquisition will be subject to the Conditions and further terms set out in Appendix 1 and to the full terms and conditions which will be set out in the Scheme Document. The sources and bases of calculation of certain information contained in this announcement are set out in Appendix 2. Details of the irrevocable undertakings given in relation to the Acquisition are set out in Appendix 3. Appendix 4 contains details of Bidco, the Consortium, the Rollover Securities and eligibility to elect for the Rollover Securities. The valuation report prepared by Knight Frank in respect of Spire's property portfolio as at 1 March 2026 is set out in Appendix 5 to this announcement pursuant to Rule 29 of the Code. Certain definitions and terms used in this announcement are set out in Appendix 6.

Darblay Capital, Rothschild & Co, Lazard, Perella Weinberg, J.P. Morgan Cazenove and Berenberg have each given and not withdrawn their consent to the publication of this announcement with the inclusion herein of the references to their names in the form and context in which they appear.

Knight Frank has given and not withdrawn its consent to the publication of its valuation report in this announcement with the inclusion herein to the references to its name and, where applicable, report in the form and context in which it is included.

For the purposes of Rule 29.5 of the Code, the Spire Board confirms that Knight Frank has confirmed to it that an updated valuation of Spire's portfolio of property assets as at the date of this announcement would not be materially different from the valuation given by Knight Frank as at 1 March 2026 and contained in the Knight Frank valuation report set out in Appendix 5 to this announcement.

For the purposes of Rule 29.6 of the Code, the Spire Board confirms that, in the event that the properties within the scope of Knight Frank's valuation report were to be sold at the valuations contained in that report, any capital gains realised on such disposals may be subject to taxation in the UK. The amount of any such liability would depend on the manner in which such disposals were structured, which would be subject to detailed tax advice to be obtained at the relevant time. The Spire Directors estimate that the potential aggregate tax liability that would arise if each of the properties was to be sold at its valuation contained in that report would be approximately £206 million. This estimate assumes that, where a particular property is held within a dedicated property holding company, the sale would be structured as a sale of the shares in that company. For the avoidance of doubt, it is not expected that such disposals will occur (or that such a tax liability will crystallise) in connection with the Acquisition.

20. Documents available on websites

Copies of the following documents will, by no later than 12 noon on the Business Day following the date of this announcement, be made available, free of charge, on Bidco's website at www.toscafund.com and on Spire's website at www.investors.spirehealthcare.com until the end of the Offer Period:

- (a) this announcement;
- (b) the irrevocable undertakings referred to in paragraph 6 and summarised in Appendix 3 to this announcement;
- (c) the Confidentiality Agreements;
- (d) the Co-operation Agreement;
- (e) the Topco Shareholders' Agreement;
- (f) the Topco Articles;
- (g) the Proposed Topco Articles;
- (h) the Bidco Articles;
- (i) the Equity Commitment Letter;
- (j) the Senior First Out Facility Agreement;
- (k) the Senior Last Out Facility Agreement;
- (l) the Secured Subordinated Notes Facility Agreement;
- (m) the Senior Bridge Facility Agreement;
- (n) the Song Facility Agreement;
- (o) any other documents in respect of the financing arrangements described in paragraph 12 of this announcement as are required to be made available in accordance with the Code;
- (p) the consent letters from each of Darblay Capital, Rothschild & Co, Perella Weinberg, J.P. Morgan Cazenove, Lazard and Berenberg referred to in paragraph 19 above; and
- (q) the consent and no material difference letter from Knight Frank referred to in paragraph 19 above.

For the avoidance of doubt, neither the content of the websites referred to in this announcement nor the contents of any website accessible from hyperlinks set out in this announcement is incorporated into, or forms part of, this announcement.

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Inside information

This announcement contains inside information as defined in the Market Abuse Regulation. Upon the publication of this announcement via a Regulatory Information Service, such inside information will be considered to be in the public domain.

The person responsible for arranging the release of this announcement on behalf of Spire is Mantraraj Budhdev. Spire's LEI number is 213800IBJPW3SE2RA350.

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² The acquisition of Gleacher Shacklock LLP by Perella Weinberg Partners completed on 1 September 2026.

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Further information

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The statements contained in this announcement are made as at the date of this announcement, unless some other time is specified in relation to them, and the release of this announcement shall not give rise to any implication that there has been no change in the facts set out in this announcement since such date. This announcement does not constitute a prospectus or a prospectus equivalent document.

No person should construe the contents of this announcement as legal, financial or tax advice. If you are in any doubt about the contents of this announcement or the action you should take, you are recommended to seek your own independent financial advice immediately from your stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant, or independent financial adviser duly authorised under FSMA if you are resident in the United Kingdom or, if not, from another appropriately authorised independent financial adviser.

Spire Shareholders should be aware that the transaction contemplated herein may have tax consequences and that such consequences, if any, are not described herein. Spire Shareholders are urged to consult with appropriate legal, tax and financial advisers in connection with the consequences of the Acquisition (including the Alternative Offer) on them. It is intended that the Bidco Rollover Securities, Midco Rollover Securities and Midco 1 Rollover Securities constitute non-qualifying corporate bonds for holders of such securities who are UK tax resident individuals.

Overseas Shareholders

This announcement has been prepared in accordance with, and for the purpose of complying with, English law, the Code, MAR and the DTRs, and the information disclosed may not be the same as that which would have been disclosed if this announcement had been prepared in accordance with the laws of jurisdictions outside England.

The release, publication or distribution of this announcement in, into or from jurisdictions other than the United Kingdom may be restricted by law and/or regulation and therefore any persons who are not resident in the United Kingdom or who are subject to the laws of any jurisdiction other than the United Kingdom (including Restricted Jurisdictions) should inform themselves about, and observe, any applicable legal or regulatory requirements. In particular, the ability of persons who are not resident in the United Kingdom or who are subject to the laws of any jurisdiction other than the United Kingdom to participate in the Acquisition or to vote their Scheme Shares or Spire Shares (as applicable) in respect of the Scheme at the Court Meeting or the Resolutions at the General Meeting, or to appoint another person as proxy to vote at the Court Meeting or the General Meeting on their behalf, may be affected by the laws of the jurisdictions in which they are located or

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Unless otherwise determined by Bidco or required by the Code, and permitted by applicable law and regulation, the Acquisition (including the Alternative Offer) shall not be made available, directly or indirectly, in, into or from a Restricted Jurisdiction or any other jurisdiction where to do so would violate the laws or regulations in that jurisdiction and no person may vote in favour of the Acquisition by use of the mails or any other means or instrumentality (including, without limitation, facsimile, e-mail or other electronic transmission, telex or telephone) of interstate or foreign commerce of, or any facility of a national, state or other securities exchange of, any Restricted Jurisdiction or from within a Restricted Jurisdiction or any other jurisdiction if to do so would constitute a violation of the laws of that jurisdiction.

Copies of this announcement and any formal documentation relating to the Acquisition are not being, and must not be, directly or indirectly, mailed or otherwise forwarded, distributed or sent in, into or from any Restricted Jurisdiction or any other jurisdiction where to do so would constitute a violation of the laws or regulations of such jurisdiction and persons receiving such documents (including custodians, nominees and trustees) must not mail or otherwise forward, distribute or send them in, into or from any Restricted Jurisdiction or any other jurisdiction where to do so would violate the laws or regulations in that jurisdiction. Doing so may render invalid any related purported vote in respect of, or acceptance of, the Acquisition.

If the Acquisition is implemented by way of a Takeover Offer (unless otherwise permitted by applicable law or regulation), the Takeover Offer may not be made, directly or indirectly, in or into, or by use of the mails or any other means or instrumentality (including, without limitation, facsimile, e-mail or other electronic transmission, telex or telephone) of interstate or foreign commerce of, or any facility of a national, state or other securities exchange of, any Restricted Jurisdiction and the Takeover Offer will not be capable of acceptance by any such use, means, instrumentality or facility or from within any Restricted Jurisdiction.

The availability of the Rollover Securities to persons who are not resident in the United Kingdom may be affected by the laws and/or regulations of the relevant jurisdiction in which they are located. Persons who are not resident in the United Kingdom should inform themselves of, and observe, any applicable requirements.

Where Bidco believes that an election for the Alternative Offer by any Scheme Shareholder may infringe applicable legal or regulatory requirements, or may result in a requirement for a registration under the securities laws of any Restricted Jurisdiction, Bidco will have the right to deem that such Scheme Shareholder has not validly elected for the Alternative Offer and such Scheme Shareholder will instead receive the Cash Consideration in respect of the Scheme Shares which were subject to such an election in accordance with the terms of the Acquisition.

Further details in relation to Overseas Shareholders will be contained in the Scheme Document.

The Acquisition will be subject to the applicable requirements of English law, 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 English law. 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 Spire included in this announcement and the Scheme Document (or, if the Acquisition is to be 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 the 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.

US Spire Shareholders should be aware that the transaction contemplated herein may have tax consequences for US federal income tax purposes and under applicable US state and local, as well as foreign and other, tax laws and that such consequences are not described herein. Spire Shareholders (including US Spire Shareholders) are urged to consult with appropriate legal, tax and financial advisers in connection with the consequences of the Acquisition (including the Alternative Offer) on them.

Any Rollover Securities to be issued pursuant to the Acquisition have not been and will not be registered under the US Securities Act or under the relevant securities laws of any state or territory or other jurisdiction of the United States. Accordingly, the Rollover Securities may not be offered, sold or delivered, directly or indirectly, in or into the US except pursuant to exemptions from, or transactions not subject to, the applicable requirements of such jurisdiction.

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 Spire 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 Spire 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 be difficult for US Spire Shareholders to enforce their rights and claims arising out of the US federal securities law and it may not be possible to sue Spire 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, Spire Shares outside 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 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: <http://www.londonstockexchange.com>.

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

Forward-looking statements

This announcement (including information incorporated by reference in this announcement), oral statements made regarding the Acquisition, and other information published by Bidco, Topco, the Consortium and/or Spire contain certain statements which are, or may be deemed to be, "forward-looking statements". These statements are prospective in nature and are not based on historical facts, but rather on the current expectations and projections of the management of Bidco, Topco, the Consortium and/or Spire (as the case may be) about future events, and are, therefore, naturally subject to risks, uncertainties and changes in circumstances that could cause actual results to differ materially from the future results expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements often use words such as, without limitation, "anticipate", "budget", "scheduled", "intend", "target", "expect", "estimate", "intend", "plan", "forecast", "project", "goal", "believe", "aim", "will", "may", "hope", "continue", "would", "could" or "should" or other words of similar meaning or the negative thereof. Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements relating to the following: (i) future capital expenditures, expenses, revenues, economic performance, financial conditions, dividend policy, losses and future prospects, (ii) business and management strategies and the expansion and growth of the operations of Spire, Bidco or Topco, (iii) the effects of government regulation on the business of Spire, Bidco or Topco, (iv) the expected effects of the Acquisition on Spire and (v) the expected timing and scope of the Acquisition. There are many factors which could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in forward-looking statements. Among such factors are changes in global, political, economic, business, competitive, market and regulatory forces, circumstances or conditions, future exchange and interest rates, changes in tax rates and future business combinations or disposals. Such statements are qualified in their entirety by the inherent risks and uncertainties surrounding future expectations.

These forward-looking statements are based on numerous assumptions regarding the present and future business strategies of such persons and the environment in which each will operate in the future. Except as expressly provided in this announcement, neither they nor any other statements have been reviewed by the auditors of Bidco, Topco, the Consortium and/or Spire. By their nature, these forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties because they relate to events and depend on circumstances that will or may occur in the future. The factors described in the context of such forward-looking statements in this announcement may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of any such person, or industry results and developments, to be materially different from any results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Although it is believed that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, none of Bidco, Topco, the Consortium and/or Spire can give any assurance that such expectations will prove to have been correct and persons reading this announcement are therefore cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements which speak only as at the date of this announcement. None of Bidco, Topco, the Consortium and/or Spire or their respective associates, members, directors, officers, employees, advisers or any person acting on behalf of one or more of them, provides any representation, assurance or guarantee that the occurrence of the events expressed or implied in any forward-looking statements in this announcement will actually occur.

Except as required by the FCA, the London Stock Exchange, the Part VI Rules or any other applicable law and/or regulation, none of Bidco, Topco, the Consortium and/or Spire or their respective associates, members, directors, officers, employees, advisers or any person acting on behalf of one or more of them, has any intention or accepts any obligation to update publicly or revise forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except to the extent legally required. All subsequent oral or written forward-looking statements attributable to Bidco, Topco, the Consortium and/or Spire or any persons acting on their behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statement above.

No profit forecasts or estimates or quantified financial benefit statements

No statement in this announcement is intended as a profit forecast, profit estimate or quantified financial benefit statement for, or in respect of, Bidco, Topco, the Consortium or Spire for any period and no statement in this announcement should be interpreted to mean that cash flow from operations, earnings, or earnings per share or income of those persons (where relevant) for the current or future financial years would necessarily match or exceed the historical published cash flow from operations, earnings, earnings per share or income of those persons (as appropriate).

Publication on websites

A copy of this announcement and the documents required to be published pursuant to Rule 26.1 and Rule 26.2 of the Code will be made available (subject to certain restrictions relating to persons resident in Restricted Jurisdictions), free of charge, on Bidco's website at www.toscafund.com and on Spire's website at www.investors.spirehealthcare.com by no later than 12 noon on the Business Day following the date of this announcement.

Neither the content of these websites nor the content of any other website accessible from hyperlinks on such websites is incorporated into, or forms part of, this announcement.

Requesting hard copy documents

In accordance with Rule 30.3 of the Code, a person so entitled may request a hard copy of this announcement, free of charge, by contacting Spire's registrar, Equiniti, during business hours on 0371 384 2030 from within the UK or on +44 371 384 2030 if calling from outside the UK (lines are open from 8.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m., Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays in England and Wales) or by submitting a request in writing to Equiniti at Equiniti, Highdown House, Yeoman Way, Worthing, BN99 6DA United Kingdom. Please note that Equiniti cannot provide any financial, legal or tax advice and calls may be recorded and monitored for security and training purposes.

Spire Shareholders and persons with information rights may also request that all future documents, announcements and information to be sent to them in relation to the Acquisition be sent in hard copy form. For persons who have received a copy of this announcement in electronic form or via a website notification, a hard copy of this announcement will not be sent to you unless so requested. Such persons may also request that all future documents, announcements and information to be sent to them in relation to the Acquisition should be in hard copy form.

Rounding

Certain figures included in this announcement have been subjected to rounding adjustments. Accordingly, figures shown for the same category presented in different tables may vary slightly and figures shown as totals in certain tables may not be an arithmetic aggregation of the figures that precede them.

Disclosure requirements of the Code

Under Rule 8.3(a) of the Code, any person who is interested in one per cent. or more of any class of relevant securities of an offeree company or of any securities exchange offeror (being any offeror other than an offeror in respect of which it has been announced that its offer is, or is likely to be, solely in cash) must make an Opening Position Disclosure following the commencement of the offer period and, if later, following the announcement in which any securities exchange offeror is first identified. An Opening Position Disclosure must contain details of the person's interests and short positions in, and rights to subscribe for, any relevant securities of each of (i) the offeree company and (ii) any securities exchange offeror(s). An Opening Position Disclosure by a person to whom Rule 8.3(a) applies must be made by no later than 3.30 p.m. (London time) on the 10th business day following the commencement of the offer period and, if appropriate, by no later than 3.30 p.m. (London time) on the 10th business day following the announcement in which any securities exchange offeror is first identified. Relevant persons who deal in the relevant securities of the offeree company or of a securities exchange offeror prior to the deadline for making an Opening Position Disclosure must instead make a Dealing Disclosure.

Under Rule 8.3(b) of the Code, any person who is, or becomes, interested in one per cent. or more of any class of relevant securities of the offeree company or of any securities exchange offeror must make a Dealing Disclosure if the person deals in any relevant securities of the offeree company or of any securities exchange offeror. A Dealing Disclosure must contain details of the dealing concerned and of the person's interests and short positions in, and rights to subscribe for, any relevant securities of each of (i) the offeree company and (ii) any securities exchange offeror(s), save to the extent that these details have previously been disclosed under Rule 8. A Dealing Disclosure by a person to whom Rule 8.3(b) applies must be made by no later than 3.30 p.m. (London time) on the business day following the date of the relevant dealing.

If two or more persons act together pursuant to an agreement or understanding, whether formal or informal, to acquire or control an interest in relevant securities of an offeree company or a securities exchange offeror, they will be deemed to be a single person for the purpose of Rule 8.3.

Opening Position Disclosures must also be made by the offeree company and by any offeror and Dealing Disclosures must also be made by the offeree company, by any offeror and by any persons acting in concert with any of them (see Rules 8.1, 8.2 and 8.4).

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.

Right to switch to a Takeover Offer

Bidco reserves the right to elect, with the consent of the Panel and subject to the terms of the Co-operation Agreement, to implement the Acquisition by way of a Takeover Offer as an alternative to the Scheme. If the Acquisition is effected by way of a Takeover Offer, and such offer becomes or is declared unconditional and

sufficient acceptances are received, Bidco intends to exercise its rights to apply the provisions of Chapter 3 of Part 28 of the Companies Act so as to acquire compulsorily the remaining Spire Shares in respect of which the Takeover Offer has not been accepted.

General

If you are in any doubt about the contents of this announcement or the action you should take, you are recommended to seek your own independent financial advice immediately from your stockbroker, solicitor, accountant or independent financial adviser duly authorised under FSMA if you are resident in the United Kingdom or, if not, from another appropriately authorised independent financial adviser.

Investors should be aware that Bidco may purchase Spire Shares otherwise than under any Offer or the Scheme, including pursuant to privately negotiated purchases.

Time

All times referred to in this announcement are London times, unless otherwise stated.

APPENDIX 1

CONDITIONS TO, AND CERTAIN FURTHER TERMS OF, THE ACQUISITION AND THE SCHEME

The Acquisition and the Scheme will be subject to the Conditions and terms set out in this Appendix 1 and in the Scheme Document.

Part A

Conditions to the Acquisition and the Scheme

Long Stop Date

1. The Acquisition will be conditional upon the Scheme becoming unconditional and Effective, subject to the provisions of the Code, by no later than 11.59 p.m. (London time) on the Long Stop Date.

Conditions of the Scheme

2. The Scheme will be conditional upon:

(a)

- (i) its approval by a majority in number of, representing not less than 75 per cent. in value of the Scheme Shares held by, the Scheme Shareholders who are on the register of members of Spire at the Voting Record Time (or each of the relevant classes thereof, if applicable) in each case present and voting (and entitled to vote), either in person or by proxy, at the Court Meeting (or at any separate class meeting, if applicable) or at any adjournment thereof; and
- (ii) the Court Meeting (and any separate class meeting, if applicable) or any adjournment thereof, being held on or before the 22nd day after the expected date of the Court Meeting to be set out in the Scheme Document in due course (or such later date, if any, as Bidco and Spire may agree, with the consent of the Panel (and that the Court may allow, if required));

(b)

- (i) the Resolutions being duly passed by the requisite majority or majorities at the General Meeting or at any adjournment thereof; and
- (ii) the General Meeting or any adjournment thereof being held on or before the 22nd day after the expected date of the General Meeting to be set out in the Scheme Document in due course (or such later date, if any, as Bidco and Spire may agree, with the consent of the Panel (and that the Court may allow, if required)); and

(c)

- (i) the sanction of the Scheme by the Court with or without modification (but subject to any such modification being on terms acceptable to Bidco and Spire);

- (ii) the Court Hearing being held on or before the 22nd day after the expected date of the Court Hearing to be set out in the Scheme Document in due course (or such later date, if any, as Bidco and Spire may agree, with the consent of the Panel (and that the Court may allow, if required); and
- (iii) the delivery of a copy of the Court Order to the Registrar of Companies.

General Conditions

3. In addition, Bidco and Spire have agreed that, subject as stated in Part B below and to the requirements of the Panel and the Code, the Acquisition will be conditional upon the following Conditions and, accordingly, the necessary actions to make the Scheme Effective will not be taken unless the following Conditions (as amended, if appropriate) have been satisfied or, where relevant, waived prior to the Scheme being sanctioned by the Court:

FCA

- (a) receipt of written notice from the FCA in accordance with section 189(4) or 189(7) of FSMA either unconditionally or with conditions satisfactory to Bidco (acting reasonably) of the FCA's approval of the acquisition or increase of control (within the meaning of Article 6A(2) of the FSMA Controllers Exemption Order) over each member of the Wider Spire Group that is a UK authorised person (as defined in section 191G(1) of FSMA) by each member of the Wider Bidco Group or any other person whose acquisition or increase of control (within the meaning of Article 6A(2) of the FSMA Controllers Exemption Order) over such entities would take place as a result of the Acquisition or its implementation or the FCA has otherwise been deemed to have given such approval pursuant to section 189(6) of FSMA (the "**FCA Regulatory Condition**");

General anti-trust and Third Party authorisations, consents and clearances

- (b) other than in respect of the matters referred to in Condition 3(a), the waiver (or non-exercise within any applicable time limits) by any relevant government or governmental, quasi-governmental, supranational, statutory, regulatory, environmental or investigative body, court, trade agency, association, institution, any entity owned or controlled by any relevant government or state, or any other body or person whatsoever in any jurisdiction (each a "**Third Party**") of any termination right, right of pre-emption, first refusal or similar right (which is material in the context of the Wider Spire Group taken as a whole) arising as a result of or in connection with the Acquisition including, without limitation, its implementation or the proposed direct or indirect acquisition of any shares or other securities in, or control or management of, Spire by Bidco or any member of the Wider Bidco Group;
- (c) other than in respect of the matters referred to in Condition 3(a), all necessary filings or applications having been made in connection with the Acquisition and all statutory or regulatory obligations in any jurisdiction having been complied with in connection with the Acquisition or the acquisition by any member of the Wider Bidco Group of any shares or other securities in, or control of, Spire and all Third Party authorisations, orders, grants, recognitions, determinations, confirmations, consents, licences, clearances, permissions, exemptions and approvals (each an "**Authorisation**") which are deemed by Bidco (acting reasonably) to be

necessary or appropriate for or in respect of the Acquisition including, without limitation, its implementation or the proposed direct or indirect acquisition of any shares or other securities in, or control of, Spire or any member of the Wider Spire Group by any member of the Wider Bidco Group having been obtained in terms and in a form satisfactory to Bidco (acting reasonably) from all appropriate Third Parties or persons with whom any member of the Wider Spire Group has entered into contractual arrangements and all such Authorisations, together with all Authorisations which are deemed by Bidco (acting reasonably) to be necessary or appropriate to carry on the business of any member of the Wider Spire Group that is material in the context of the Wider Spire Group as a whole, remaining in full force and effect and all filings necessary for such purpose having been made and there being no notice or intimation of any intention to revoke, suspend, restrict, modify or not to renew any of the same;

- (d) other than in respect of the matters referred to in Condition 3(a), no Third Party having given notice of a decision to take, institute, implement or threaten any action, proceeding, suit, investigation, enquiry or reference (and, in each case, not having withdrawn the same), or required any action to be taken or enacted, or made or proposed any statute, regulation, decision, order or change to published practice or having taken any other step or done anything (and in each case, not having withdrawn the same) and there not continuing to be outstanding any statute, regulation, decision or order, which in each case would or might reasonably be expected to:
 - (i) require, prevent or materially delay the divestiture, or materially alter the terms envisaged for any proposed divestiture, by any member of the Wider Bidco Group or any member of the Wider Spire Group of all or any portion of their respective businesses, assets or property or materially limit the ability of all or any of them to conduct their respective businesses (or any part thereof) or to own, control or manage any of their respective assets or properties (or any part thereof) to the extent which, in any such case, is material in the context of the Wider Spire Group or the Wider Bidco Group (as the case may be);
 - (ii) require, prevent or materially delay, or materially alter the terms envisaged for, the divestiture by any member of the Wider Bidco Group of any shares or other securities in Spire or any other member of the Wider Spire Group;
 - (iii) impose any material limitation on, or result in a material delay in, the ability of any member of the Wider Bidco Group directly or indirectly to acquire or to hold or to exercise effectively, directly or indirectly, all or any rights of ownership in respect of shares or loans or securities convertible into shares or any other securities (or the equivalent) in Spire or any other member of the Wider Spire Group or any member of the Wider Bidco Group or to exercise voting or management control over any such member;
 - (iv) otherwise adversely affect any or all of the business, assets, profits, value, financial or trading position or prospects of any member of the Wider Bidco Group or of any member of the Wider Spire Group to an extent which, in any such case, is material in the context of the Wider Bidco Group or the Wider Spire Group (as the case may be) taken as a whole;

- (v) make the Scheme, the Acquisition or, in each case, its implementation or the acquisition or proposed acquisition by Bidco or any member of the Wider Bidco Group of any shares or other securities in, or control or management of, Spire or any other member of the Wider Spire Group void, voidable, illegal, and/or unenforceable under the laws of any relevant jurisdiction, or otherwise, directly or indirectly, prevent, restrain, restrict, prohibit, delay or otherwise adversely interfere with the same, or impose additional conditions or obligations with respect thereto, or otherwise challenge or interfere therewith, or require amendment to the terms of the Acquisition, the Scheme or the acquisition or proposed acquisition of any shares or other securities in, or control or management of, Spire or any other member of the Wider Spire Group by any member of the Wider Bidco Group;
- (vi) require (save as envisaged pursuant to the Acquisition or, if applicable, sections 974 to 991 of the Companies Act) any member of the Wider Bidco Group or the Wider Spire Group to acquire or offer to acquire any shares or other securities (or the equivalent) or interest in any member of the Wider Spire Group or the Wider Bidco Group or any other asset owned by any third party;
- (vii) impose any material limitation on the ability of any member of the Wider Bidco Group to conduct, integrate or co-ordinate its business, or any part of it, with the businesses or any part of the businesses of any member of the Wider Spire Group and/or the Wider Bidco Group; or
- (viii) result in any member of the Wider Spire Group or the Wider Bidco Group ceasing to be able to carry on business under any name under which it presently does so,

and all applicable waiting and other time periods (including any extensions thereof) during which any such Third Party could decide to take, institute, implement or threaten any such action, proceeding, suit, investigation, enquiry or reference or take any other step under the laws of any jurisdiction in respect of the Acquisition, the Scheme or the acquisition or proposed acquisition of any shares or other securities in, or control or management of, Spire or any other member of the Wider Spire Group by any member of the Wider Bidco Group or otherwise intervene, having expired, lapsed or been terminated;

Certain matters arising as a result of any arrangement, agreement etc.

- (e) except as Disclosed, there being no provision of any agreement, arrangement, licence, lease, permit or other instrument to which any member of the Wider Spire Group is a party or by or to which any such member or any of its assets is or are or may be bound, entitled or subject or any circumstance, which, in each case as a consequence of the Acquisition, the Scheme or the acquisition or proposed acquisition by any member of the Wider Bidco Group of any shares or other securities in Spire or because of a change in the control or management of Spire or any other member of the Wider Spire Group or otherwise, could or might reasonably be expected to result in any of the following (in any case, to an extent which is material and adverse in the context of the Wider Spire Group taken as a whole or in the context of the Acquisition):

- (i) any monies borrowed by, or any other indebtedness or liabilities (actual or contingent) of, or any grant available to, any such member being or becoming repayable or capable of being declared repayable immediately or earlier than their or its stated maturity date or repayment date, or the ability of any such member to borrow monies or incur any indebtedness being withdrawn or inhibited or being capable of being withdrawn or inhibited;
- (ii) any such agreement, arrangement, licence, lease, permit or instrument or the rights, liabilities, obligations or interests of any such member thereunder being terminated or adversely modified or affected or any obligation or liability arising or any action being taken or arising thereunder;
- (iii) any asset or interest of, or any asset the use of which is enjoyed by, any such member being or failing to be disposed of or charged or ceasing to be available to any such member or any right arising under which any such asset or interest could be required to be disposed of or charged or could cease to be available to any such member otherwise than in the ordinary course of business;
- (iv) the creation or enforcement of any mortgage, charge, encumbrance or other security interest over the whole or any part of the business, property, assets or interests of any such member or any such mortgage, charge, encumbrance or other security interest (whenever created, arising or having arisen) becoming enforceable;
- (v) the rights, liabilities, obligations or interests of any such member under any such agreement, arrangement, licence, lease, permit or other instrument, or the interests or business of any such member in or with any other person, firm, company or body (or any arrangement or arrangements relating to any such interest or business) being or becoming capable of being terminated or adversely modified or affected or any onerous obligation or liability arising or any adverse action being taken thereunder;
- (vi) the value of any such member or its financial or trading position or prospects being prejudiced or adversely affected;
- (vii) any such member ceasing to be able to carry on business under any name under which it presently does so;
- (viii) the creation or acceleration of any material liability, actual or contingent, by any such member, other than trade creditors or other liabilities incurred in the ordinary course of business or in connection with the Acquisition;
- (ix) any liability of any such member to make any severance, termination, bonus or other payment to any of its directors other than in the ordinary course of business; or
- (x) any requirement on any such member to acquire, subscribe, pay up or repay any shares or other securities (or the equivalent),

and, except as Disclosed, no event having occurred which, under any provision of any agreement, arrangement, licence, lease, permit or other instrument to which any member of the Wider Spire Group is a party or by or to which any such member or any of its assets may

be bound, entitled or subject, would or might reasonably be expected to result in any of the events or circumstances as are referred to in sub-paragraphs (i) to (x) of this Condition in any case to an extent which is or would be material in the context of the Wider Spire Group taken as a whole;

Certain events occurring since 31 December 2025

- (f) except as Disclosed, no member of the Wider Spire Group having, since 31 December 2025:
- (i) save as between Spire and its wholly-owned subsidiaries or between such wholly-owned subsidiaries, issued, agreed to issue, or authorised or proposed the issue of, additional shares of any class, or securities convertible into or exchangeable for, or rights, warrants or options to subscribe for or acquire, any such shares of any class or convertible securities or transferred or sold any shares out of treasury other than any shares issued or shares transferred from treasury pursuant to the vesting of any awards or upon the exercise of any options granted under any of the Spire Share Schemes;
 - (ii) save as between Spire and its wholly-owned subsidiaries or between such wholly-owned subsidiaries, recommended, declared, paid or made any bonus issue, dividend or other distribution whether payable in cash or otherwise;
 - (iii) save as between Spire and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, or between such wholly-owned subsidiaries, authorised, implemented or effected any merger or demerger with any body corporate, partnership or business, any joint venture, asset or profit sharing arrangement, partnership, reconstruction, amalgamation, scheme, commitment or other transaction or arrangement or, other than in the ordinary course of business, acquired or disposed of or transferred, mortgaged or charged or created any security interest over any assets or any right, title or interest in any asset (including shares and trade investments), or authorised any merger, demerger, acquisition or disposal, joint venture, asset or profit sharing arrangement, partnership, reconstruction, amalgamation, scheme, commitment or other transaction or arrangement, transfer, mortgage, charge or security interest, in each case to an extent that is material in the context of the Wider Spire Group taken as a whole;
 - (iv) save as between Spire and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, or between such wholly-owned subsidiaries, made or authorised any change in its loan capital;
 - (v) issued, authorised or proposed the issue of, or made any change in or to, any debentures or, save in the ordinary course of business or except as between Spire and its wholly-owned subsidiaries or between such wholly-owned subsidiaries, incurred or increased any indebtedness or become subject to any liability (actual or contingent) in any case to an extent which is material in the context of the Wider Spire Group taken as a whole or in the context of the Acquisition;
 - (vi) purchased, redeemed or repaid any of its own shares or other securities or reduced or, save in respect of the matters mentioned in sub-paragraph (i) above, made any

other change to any part of its share capital in each case to an extent which is material in the context of the Wider Spire Group taken as a whole;

- (vii) entered into or materially changed the terms of any contract with any director or senior executive of any members of the Wider Spire Group;
- (viii) entered into or varied or authorised or announced its intention to enter into or vary any contract, agreement, arrangement, transaction or commitment (whether in respect of capital expenditure or otherwise) which is of a long term, onerous or unusual nature or magnitude or could reasonably be expected to involve an obligation of a nature or magnitude which is or would be reasonably likely to be restrictive on the business of any member of the Wider Spire Group or which restricts or would restrict the business of any member of the Wider Spire Group or which involves or would involve an obligation of such a nature or magnitude other than in the ordinary course of business;
- (ix) (other than in respect of a member of the Wider Spire Group which is dormant and was solvent at the relevant time) taken any corporate action or steps or had any legal proceedings instituted or threatened against it in relation to the suspension of payments, a moratorium of any indebtedness, its winding-up (voluntary or otherwise), dissolution or reorganisation or for the appointment of a receiver, administrative receiver, administrator, manager, trustee or similar officer of all or any material part of its assets or revenues or any analogous proceedings in any jurisdiction or had any such person appointed which in any case is material in the context of the Wider Spire Group taken as a whole or in the context of the Acquisition;
- (x) entered into any contract, commitment, arrangement or agreement otherwise than in the ordinary course of business or passed any resolution or made any offer (which remains open for acceptance) with respect to, or announced any intention to effect, any of the transactions, matters or events referred to in this Condition 3(f);
- (xi) other than with respect to claims between Spire and its wholly-owned subsidiaries or between such wholly-owned subsidiaries, waived, settled, abandoned or compromised any claim or admitted any dispute, claim or counter-claim, whether made or potential and whether by or against any member of the Wider Spire Group to the extent which is material in the context of the Wider Spire Group or in the context of the Acquisition;
- (xii) made any material alteration to its memorandum or articles of association or other incorporation documents which is material in the context of the Acquisition;
- (xiii) been unable, or admitted in writing that it is unable, to pay its debts or having stopped or suspended (or threatened to stop or suspend) payment of its debts generally or ceased or threatened to cease carrying on all or a substantial part of its business in any case with a material adverse effect on the Spire Group taken as a whole;
- (xiv) commenced negotiations with any of its creditors or taken any step with a view to rescheduling or restructuring any of its indebtedness or entered into a composition, compromise, assignment or arrangement with any of its creditors whether by way of a

voluntary arrangement, scheme of arrangement, deed of compromise or otherwise in each case to an extent which is material in the context of the Spire Group taken as a whole;

- (xv) terminated or varied the terms of any agreement or arrangement between any member of the Wider Spire Group and any other person in a manner which would or might reasonably be expected to be materially adverse to the Wider Spire Group taken as a whole;
- (xvi) made or agreed or consented to or procured any change to:
 - (A) the terms of the trust deeds or other governing documents constituting the pension scheme(s) established by any member of the Wider Spire Group for its directors, former directors, employees, former employees or their dependents;
 - (B) the contributions payable to any such scheme(s) or to the benefits which accrue, or to the pensions which are payable, thereunder;
 - (C) the basis on which qualification for, or accrual or entitlement to, such benefits or pensions are calculated or determined;
 - (D) the basis upon which the liabilities (including pensions) of such pension schemes are funded, valued, made, agreed or consented to; or
 - (E) the manner in which the assets of such pension schemes are invested;in each case, that is material in the context of the Wider Spire Group taken as a whole and other than as required in accordance with applicable law;
- (xvii) carried out any act (other than any act arising from or in connection with the Acquisition):
 - (A) which would or could reasonably be expected to lead to the commencement of the winding up of any pension scheme(s) established by any member of the Wider Spire Group for its directors, former directors, employees, former employees or their dependents;
 - (B) would or could reasonably be expected to create a material debt owed by an employer to any such pension scheme;
 - (C) which would or could reasonably be expected to accelerate any obligation on any employer to fund or pay material additional contributions to any such pension scheme; or
 - (D) which would, having regard to the published guidance of the Pensions Regulator, give rise to a liability on a member of the Wider Spire Group to make payment to any such pension scheme arising out of the operation of sections 38 and 38A of the Pensions Act 2004;

- (xviii) entered into or proposed to enter into one or more bulk annuity contracts in relation to any such pension scheme pursuant to which a member of the Wider Spire Group is required to pay further contributions, or agreed to the entering into of a bulk annuity contract by a trustee of any such pension scheme, in each case other than as required in accordance with applicable law;
- (xix) agreed to provide or modified the terms of any share option scheme, incentive scheme or other benefit relating to the employment or termination of employment of any person employed by the Wider Spire Group in a manner that is material in the context of the Wider Spire Group taken as a whole; or
- (xx) from the beginning of the "relevant period" as defined in the Code, other than with the consent of Bidco or the Consortium, taken (or agreed or proposed to take) any action which requires, or would require, the consent of the Panel or the approval of Spire Shareholders in general meeting in accordance with, or as contemplated by, Rule 21.1 of the Code.

No adverse change, litigation or regulatory enquiry

- (g) except as Disclosed, since 31 December 2025:
 - (i) no adverse change or deterioration having occurred, and no circumstances having arisen which would or might reasonably be expected to result in any adverse change or deterioration, in the business, assets, financial or trading position or profits or prospects or operational performance of any member of the Wider Spire Group which, in any such case, is material in the context of the Wider Spire Group taken as a whole;
 - (ii) no litigation, arbitration proceedings, prosecution or other legal or regulatory proceedings to which any member of the Wider Spire Group is or may become a party (whether as a claimant, defendant or otherwise) and no enquiry, review or investigation by, or complaint or reference to, any Third Party or other investigative body against or in respect of any member of the Wider Spire Group having been instituted, announced, implemented or threatened by or against or remaining outstanding in respect of any member of the Wider Spire Group which, in any such case, is material in the context of the Wider Spire Group taken as a whole;
 - (iii) no contingent or other liability of any member of the Wider Spire Group having increased or arisen or become apparent to Bidco which in any case is material in the context of the Wider Spire Group taken as a whole;
 - (iv) no member of the Wider Spire Group having conducted its business in breach of any applicable laws and regulations which in any case is material in the context of the Wider Spire Group taken as a whole; or
 - (v) no steps having been taken and no omissions having been made which are reasonably likely to result in the withdrawal, cancellation, termination or modification of any licence held by any member of the Wider Spire Group which is necessary for the proper carrying on of its business and the withdrawal, cancellation, termination or

modification of which has had, or would reasonably be expected to have, an adverse effect on the Wider Spire Group which is material in the context of the Wider Spire Group taken as a whole;

No discovery of certain matters

- (h) except as Disclosed, Bidco not having discovered:
 - (i) that any financial, business or other information concerning the Wider Spire Group as contained in the information publicly announced before the date of this announcement or Disclosed to Bidco or to any of Bidco's advisers or otherwise by or on behalf of any member of the Wider Spire Group is misleading, contains a misrepresentation of fact or omits to state a fact necessary to make that information not misleading and which was not subsequently corrected before the date of this announcement by disclosure by or on behalf of the Wider Spire Group either through the publication of an announcement via a Regulatory Information Service or otherwise to Bidco or its advisers, in each case to an extent which is material in the context of the Wider Spire Group taken as a whole or in the context of the Acquisition;
 - (ii) that any member of the Wider Spire Group is subject to any liability (contingent or otherwise), in each case, to the extent which is material in the context of the Wider Spire Group taken as a whole;
 - (iii) any information which affects the import of any information Disclosed at any time by or on behalf of any member of the Wider Spire Group which is material in the context of the Wider Spire Group taken as a whole;
 - (iv) any past or present member of the Wider Spire Group has failed to comply with any and/or all applicable legislation or regulation, of any jurisdiction with regard to the use, treatment, handling, storage, carriage, disposal, spillage, release, discharge, leak or emission of any waste or hazardous substance or any substance likely to impair the environment or harm human health or animal health or otherwise relating to environmental matters or the health and safety of humans, or that there has otherwise been any such use, treatment, handling, storage, carriage, disposal, spillage, release, discharge, leak or emission (whether or not the same constituted a non-compliance by any person with any such legislation or regulations, and wherever the same may have taken place) any of which storage, carriage, disposal, spillage, release, discharge, leak or emission would be likely to give rise to any liability (actual or contingent) or cost on the part of any member of the Wider Spire Group which is material in the context of the Wider Spire Group taken as a whole;
 - (v) there is, for any reason whatsoever, any liability (actual or contingent) of any past or present member of the Wider Spire Group to make good, remediate, repair, reinstate or clean up any property or any controlled waters now or previously owned, occupied, operated or made use of or controlled by any such past or present member of the Wider Spire Group (or on its behalf) or by any person for which a member of the Wider Spire Group is or has been responsible, or in which any such member may have or previously have had or be deemed to have had an interest, under any environmental

legislation, regulation, notice, circular or order of any Third Party which is material in the context of the Wider Spire Group taken as a whole;

- (vi) circumstances exist which would be reasonably likely to lead to any Third Party instituting, or whereby any member of the Wider Bidco Group or any member of the Wider Spire Group would be likely to be required to institute, an environmental audit or take any other steps which would in any such case be reasonably likely to result in any liability (whether actual or contingent) to improve, modify existing or install new plant, machinery or equipment or carry out changes in the processes currently carried out or make good, remediate, repair, re-instate or clean up any land or other asset owned, occupied or made use of by any member of the Wider Spire Group which is material in the context of the Wider Spire Group taken as a whole; or
- (vii) circumstances exist whereby a person or class of persons would be likely to have any claim or claims in respect of any product or process of manufacture or materials used therein currently or previously manufactured, sold or carried out by any past or present member of the Wider Spire Group; and

Anti-corruption, sanctions and criminal property

- (i) except as Disclosed, Bidco not having discovered that:
 - (i) (a) any past or present member, director, officer, employee or agent of the Wider Spire Group is or has at any time engaged in any activity, practice or conduct that would constitute an offence under the Bribery Act 2010, the US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977 or any other applicable anti-corruption or anti-bribery law, rule or regulation or any other applicable law, rule or regulation concerning improper payments or kickbacks or (b) any person that performs or has performed services for or on behalf of the Wider Spire Group is or has at any time engaged in any activity, practice or conduct in connection with the performance of such services which would constitute an offence under the Bribery Act 2010, the US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977 or any other applicable anti-corruption legislation or anti-bribery law, rule or regulation or any other applicable law, rule or regulation concerning improper payments or kickbacks; or
 - (ii) any asset of any member of the Wider Spire Group constitutes criminal property as defined by section 340(3) of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (but disregarding paragraph (b) of that definition) or proceeds of crime under any other applicable law, rule or regulation concerning money laundering or proceeds of crime or any member of the Wider Spire Group is found to have engaged in activities constituting money laundering under any applicable law, rule or regulation concerning money laundering; or
 - (iii) any past or present member, director, officer or employee of the Wider Spire Group, or any other person for whom any such person may be liable or responsible, is or has engaged in any conduct that would violate applicable economic sanctions or dealt with, or made any investments in, or made any funds or assets available to or received any funds or assets from:

- (A) any government, entity or individual in respect of which US, United Kingdom or European Union persons, or persons operating in those territories, are prohibited from engaging in activities or doing business, or from receiving or making available funds or economic resources, by US, United Kingdom or European Union laws or regulations, including the economic sanctions administered by the US Office of Foreign Assets Control, or HM Treasury in the United Kingdom; or
 - (B) any government, entity or individual targeted by any of the economic sanctions of the United Nations, the US, the United Kingdom, the European Union or any of its member states, save that this shall not apply if and to the extent that it is or would be unenforceable by reason of breach of any applicable Blocking Law; or
- (iv) any past or present member, director, officer or employee of the Wider Spire Group, or any other person for whom any such person may be liable or responsible:
 - (A) has engaged in conduct which would violate any relevant anti-terrorism laws, rules, or regulations, including but not limited to the US Anti-Terrorism Act;
 - (B) has engaged in conduct which would violate any relevant anti-boycott law, rule, or regulation or any applicable export controls, including but not limited to the Export Administration Regulations administered and enforced by the U.S. Department of Commerce or the International Traffic in Arms Regulations administered and enforced by the US Department of State;
 - (C) has engaged in conduct which would violate any relevant laws, rules, or regulations concerning human rights, including but not limited to any law, rule, or regulation concerning false imprisonment, torture or other cruel and unusual punishment, or child labour; or
 - (D) is debarred or otherwise rendered ineligible to bid for or to perform contracts for or with any government, governmental instrumentality, or international organisation or found to have violated any applicable law, rule, or regulation concerning government contracting or public procurement; or
- (v) any member of the Wider Spire Group has engaged in any transaction that would cause Bidco or any other member of the Wider Bidco Group to be in breach of any law or regulation upon completion of the Acquisition, including the economic sanctions of the US Office of Foreign Assets Control, or HM Treasury in the United Kingdom, or any other governmental authority.

Part B

Certain further terms of the Acquisition and the Scheme

1. The Acquisition will be subject to the satisfaction (or waiver, if permitted) of the Conditions in Part A above, and to certain further terms set out in this Part B, and to the full terms and conditions which will be set out in the Scheme Document.
2. Subject to the requirements of the Panel or the Court, Bidco reserves the right to waive, in whole or in part, all or any of the Conditions in Part A above, except for Conditions 1, 2(a)(i), 2(b)(i), 2(c)(i) and 2(c)(iii) which cannot be waived.
3. The deadlines in any of Conditions 2(a)(ii), 2(b)(ii) and 2(c)(ii) may be extended to such later date as may be agreed in writing by Bidco and Spire (with the consent of the Panel and/or approval of the Court, if such consent and/or approval is required). If any of Conditions 2(a)(ii), 2(b)(ii) or 2(c)(ii) are not satisfied by the deadline specified in the relevant Condition, Bidco shall make an announcement by 8.00 a.m. on the Business Day following such deadline confirming whether it has invoked the relevant Condition, waived the relevant deadline or agreed with Spire to extend the relevant deadline. Conditions 2(a), 2(b) and 3(a) to 3(i) (inclusive) must be fulfilled, or (if capable of waiver) waived, by no later than 11.59 p.m. on the date immediately preceding the date of the Court Hearing. The Acquisition will lapse if it does not become Effective by 11.59 p.m. on the Long Stop Date.
4. Bidco shall be under no obligation to waive (if capable of waiver) or treat as satisfied any of the Conditions by a date earlier than the latest date specified above for the fulfilment or waiver thereof, notwithstanding that the other Conditions to the Acquisition may at such earlier date have been waived or fulfilled and that there are at such earlier date no circumstances indicating that any of such Conditions may not be capable of fulfilment.
5. Each of the Conditions shall be regarded as a separate Condition and shall not be limited by reference to any other Condition.
6. Subject to paragraph 7 below, under Rule 13.5(a) of the Code, Bidco may only invoke a Condition so as to cause the Acquisition not to proceed, to lapse or to be withdrawn with the consent of the Panel. The Panel will normally only give its consent if the circumstances which give rise to the right to invoke the Condition are of material significance to Bidco in the context of the Acquisition. This will be judged by reference to the facts of each case at the time that the relevant circumstances arise.
7. The Conditions set out in paragraphs 1 and 2(a)(i), 2(b)(i), 2(c)(i) and 2(c)(iii) of Part A of this Appendix 1 (and any Takeover Offer acceptance condition adopted on the basis specified in paragraph 15 of this Part B of this Appendix 1) will not be subject to Rule 13.5(a) of the Code.
8. Any Condition that is subject to Rule 13.5(a) of the Code may be waived by Bidco.
9. If Bidco is required by the Panel to make an offer for Spire Shares under the provisions of Rule 9 of the Code, Bidco may make such alterations to any of the above Conditions and terms of the Acquisition as are necessary to comply with the provisions of that Rule.
10. Scheme Shares will be acquired by Bidco under the Acquisition fully paid and free from all liens, equities, equitable interests, charges, encumbrances, options, rights of pre-emption and any other

third party rights or interests whatsoever and together with all rights existing at the date of this announcement or thereafter attaching or accruing thereto, including (without limitation) voting rights and the right to receive and retain, in full, all dividends and other distributions (if any) declared, made or paid or any other return of capital (whether by way of reduction of share capital or share premium account or otherwise) made on or after the date of this announcement, other than any dividend, distribution or other return of capital in respect of which Bidco exercises its right under the terms of the Acquisition to reduce the consideration payable in respect of each Scheme Share.

11. Without prejudice to any right Bidco may have, with the consent of the Panel, to invoke Condition 3(f)(ii), if any dividend, distribution or other return of capital is announced, declared, made, payable or paid or becomes payable by Spire in respect of the Spire Shares on or after the date of this announcement and prior to the Effective Date, Bidco reserves the right to reduce the Cash Consideration payable in respect of each Spire Share under the terms of the Cash Offer by an amount up to the amount of all or part of any such dividend, distribution or other return of capital (and, as the case may be, proportionately reduce the number of Rollover Securities available and due, subject to implementation of the Rollover, under the terms of the Alternative Offer), provided that, to the extent that such dividend, distribution or other return of capital is: (i) transferred pursuant to the Acquisition on a basis which entitles Bidco to receive the dividend, distribution or other return of capital and to retain it; or (ii) cancelled, the consideration shall not be subject to change. If Bidco exercises this right or makes such a reduction in respect of a dividend, distribution or other return of capital, Spire Shareholders will be entitled to receive and retain that dividend, distribution or other return of capital.
12. No amounts of cash of less than one penny will be paid to any Spire Shareholder pursuant to the Acquisition and the aggregate amount of cash to which a Spire Shareholder will be entitled under the Acquisition will be rounded down to the nearest penny.
13. The availability of the Acquisition to persons resident in, or citizens of, or otherwise subject to, jurisdictions outside the United Kingdom may be affected by the laws of the relevant jurisdictions. Such persons should inform themselves of, and observe, any applicable legal or regulatory requirements of their jurisdiction. Spire Shareholders who are in any doubt regarding such matters should consult an appropriate independent professional adviser in the relevant jurisdiction without delay.
14. Unless otherwise determined by Bidco or required by the Code, the Acquisition is not being made, directly or indirectly, in, into or from, or by use of the mails of, or any means of instrumentality (including, without limitation, facsimile, e-mail or other electronic transmission, telex or telephone) of interstate or foreign commerce of, or any facility of a national, state or other securities exchange of, any Restricted Jurisdiction and shall not be capable of acceptance by any such use, means, instrumentality or facility or from within any Restricted Jurisdiction.
15. Bidco reserves the right to elect to implement the Acquisition by way of a Takeover Offer as an alternative to the Scheme, subject to obtaining the consent of the Panel and subject to the terms of the Co-operation Agreement. In such event, such Takeover Offer will be implemented on the same terms and conditions, so far as applicable, as those which would apply to the Scheme, subject to appropriate amendments for an acquisition being made by way of a Takeover Offer including (without limitation and subject to the consent of the Panel) the inclusion of an acceptance condition set at 90 per cent. of the Spire Shares to which the Takeover Offer relates (or such lesser percentage as may be agreed between Spire and Bidco in writing after consultation with the Panel (if necessary), being in any case more than 50 per cent. of the voting rights normally exercisable at a general meeting of

Spire). Further, if sufficient acceptances of the Takeover Offer are received and/or sufficient Spire Shares are otherwise acquired, it is the intention of Bidco to apply the provisions of the Companies Act to compulsorily acquire any outstanding Spire Shares to which the Takeover Offer relates.

APPENDIX 2

SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND BASES OF CALCULATION

In this announcement, unless otherwise stated or the context otherwise requires, the following sources of information and bases of calculation have been used:

1. As at the Latest Practicable Date: (i) Spire had 402,759,599 ordinary shares in issue (being Spire Shares), each carrying one vote; and (ii) Spire held no ordinary shares in treasury. Therefore, at the Latest Practicable Date, the total voting rights in Spire were 402,759,599.
2. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Spire had 327,820,377 Scheme Shares in issue being the 402,759,599 Spire Shares in issue referred to in paragraph 1 of this Appendix 2 less the 74,939,222 Spire Shares beneficially owned by the Tosca Consortium Funds and Tosca Micro Cap.
3. The value of approximately £1,026.5 million for the entire issued and to be issued ordinary share capital of Spire is based on the Cash Consideration of 250 pence for each Spire Share and the fully diluted issued share capital of 410,586,743 Spire Shares, which is calculated on the basis of:
 - (a) 402,759,599 Spire Shares in issue referred to in paragraph 1 above; plus
 - (b) up to 8,919,109 Spire Shares which could be required to be issued to satisfy the exercise and vesting of awards outstanding under the Spire Share Schemes; less
 - (c) 1,091,965 unallocated Spire Shares held in the Spire Employee Benefit Trust, which it is intended will be used to satisfy the exercise or vesting of awards under the Spire Share Schemes (in accordance with the terms of the Co-operation Agreement),in each case as at the Latest Practicable Date.
4. The value of approximately £839.1 million for the entire issued and to be issued ordinary share capital of Spire not beneficially owned by funds managed or advised by Toscafund (including the Tosca Consortium Funds and Tosca Micro Cap) is based on the Cash Consideration of 250 pence for each Spire Share and:
 - (a) the fully diluted share capital of 410,586,743 Spire Shares referred to in paragraph 3 of this Appendix 2; less
 - (b) the 74,939,222 Spire Shares beneficially owned by the Tosca Consortium Funds and Tosca Micro Cap referred to in paragraph 2 of this Appendix 2.
5. The enterprise value of Spire of approximately £2,307.6 million implied by the Cash Consideration has been calculated as the value of the entire issued, and to be issued, ordinary share capital of Spire of approximately £1,026.5 million referred to in paragraph 3 of this Appendix 2, plus the Spire Group's reported borrowings of £367.1 million as at 31 December 2025, less the Spire Group's reported cash and cash equivalents of £34.7 million as at 31 December 2025, plus the Spire Group's reported lease liabilities of £948.7 million as at 31 December 2025.
6. The implied enterprise value multiple of approximately 8.6 times Spire's adjusted EBITDA for the year ended 31 December 2025 is based on adjusted EBITDA of £268.6 million as reported by Spire for the

year ended 31 December 2025 and the implied enterprise value of approximately £2,307.6 million referred to in paragraph 5 of this Appendix 2.

7. The implied enterprise value multiple of approximately 10.2 times Spire's adjusted EBITDA minus maintenance capex for the year ended 31 December 2025 is based on adjusted EBITDA of £268.6 million adjusted by maintenance capital expenditure of £42.0 million as reported by Spire for the year ended 31 December 2025 and the implied enterprise value of approximately £2,307.6 million referred to in paragraph 5 of this Appendix 2.
8. The market capitalisation of Spire as at the Latest Practicable Date is based on 402,759,599 Spire Shares in issue referred to in paragraph 1 of this Appendix 2 and the Closing Price of 238.0 pence per Spire Share, in each case as at the Latest Practicable Date.
9. Unless otherwise stated, all prices quoted for Spire Shares are Closing Prices.
10. Volume weighted average prices have been derived from Bloomberg and have been rounded to the nearest tenth of a penny.
11. Portfolio information relating to Spire's property portfolio is derived from the valuation report prepared by Knight Frank as set out in Appendix 5 to this announcement.
12. Unless otherwise stated, the financial information relating to Spire has been extracted from Spire's 2025 Annual Report.
13. Certain figures included in this announcement have been subject to rounding adjustments.

APPENDIX 3

DETAILS OF IRREVOCABLE UNDERTAKINGS IN RESPECT OF SPIRE SHARES

1. Spire Directors' irrevocable undertakings

Each of the Spire Directors who holds Spire Shares has entered into an irrevocable undertaking with Bidco to vote or procure votes in favour of the Scheme at the Court Meeting and the Resolutions to be proposed at the General Meeting or, if Bidco exercises its right to implement the Acquisition by way of a Takeover Offer (subject to the terms of the Co-operation Agreement), to accept or procure the acceptance of such Takeover Offer, in respect of their entire beneficial holdings of Spire Shares:

Name of Spire Director	Number of Spire Shares in respect of which the irrevocable undertaking is given	Percentage of Spire's issued ordinary share capital	Percentage of Scheme Shares
Sir Ian Cheshire	8,846	0.002	0.003
Debbie White	26,685	0.007	0.008
Justin Ash	1,652,131	0.410	0.504
Harbant Samra	74,932	0.019	0.023
Jenny Kay	4,911	0.001	0.001
Total	1,767,505	0.439	0.539

These irrevocable undertakings given by the Spire Directors shall lapse and cease to be binding: (a) immediately if Bidco announces (with the consent of the Panel) that it will not proceed with the Acquisition; or (b) on or from the earlier of: (i) the Scheme becoming Effective; (ii) the Long Stop Date; (iii) such time and date on which the Scheme is withdrawn, lapses or otherwise terminates in accordance with its terms (provided that the reason is not because Bidco has elected to proceed by way of a Takeover Offer rather than by way of a Scheme or vice versa and/or no new, revised or replacement transaction in accordance with Rule 2.7 of the Code is announced by Bidco at the same time); and (iv) any competing offer for the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Spire being declared wholly unconditional or, if implemented by way of a scheme of arrangement, becoming effective.

2. Spire Shareholders' irrevocable undertakings

The following Spire Shareholders have entered into irrevocable undertakings with Bidco to vote or procure votes in favour of the Scheme at the Court Meeting and the Resolutions to be proposed at the General Meeting or, if Bidco exercises its right to implement the Acquisition by way of a Takeover Offer, to accept or procure the acceptance of such Takeover Offer:

Entity beneficially entitled to the Spire Shares	Number of Spire Shares in respect of which the irrevocable undertaking is given	Percentage of Spire's issued ordinary share capital	Percentage of Scheme Shares
Mediclinic Jersey Limited	119,923,335	29.78	36.58
Harwood Capital Management Limited	16,362,000	4.06	4.99
Richard Griffiths	2,000,000	0.50	0.61
Total	138,285,335	34.33	42.18

The irrevocable undertakings given by Mediclinic Jersey Limited, Harwood Capital Management Limited and Richard Griffiths are conditional on the publication of the Scheme Document (or, if applicable, the Offer Document) within 28 days of this announcement (or such later date as may be agreed with the Panel) and shall lapse and cease to be binding: (a) immediately if Bidco announces (with the consent of the Panel) that it does not intend to proceed with the Acquisition; or (b) on and from the earlier of: (i) the Scheme becoming effective in accordance with its terms or, if the Acquisition proceeds by way of a Takeover Offer, the Takeover Offer being declared unconditional in accordance with the requirements of the Code; (ii) the Long Stop Date; (iii) the Acquisition being withdrawn, lapsing or otherwise terminating (provided that (A) the reason is not because Bidco has elected to proceed by way of a Takeover Offer rather than by way of the Scheme or vice versa; and/or (B) no new, revised or replacement Acquisition in accordance with Rule 2.7 of the Code is announced by Bidco at the same time); and (iv) the date on which any competing offer for the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Spire is declared wholly unconditional or, if implemented by way of a scheme of arrangement, becomes effective; or, in the case of Mediclinic Jersey Limited (c) if, at any time prior to the Scheme becoming effective or the Takeover Offer becoming unconditional (as applicable): (i) in accordance with Rule 2.7 of the Code, a third party (a "**Competing Bidder**") announces a firm intention to acquire the issued and to be issued share capital of Spire not already owned by the Competing Bidder where the value of the consideration offered by such Competing Bidder is equal to or higher than the amount that is at least 10 per cent. more than the value of the consideration offered under the Acquisition (a "**Higher Competing Offer**") as at the date on which the Higher Competing Offer is announced; and (ii) Bidco does not increase the consideration offered under the Acquisition to an amount which represents an offer value equal to or higher than the consideration offered pursuant to the Higher Competing Offer by 6.30 p.m. (London time) on the third Business Day after the date of the firm intention announcement by the Competing Bidder, and, to the extent that either some or all of the consideration under the Higher Competing Offer includes non-cash consideration, such as shares or other securities, the amount of consideration offered under the Higher Competing Offer for the purposes of this assessment shall be as determined by, in the case of listed securities being offered, reference to the average of the closing prices of such securities for the five trading days immediately prior to the firm intention announcement in respect of the Higher Competing Offer, as derived from the London Stock Exchange Daily Official List or, if the share or security is principally dealt in on some other stock exchange or market, the recognised method of publication of prices for that other exchange or market and, if applicable, using a currency exchange rate that Spire's Rule 3 financial adviser shall determine, acting reasonably (and any other non-cash consideration shall be valued based on Spire's

Rule 3 financial adviser's good faith assessment, acting reasonably, of the relevant consideration at the date of such announcement.

3. Toscafund's irrevocable undertaking

In addition, Spire and Bidco have also received an irrevocable undertaking from Toscafund to vote (or, where applicable, procure votes) in favour of the Resolutions to be proposed at the General Meeting.

Entities beneficially entitled to the Spire Shares	Number of Spire Shares in respect of which the irrevocable undertaking is given	Percentage of Spire's issued ordinary share capital	Percentage of Scheme Shares
Tosca Consortium Funds	74,789,222	18.57	N/A
Tosca Micro Cap	150,000	0.04	N/A
Total	74,939,222	18.61	N/A

The irrevocable undertaking from Toscafund shall lapse and cease to be binding on and from the earlier of: (i) the Scheme becoming effective in accordance with its terms of, if the Acquisition proceeds by way of a Takeover Offer, the Takeover Offer being declared unconditional in accordance with the requirements of the Code; (ii) the Long Stop Date; (iii) the Acquisition being withdrawn, lapsing or otherwise terminating (provided that no new, revised or replacement Acquisition, in accordance with Rule 2.7 of the Code, has been announced by Bidco at the same time (or is announced within five Business Days of such lapse or withdrawal)); and (iv) the date on which any competing offer to acquire control (as defined in the Code) of Spire becomes or is declared or otherwise becomes effective.

The Toscafund irrevocable undertaking shall not restrict the sale or transfer of any interest in Spire Shares held by or on behalf of Tosca Micro Cap provided that such action is (i) required pursuant to, and in accordance with, the terms of the formal orderly wind-down of Tosca Micro Cap; and (ii) has been consented to by the Panel in accordance with Rule 4.2 of the Code.

APPENDIX 4

THE TOPCO GROUP AND THE ROLLOVER SECURITIES

1. Additional information in respect of the Topco Group

Topco

Topco is a private company limited by shares incorporated and registered in Jersey on 22 July 2026 with company number 166506. Topco was formed for the purpose of implementing the Acquisition.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the Topco Board comprises:

- Martin Hughes;
- Steven Scott; and
- Paolo Pieri.

Topco subsidiaries

Each of Bidco, Midco, Midco 1, Holdco and Propco is a direct or indirect wholly-owned subsidiary company of Topco. Martin Hughes, Steven Scott and Paolo Pieri are the directors of the board of each of these subsidiaries of Topco.

Midco is a private company limited by shares incorporated and registered in England and Wales on 24 July 2026 with company number 17361000 and was formed for the purpose of implementing the Acquisition. The share capital of Midco currently comprises one ordinary share of one penny which is held directly by Topco.

Midco 1 is a private company limited by shares incorporated and registered in England and Wales on 24 July 2026 with company number 17361143 and was formed for the purpose of implementing the Acquisition. The share capital of Midco 1 currently comprises one ordinary share of one penny which is held directly by Midco.

Bidco is a private company limited by shares incorporated and registered in England and Wales on 27 July 2026 with company number 17362218 and was formed for the purpose of implementing the Acquisition. The share capital of Bidco currently comprises one ordinary share of one penny which is held directly by Midco 1.

Holdco is a private company limited by shares incorporated and registered in England and Wales on 27 July 2026 with company number 17362683 and was formed for the purpose of implementing the Acquisition. The share capital of Holdco currently comprises one ordinary share of one penny which is held directly by Bidco.

Propco is a private company limited by shares incorporated and registered in England and Wales on 27 July 2026 with company number 17363764 and was formed for the purpose of implementing the Acquisition. The share capital of Propco currently comprises one ordinary share of one penny which is held directly by Holdco.

Topco Group

Neither Topco nor any of its direct or indirect subsidiaries (including Bidco, Midco, Midco 1, Propco and Holdco) has traded or entered into any obligations other than in connection with the Acquisition. Bidco has not paid any dividends or prepared any historical financial statements. In the event that the Scheme becomes Effective, Spire will represent all or substantially all of the earnings, assets and liabilities of Bidco and Topco, save for the liabilities incurred in connection with the Acquisition.

Between the date of this announcement and completion of the Rollover, no member of the Topco Group is expected to conduct any business or activities other than in connection with the Acquisition.

Further details in relation to the Topco Group will be set out in the Scheme Document in due course.

Set out below is a summary of the proposed share capital structure of Topco and the provisions of the Topco Shareholders' Agreement and the Topco Articles governing the terms on which Eligible Scheme Shareholders who validly elect for the Alternative Offer will, subject to implementation of the Rollover, hold interests in Rollover Securities. Further details will be included in the Scheme Document.

Eligible Scheme Shareholders who validly elect for the Alternative Offer will, pursuant to a power of attorney to be included in the Form of Election and/or the Scheme, deliver a fully executed deed of adherence pursuant to which they will be bound by the Topco Shareholders' Agreement.

2. Topco issued share capital

Prior to the Acquisition becoming Effective

The issued share capital of Topco currently comprises of one Topco Control Share of £0.01 held by Tosca Service III.

Prior to the Effective Date, the Topco Control Share confers on Tosca Service III such number of votes on any resolution of Topco (whether on a show of hands, poll or written resolution) as is equal to one more than the aggregate number of votes capable of being cast on that resolution by all other Topco shares in issue.

Prior to the Effective Date, it is expected that the issued share capital of Topco will also comprise of: (i) 1,000,000 Topco A1 Ordinary Shares of £0.01 each; (ii) 1,000,000 Topco A2 Ordinary Shares of £0.01 each; and (iii) up to 4,070,704 Topco A3 Ordinary Shares of £0.01 each (together with the Topco A2 Ordinary Shares, the "**Topco Bridge Kicker Shares**"). The Topco A1 Ordinary Shares and the Topco Bridge Kicker Shares will be held by certain Three Hills Funds and certain Minority Investors (including Ares Funds).

Immediately upon the Effective Date, the Topco Control Share will automatically convert into a Topco Deferred Share.

Topco Deferred Shares have no rights to distributions or capital and are not entitled to receive notice of, attend, speak or vote at any general meeting of Topco or in respect of any written resolution of Topco.

Upon the Acquisition becoming Effective

Upon the Acquisition becoming Effective, Topco A Ordinary Shares will be issued to the Consortium Members (including to the Tosca Consortium Funds in exchange for their existing holdings in Spire Shares) and, subject to implementation of the Rollover, Rollover Securities (being Topco B Ordinary Shares) will be issued to those Eligible Scheme Shareholders who validly and successfully elect for the Alternative Offer on the terms to be set out in the Scheme Document.

The Topco Bridge Kicker Shares, which will be issued to certain Three Hills Funds and certain Minority Investors, will have ordinary share 'equity kicker' rights unless and until certain circumstances arise. These circumstances include where the Bridge Hurdle is exceeded (where valid elections by Eligible Scheme Shareholders for the Alternative Offer exceed 24,000,000 Spire Shares) or additional equity is raised by Topco within certain parameters set out in the Topco Articles (such that elements of bridge financing pursuant to the Senior First Out Facility Agreement become surplus to requirements for the Acquisition). In these circumstances, the 'equity kicker' rights of the Topco Bridge Kicker Shares would begin to fall away and the Topco Bridge Kicker Shares would ultimately convert into Topco Deferred Shares. In the case of the Alternative Offer, (i) the Topco A2 Ordinary Shares would automatically convert into Topco Deferred Shares if the number of Spire Shares validly elected for the Alternative Offer is not less than the Alternative Offer Maximum; and (ii) the Topco A3 Ordinary Shares would begin to convert into Topco Deferred Shares proportionately for each Spire Share that is validly elected for the Alternative Offer in excess of the Bridge Hurdle (up to the Alternative Offer Maximum).

Subject to the implementation of the Rollover, the entire issued share capital of Topco on or around the Effective Date is therefore expected to comprise of: (i) Topco A Ordinary Shares; (ii) Topco A1 Ordinary Shares; (iii) Topco B Ordinary Shares (being the Rollover Securities); and (iv) any Topco Bridge Kicker Shares (comprising the Topco A2 Ordinary Shares and the Topco A3 Ordinary Shares), to the extent that they have not converted into Topco Deferred Shares immediately following the Rollover.

The Tosca Investors are expected to control a majority of the voting rights (and hold a majority of the economic interest) in Topco immediately following implementation of the Rollover.

3. Rollover Mechanics

If the Scheme becomes Effective, Eligible Scheme Shareholders who validly elect for the Alternative Offer in respect of some or all of their Scheme Shares will (pursuant to the Rollover) receive Rollover Securities in Topco through the following steps, which will take place on or shortly following the Effective Date:

- First Exchange – first, the relevant Scheme Shares of the relevant electing Eligible Scheme Shareholders will be exchanged for loan notes of a commensurate value to be issued by Bidco pursuant to the Scheme (the "**Bidco Rollover Securities**");
- Second Exchange – secondly, and immediately following the first exchange, the Bidco Rollover Securities will be exchanged for loan notes of a commensurate value to be issued by Midco 1 (the "**Midco 1 Rollover Securities**");

- Third Exchange – thirdly, and immediately following the second exchange, the Midco 1 Rollover Securities will be exchanged for loan notes of a commensurate value to be issued by Midco (the "**Midco Rollover Securities**"); and
- Fourth Exchange – finally, and immediately following the third exchange, the Midco Rollover Securities will be exchanged for the relevant number of Rollover Securities in Topco to which Eligible Scheme Shareholders are entitled in accordance with the Alternative Offer,

provided that each of the second exchange, the third exchange and the fourth exchange will be subject to and conditional on the exercise of a put option by the relevant transferor, or a call option by the relevant transferee, in relation to the securities to be exchanged. As noted above, Scheme Shareholders who elect for the Alternative Offer will be required, pursuant to a power of attorney granted by them pursuant to the Scheme (or the Form of Election), to adhere to the Topco Shareholders' Agreement relating to Topco as a condition of such election. The power of attorney will also provide for the signing on behalf of such Scheme Shareholder (in such form as Bidco may require) of the put and call deeds and/or any exchange agreement, transfer, instrument, or other document deemed by Bidco (in its absolute discretion) to be necessary or desirable to effect the Rollover as conditions of such election, including any appropriate employment tax elections.

4. Terms of issue of Rollover Securities

Any Rollover Securities to be issued (subject to implementation of the Rollover) to Eligible Scheme Shareholders who validly elect for the Alternative Offer in accordance with the Rollover will be issued credited as fully paid and will rank economically *pari passu* with the Topco A Ordinary Shares held by and issued to the Consortium Members in connection with the Acquisition, including the right to receive and retain any dividends and other distributions declared, made or paid by reference to a record date falling on or after the Effective Date. The Topco A3 Ordinary Shares, being Topco Bridge Kicker Shares that will provide an anti-dilution protection for their holders in respect of their interests in Topco A Ordinary Shares, will also rank economically *pari passu* with the Topco A Ordinary Shares and the Rollover Securities (to the extent that their 'equity kicker' rights remain in place).

5. Economic rights

The economic rights described below are subject to the risks described in paragraph 5 of this announcement (for example, that payments in respect of Rollover Securities will not be guaranteed or secured, and any returns to Rollover Securityholders on a distribution, sale or other Exit will rank behind, and be subject to prior payment in full of, Topco's debt financing (including structured debt advanced to certain members of the Topco Group and Spire), which may significantly reduce, or eliminate, the value attributable to the Rollover Securities).

The Topco A1 Ordinary Shares and (subject to the continuation of the 'equity kicker' rights) the Topco A2 Ordinary Shares will each have specified percentage returns (as set out in the Topco Shareholders' Agreement and described in further detail below). The Topco A Ordinary Shares, the Rollover Securities and the Topco A3 Ordinary Shares will each have the same economic rights.

Subject to the above, any return of net proceeds to holders of Topco Ordinary Shares, whether on a future share sale, asset sale, merger, listing or initial public offering ("**IPO**"), or solvent winding-up, in each case relating to the Topco Group (each an "**Exit**") or otherwise, including the right to receive and retain dividends and all other distributions and returns of capital made or paid, shall, after payment of

any costs (as set out in paragraph 13 below) in relation to any such Exit and/or return of proceeds, be distributed to each holder of Topco Ordinary Shares on the following basis:

- to the holders of Topco A1 Ordinary Shares, the "A1 Share Value" of the proceeds (as defined in the Topco Shareholders' Agreement) – being not more than 12 per cent. of such proceeds;
- thereafter, to the holders of Topco A2 Ordinary Shares (to the extent that their 'equity kicker' rights remain in place), the "A2 Percentage" – being not more than 8 per cent. of such proceeds (noting that, in these circumstances, the Topco Bridge Kicker Shares also provide an anti-dilution protection for such holders in respect of their interests in Topco A Ordinary Shares); and
- thereafter, to the holders of the remaining Topco Ordinary Shares (being the Topco A Ordinary Shares, the Rollover Securities and (to the extent that the 'equity kicker' rights have not fallen away) any Topco A3 Ordinary Shares) – the remainder of the proceeds (on a *pari passu* basis and *pro rata* to the number of such remaining Topco Ordinary Shares).

The Topco A Ordinary Shares, the Rollover Securities and any Topco A3 Ordinary Shares shall rank equally as regards any distributions, dividends, buy-back, any other capital redemption or other returns of income or capital made by Topco.

As set out in paragraph 6 above, Scheme Shareholders holding, in aggregate, 14,000,000 Spire Shares have already given irrevocable undertakings to elect for the Alternative Offer (the "**Alternative Offer Undertakings**").

For illustrative purposes only, and assuming no additional equity has been raised by Topco in the interim (such that none of the 'equity kicker' rights have otherwise fallen away), if the aggregate number of Spire Shares validly elected for the Alternative Offer is:

- 14,000,000, comprising the Alternative Offer Undertakings only (such that none of the 'equity kicker' rights fall away), a holding of 1,000,000 Rollover Securities (equating to 400,000 Scheme Shares) would equate to an economic interest in the Topco Offer Shares of approximately 0.29 per cent.;
- 24,000,000, being the Bridge Hurdle (being the maximum amount before the 'equity kicker' rights begin to fall away), a holding of 1,000,000 Rollover Securities would equate to an economic interest in the Topco Offer Shares of approximately 0.26 per cent.; or
- equal to or more than 28,000,000, being the Alternative Offer Maximum (such that all 'equity kicker' rights fall away and the Topco Bridge Kicker Shares convert automatically into Topco Deferred Shares), a holding of 1,000,000 Rollover Securities would equate to an economic interest in the Topco Offer Shares of approximately 0.28 per cent.

6. Voting rights and other governance matters

Holders of Topco Voting Ordinary Shares on the date on which either a written resolution is circulated or a general meeting is held and who is present at such meeting shall, subject to the Topco Articles, have the following voting rights:

- the holders of Topco A1 Ordinary Shares shall have such number of votes as is equal to 12 per cent. of all votes that can be cast by all holders of Topco Voting Ordinary Shares (being the "**A1 Voting Percentage**"), with each holder of Topco A1 Ordinary Shares being able to share in the Topco A1 Voting Percentage *pari passu* by reference to its holding of Topco A1 Ordinary Shares as against the number of issued Topco A1 Ordinary Shares;
- the holders of Topco A2 Ordinary Shares shall have such number of votes as is equal to the "A2 Percentage" (determined in accordance with the Topco Shareholders' Agreement), being not more than 8 per cent. of all votes that can be cast by all holders of Topco Voting Ordinary Shares (the "**A2 Voting Percentage**"), with each holder of Topco A2 Ordinary Shares being able to share in the A2 Voting Percentage *pari passu* by reference to its holding of Topco A2 Ordinary Shares as against the number of issued Topco A2 Ordinary Shares; and
- the holders of Topco A Ordinary Shares and Topco A3 Ordinary Shares shall have such number of votes as is equal to 100 per cent. less the A1 Voting Percentage less the A2 Voting Percentage of all votes that can be cast by all holders of Topco Voting Ordinary Shares (being the "**A Voting Percentage**") with each holder of Topco A Ordinary Shares and/or Topco A3 Ordinary Shares being able to share in the A Voting Percentage *pari passu* by reference to its holding of Topco A Ordinary Shares and/or Topco A3 Ordinary Shares as against the aggregate number of issued Topco A Ordinary Shares and Topco A3 Ordinary Shares.

Rollover Securities will not carry any general voting rights at general meetings of Topco and will not carry the right to appoint directors to the board of Topco. The Rollover Securities will not carry any other governance rights, except for Substantial B Shareholders (as set out in further detail below) and except for very limited minority protections prescribed by Jersey law (including in relation to a variation of their class rights).

The Consortium Investors (acting by Consortium Investor consent) may, acting reasonably, make any amendment to the Topco Shareholders' Agreement and/or the Topco Articles and/or related documents (notwithstanding any class rights) upon reasonable notice setting out the amendments to, Rollover Securityholders without their consent, provided that such amendments are not materially and disproportionately adverse to the economic (including capital and income rights), tax or legal position of any holder of Rollover Securities when compared to the same position of the Consortium Investors.

The Topco Shareholders' Agreement also includes obligations on the Rollover Securityholders, including non-disparagement in respect of the Topco Group and Spire Group and certain other compliance covenants to give effect to the Topco Shareholders' Agreement and Topco Articles.

The Rollover Securityholders (including, for the avoidance of doubt, Substantial B Shareholders) will appoint the Tosca Investors or Topco to provide certain consents and approvals of holders of Rollover Securities (including, without limitation, to (i) execute, deliver and sign any and all agreements, instruments, deeds or other papers and documents and to do all things in the Rollover Securityholder's name, including without limitation entering into and signing any tax election in so far as it is lawful to

do so; (ii) consent to the holding of any class meetings of Topco at short notice; and (iii) exercise all or any of such other rights, powers and privileges as are attached to the Rollover Securities held by the Rollover Securityholder, in each case as the Tosca Investors or Topco may in their absolute discretion (acting in good faith) consider necessary or desirable to facilitate anything under such Rollover Securityholders' obligations under the Topco Shareholders' Agreement).

7. Topco Board and board representation

The board of Topco will be the principal decision-making board of Topco Group and, following the Effective Date, a majority of the members of such board are expected to be comprised of representatives of the Consortium Members. The Consortium Investors (and, in certain circumstances, Ares Funds) will have director appointment rights in respect of members of the Topco Group and Spire Group. Under the Topco Shareholders' Agreement, the Tosca Investors have unlimited director appointment rights in respect of the Topco Group. The Three Hills Funds may appoint up to three directors to each such board. For so long as the Ares Funds continue to hold Topco A2 Ordinary Shares, the Ares Funds are entitled to appoint one director to each such board. None of the other Minority Investors have Board appointment rights (however the Barings Funds can appoint a board observer to each such board). In addition, the Tosca Investors and Three Hills Funds each have certain customary step-in rights under the Topco Shareholders' Agreement in the event that an Underperformance Protection Situation (as defined in the Topco Shareholders' Agreement) occurs or certain financial covenants contained in the Topco Shareholders' Agreement are not satisfied or complied with (subject to such non-compliance not being cured within the applicable period), respectively.

Each Substantial B Shareholder (but not other Rollover Securityholders) shall be entitled to nominate an observer to the board of Topco and will have board observer appointment rights in respect of each of the Topco Group and Spire Group, provided that any appointment or replacement of any such observer shall require the consent of the Tosca Investors (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld). Each board observer appointed shall be entitled to attend and speak, but not vote, at any board meeting of any board of the Topco Group and Spire Group and shall have the right to receive the agenda and all papers sent to the directors in relation to the relevant meeting at the same time as the directors, subject to such confidentiality restrictions as the relevant board reasonably requires.

Therefore, Rollover Securityholders will have no influence over decisions made by the Topco Group's investment in the Spire Group or in any other business or in relation to the strategy of the Spire Group or Topco Group.

8. Transfers of Rollover Securities

The Rollover Securities will be issued by Topco which is a private and unquoted company. There is no intention to list or otherwise create a market for the trading of securities in Topco and the Rollover Securities will therefore be illiquid.

No Rollover Securities will be transferable without the prior consent of the Consortium Investors, except where required or permitted pursuant to an Exit or reorganisation transaction, or the 'drag along' and 'tag along' rights, each as described below or in respect of permitted transfers to close family members, vehicles under a Rollover Securityholder's (or their close family's) sole control and/or family trust(s) or affiliates of any corporate shareholder, in each case subject to an exclusion in respect of

certain restricted persons (such as Sanctions Restricted Persons) as referred to in the Topco Shareholders' Agreement.

The Rollover Securityholders will not have control over the date(s), terms or value(s) on or at which they may be able to realise Rollover Securities.

No changes in direct or indirect interests or economic entitlements in Rollover Securities which circumvent such restrictions on transfer shall be permitted.

Any proposed transferee of Rollover Securities:

- must adhere to the Topco Shareholders' Agreement;
- must provide such information and materials as Topco or any other relevant person (including its Administration Agent) reasonably requires and requests in respect of such transferee and/or its affiliated or related persons in order to satisfy their respective obligations in respect of any 'know your customer', proceeds of crime, anti-terrorism financing and/or anti-money laundering legislation or regulation from time to time, or in connection with any anti-trust or regulatory change in control approvals required by any regulator; and
- must not be a Sanctions Restricted Person.

9. Exit arrangements and final realisation

Save as set out below, the Topco Board shall, in consultation with the Tosca Investors (or such other 'Investor Majority' pursuant to the Topco Shareholders' Agreement from time to time), establish the timing, structure, pricing and other terms and conditions of any Exit (provided that any such Exit or Refinancing shall not take place without consent of the Tosca Investors (or, if applicable, such other Investor Majority from time to time)).

Three Hills Funds shall, with effect from 5.5 years after the Effective Date, also be entitled to establish a committee to determine and direct an Exit process (the "**Exit Committee**"). If the Exit Committee has been established, it shall have various powers to determine the timing, structure, pricing and other terms and conditions of any Exit during the 12 month period following the sixth anniversary of the Effective Date (or, if later, the 12 month period following the date of the notice establishing the Exit Committee), subject in each case to automatic extension pursuant to the terms of the Topco Shareholders' Agreement in certain circumstances (such as agreement on a term sheet for an Exit during the initial 12 month period).

The Exit Committee would comprise representatives of the Three Hills Funds, representatives of the Tosca Investors (or such other Investor Majority from time to time) and, if the Topco Board so elects, the CEO of the Topco Group or such other member of the Topco Group's senior management team that the Topco Board may designate from time to time.

Decisions of the Exit Committee shall be taken by simple majority of its members, provided that representatives of the Three Hills Funds shall collectively have such number of votes as would provide a simple majority of votes.

In addition, in the event that an Underperformance Protection Situation (as defined in the Topco Shareholders' Agreement) occurs or certain financial covenants contained in the Topco Shareholders' Agreement are not satisfied or complied with (subject to such non-compliance not being cured within the applicable period), the Tosca Investors or Three Hills (respectively) will be entitled to serve notice to the other parties to the Topco Shareholders' Agreement to pursue an Exit as soon as reasonably practicable.

To achieve an Exit, all Rollover Securityholders are required to take all such actions as are reasonably requested by the Topco Board including, in the event of a proposed IPO, entering into any "lock-up", sell-down or other related arrangements as may be considered necessary or desirable by the Topco Board or by the corporate finance advisers advising on the Exit. Rollover Securityholders will not be required to give any representations, warranties or indemnities on an Exit except for a customary warranty as to the title to the Rollover Securities they hold and their capacity to sell those Rollover Securities.

Equivalent obligations also apply in relation to certain indirect liquidity events for members of the Consortium and any raising of debt financing or refinancing of the existing debt or equity financing arrangements of the Topco Group (a "**Refinancing**").

All Rollover Securityholders are also required to enter into any documentation and provide any consents as are required to give effect to any reorganisation of the Topco Group approved by the Tosca Investors and the board of Topco, provided that such reorganisation would not be disproportionately and materially adverse to the economic (including capital and income rights), tax or legal position of the Rollover Securityholders as compared to the other holders of Topco Ordinary Shares.

10. Drag along and tag along

If the Tosca Investors (or the Consortium Investors as a whole) and their associates propose to transfer, directly or indirectly, any of their securities in the Topco Group to a third-party purchaser as part of a single transaction or series of connected transactions, Topco B Shareholders shall have a 'tag along' right exercisable on a *pro rata* basis in relation to such transfer and any transfer of securities of the Topco Group by the Tosca Investors (or the Consortium Investors as a whole) and their associates thereafter. Any transfer by Topco B Shareholders of their rights under the 'tag along' provision shall be at the same price and otherwise on the same terms as agreed to by the selling Tosca Investors (or the Consortium Investors as a whole) and their associates, save that the Tosca Investors (or, if applicable, the Consortium Investors) shall be entitled to elect for Topco B Shareholders to receive a cash alternative to any non-cash component of consideration. It should be noted that the Topco Shareholders' Agreement does not permit a partial Exit by the Tosca Investors prior to the fourth anniversary of the Effective Date without Consortium Investor consent. This 'tag along' right is also subject to a number of exceptions, including, amongst others, in relation to any transfers (i) between a Consortium Member and its affiliates (including in connection with a syndication of equity interests by the Tosca Investors or their affiliates); (ii) to any current or prospective director,

officer, employee or consultant of the Topco Group in connection with any management incentivisation plan; or (iii) in connection with a Refinancing, reorganisation transaction or an IPO.

If the Tosca Investors (or the Consortium Investors as a whole) and their associates propose to transfer, directly or indirectly, all of their securities in the Topco Group to a *bona fide* third-party purchaser which is not connected with them or their associates as part of a single transaction or series of connected transactions, the Tosca Investors (or, if applicable, all of the Consortium Investors) shall have a right to 'drag along' (that is, force the sale of) all Rollover Securities held by Topco B Shareholders in Topco, on economic terms no less favourable than the Tosca Investors (or all of the Consortium Investors) and their associates, to such third-party purchaser, provided that there shall be no obligation for the Tosca Investors (or the Consortium Investors) to exercise this drag along right and the Tosca Investors (or the Consortium Investors, as applicable) shall be entitled to elect for Topco B Shareholders to receive a cash alternative to any non-cash component of consideration.

11. Additional issues of Topco securities

The consent of the Rollover Securityholders will not be required for the issue of securities by Topco or the Spire Group.

Rollover Securityholders will be entitled, but not obliged to participate *pro rata* in issues of securities by the Topco Group after the Effective Date of the Acquisition, excluding any such securities issued:

- by one wholly-owned member of the Topco Group to another wholly-owned member of the Topco Group;
- to any Consortium Member and/or its associates to finance the Acquisition in accordance with the terms of the Topco Shareholders' Agreement, the Scheme Document, this announcement and all other documents or agreements entered into in connection with the Acquisition;
- subject to implementation of the Rollover, to Eligible Scheme Shareholders that validly elect to receive consideration by means of the Alternative Offer pursuant to the Acquisition;
- issued to refinance or otherwise repay the £35,000,000 Senior Last Out Facility B Loan;
- to actual or potential employees, directors or consultants of the Topco Group (whether directly or indirectly) in connection with any management incentivisation plan;
- to any vendor(s) as non-cash consideration on the acquisition of, or merger with, all or part of another business, undertaking, company or assets; or
- in connection with an IPO or pre-IPO reorganisation.

12. Information rights

In addition to Topco Board observer rights, each Substantial B Shareholder shall also be entitled to:

- receive the Topco Group's: (i) annual audited consolidated accounts; (ii) quarterly unaudited consolidated financial statements; and (iii) monthly management accounts; and

- receive information and documents reasonably necessary to allow such Substantial B Shareholder to give proper consideration, over a reasonable period, to any proposed transaction or matter upon which their consent is sought under the terms of the Topco Shareholders' Agreement or the Topco Articles.

Except for information to be provided to Substantial B Shareholders in accordance with the above, the Rollover Securityholders will not have information rights beyond the limited default information rights available under Jersey law.

13. Costs and expenses

Any member of the Topco Group shall, upon receipt of the related invoices, pay the professional fees and other expenses incurred:

- by the Topco Group, each Consortium Investor and their associates in connection with the Acquisition (and its financing) and negotiation and preparation of all matters relating to the Acquisition (and its financing) in such amounts and to such entities as each of the Consortium Investors may approve and direct (together with any reasonable disbursements and any VAT payable on such amounts); and
- by each Consortium Investor and/or its associates in connection with the corporate costs and expenses of the Consortium Investor's maintenance and the enforcement of their rights under the Topco Shareholders' Agreement and related Acquisition documents (together with any reasonable disbursements and any VAT payable on such amounts).

The Topco Shareholders' Agreement further provides that the relevant Topco Group company shall pay all costs, fees and expenses in connection with any Exit, Refinancing or reorganisation transaction (including advisers' fees) or otherwise by reference to any applicable engagement agreement and services received by the relevant Topco Group company, in each case as determined by the Topco Board (acting reasonably) if and to the extent permissible under applicable law.

If such Topco Group company is prohibited by applicable law from paying all such costs, fees and expenses, or if the payment of any such costs, fees and expenses would result in adverse legal or tax consequences for the Topco Group company as determined by the Topco Board (acting reasonably), then the holders of Topco Ordinary Shares (including the Rollover Securities) shall procure that such costs, fees and expenses are deducted from the aggregate consideration received prior to any funds being paid to them, and will be borne by each of the holders of Topco Ordinary Shares (including the Rollover Securities) in the same proportions as the proceeds received by them in connection with the Exit, Refinancing or reorganisation transaction (as applicable).

For the avoidance of doubt: (i) any costs and expenses incurred by Eligible Scheme Shareholders directly in connection with an election for the Rollover Securities will be borne by such Eligible Scheme Shareholders; and (ii) no Rollover Securityholder will be entitled to receive any management, transaction, investment, or monitoring fees from any member of the Topco Group (including, following the Effective Date, the Spire Group).

Each Rollover Securityholder agrees that (save to the extent such tax liabilities have already been deducted and fully satisfied by way of withholding) they shall have sole responsibility for declaring and settling their respective tax liabilities in each relevant jurisdiction arising from the subscription,

issuance, acquisition, vesting, ownership, holding, transfer, conversion or disposal of the Rollover Securities.

14. Governing law and jurisdiction

The Topco Shareholders' Agreement and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with it shall be governed by English law. Each party to the Topco Shareholders' Agreement irrevocably agrees that the courts of England are to have exclusive jurisdictions to settle any dispute which may arise out of or in connection with the Topco Shareholders' Agreement.

15. Terms of the Alternative Offer in the event of a switch to a Takeover Offer

In the event that Bidco elects, with the consent of the Panel and subject to the Co-operation Agreement, to switch to a Takeover Offer, and less than one hundred per cent. of the Spire Shares are acquired by Bidco, the Alternative Offer Maximum (and therefore individual entitlements under the Alternative Offer) may be amended by Bidco with the consent of the Panel.

16. "Know your customer" information

Eligible Scheme Shareholders who wish to make an election for the Alternative Offer will be required, as a condition to their election being treated as valid and to Rollover Securities being issued to them, to provide certain preliminary "know your customer" information (being such information required in order to comply with applicable anti-money laundering, sanctions or "know your customer" laws) to Topco's Administration Agent or as otherwise reasonably required by Bidco, Topco or the Consortium. Details regarding the information to be provided, and the manner in which it must be provided, will be set out in the Scheme Document. Failure to provide the required information will result in elections for the Alternative Offer being invalid and Eligible Scheme Shareholders who made such an invalid election will instead receive the Cash Consideration for the number of Scheme Shares in respect of which they purported to make an election for the Alternative Offer.

Furthermore, if and to the extent required by applicable anti-money laundering, sanctions or "know your customer" laws, Eligible Scheme Shareholders who receive Rollover Securities may be required to provide Topco's Administration Agent with further "know your customer" information following the issue of Rollover Securities to them and information regarding this will be set out in the Scheme Document.

APPENDIX 5
VALUATION REPORT

Valuation Report.

Spire Healthcare - Portfolio of 19

Prepared for Spire Healthcare Group plc

Valuation date: 1 March 2026

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Dear Sir/Madam

Valuation report in respect of the freehold properties of Spire Healthcare Group Plc as at 1 March 2026 for inclusion in a Rule 2.7 Announcement and Offer Document ("Valuation Report")

Further to your instructions, we are pleased to provide our Valuation Report in respect of the freehold interests in the properties set out in **Appendix 2** (List of Properties) ("Properties") below for the purposes of inclusion in:

(i) an announcement to be made by a newly formed company to be indirectly owned by, among others, funds advised by Toscafund Asset Management LLP (the "Offeror") pursuant to Rule 2.7 of the UK City Code on Takeovers and Mergers (the "Code") issued by the UK Panel on Takeovers and Mergers (the "Rule 2.7 Announcement"); and

(ii) an offer document proposed to be published by the Client (the "Offer Document"),

in each case in connection with a firm offer by the Offeror for the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Spire Healthcare Group Plc (the "Offeree") (the "Transaction").

If you have any queries regarding this Valuation Report, please let us know as soon as possible.

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1. About this report

Engagement of Knight Frank LLP

- 1.1 This Valuation Report sets out our valuation, as at 1 March 2026 ("valuation date"), of the Properties ("Valuation"). This Valuation Report has been prepared in accordance with our Terms of Engagement letter dated 22 May 2026 addressed to the Addressees, our General Terms of Business for Valuation Services (the "General Terms") and the General Scope of Valuation Work (the "General Scope of Work") (together the "Agreement").

Client

- 1.2 We have been instructed to prepare this Valuation Report by Spire Healthcare Group plc. However, as set out above, this Valuation Report has also been addressed to the other "Addressees".

Valuation standards

- 1.3 The Valuation has been undertaken in accordance with and complies with: (a) the current editions of RICS Valuation - Global Standards, which incorporate the International Valuation Standards, and the RICS UK National Supplement. References to the "Red Book" refer to either or both of these documents, as applicable; (b) Rule 29 of the Code; and (c) the FCA UK Listing Rules made under Part 6 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended (the "UK Listing Rules").
- 1.4 The Properties have been valued by valuers who are qualified for the purposes of the Valuation in accordance with Rule 29 of the Code and the UK Listing Rules.

Status and Experience of Valuer

Valuer and Expertise

- 1.5 The Valuation is the responsibility of Rick Tarver MRICS, RICS Registered Valuer and Kieren Cole MRICS, RICS Registered Valuer (the "Responsible Valuers") who are in a position to provide an objective and unbiased Valuation in an ethical and competent manner. Parts of the Valuation have been undertaken by additional valuers as listed on our file. Where the knowledge and skill requirements of the Red Book and Rule 29.3(a) of the Code referred to below have been met in aggregate by more than one valuer within Knight Frank, we confirm that a list of those valuers will be retained within our working papers.
- 1.6 We confirm that the Responsible Valuers and any additional valuers who value the Properties meet the requirements of the Red Book and Rule 29.3(a)(iii) of the Code in having sufficient current knowledge of the particular market and the skills and understanding to undertake the Valuation and prepare this Valuation Report competently in accordance with the requirements of the Red Book and Rule 29.3(a)(ii) and (iii) of the Code and the UK Listing Rules and are appropriately qualified for the purposes of the Valuation as required by Rule 29.3(a)(ii) of the Code.
- 1.7 We confirm that we are not aware of any reason why we and the Responsible Valuers would not satisfy the requirements of Rule 29.3(a)(i) of the Code.

Conflicts of Interests: Declaration and Disclosures

- 1.8 Knight Frank and the Addressees have agreed that Directive 2011/61/EU and/or any implementing legislation, laws or regulations thereof (including, but not limited to, the Alternative Investment Fund Manager's Regulations

2013) (“AIFMD”) is not expected to apply to the Valuation. In the event that it is determined that it does apply, we will be deemed to have acted as the Client's valuation advisers but not as “External Valuer” (as defined therein) and we shall not be deemed to have performed the valuation function referred to in Article 19 of AIFMD, the valuation function and the setting of the Net Asset Value of the Client.

- 1.9 We confirm that we do have a material connection or involvement in relation to the Properties giving rise to a potential conflict of interest, as set out below:
- We recently carried out a desktop valuation of the Properties within the last 12 months.
- 1.10 Other than the disclosures above, we confirm that neither the Responsible Valuers (as defined in paragraph 1.5 above), nor Knight Frank, have any material connection to any party in the Transaction nor any personal interest in the Client, the Addressees or the Properties which would cause us to cease to qualify as an ‘Independent Valuer’ for the purpose of PS 2 of the Red Book or Rule 29.3(a) of the Code and have had no material involvement with the assets being valued and we confirm that we can report without any material conflict.
- 1.11 We have therefore provided an objective and unbiased Valuation. We undertake in favour of the Client and the Addressees that we have not taken any actions which would cause us or the relevant valuers to cease to qualify as an ‘Independent Valuer’ for the purposes of PS 2 of the Red Book or Rule 29.3(a) of the Code for the duration of the Purpose.
- 1.12 In accordance with the Red Book, we are required to make the following disclosures;
- We confirm that we have a rotation policy in place, which is available on request.
 - We confirm that in accordance with our rotation policy, the period that Knight Frank LLP has valued 19 Properties for the same purpose does not exceed ten years and will not have exceeded a continuous period of ten years by the completion of this Valuation Report.
 - Furthermore, we confirm that in accordance with our rotation policy, the Responsible Valuers named in this Valuation Report have not been the Responsible Valuers for the Properties for the same purpose for a continuous period of more than five years.
 - We have acted for the Client (or on behalf of lenders directly for Spire Healthcare Group plc) in excess of 12 months in relation to our services generally, including but not limited to valuation services intermittently (not continually) over a period since Spire Healthcare Group plc was formed.
 - In relation to our preceding financial year, the total fees payable by Spire Healthcare Group plc as a percentage of our total fee income was less than 5%.
 - It is not anticipated there will be a material increase in the proportion of fees payable to Knight Frank by the Client commissioning the Valuation over the course of the next financial year.
 - Knight Frank has not received an introductory fee or negotiated the purchase of the Properties on behalf of the Client in the previous 12 months from the date of this Valuation Report.
- 1.13 This Valuation Report has been vetted as part of Knight Frank LLP's quality assurance procedures.
- 1.14 We recognise and support the RICS Rules of Conduct and have procedures for identifying conflicts of interest.

Use of this Valuation

Purpose of Valuation

- 1.15 The Valuation and this Valuation Report are each provided solely for the purpose of providing an independent professional opinion of the valuation of the Properties, as at the valuation date, for the purpose of Rule 29 of the Code and the UK Listing Rules and:

(A) inclusion in the Rule 2.7 Announcement;

(B) inclusion in the Offer Document;

(C) inclusion and/or reference to it in any other announcements, documents and/or supplementary documents required to be released by the Offeror and/or the Offeree which directly relate to the Transaction (each a "Code Document"); and

(D) publication on the Offeror's website and/or the Offeree's website in accordance with the requirements of Rule 26.3 of the Code,

(together, the "Purpose")

- 1.16 The Valuation and this Valuation Report are provided solely for the Purpose as set out above and in accordance with clause 4.1 of our General Terms neither the Valuation, nor this Valuation Report can be used for any purpose other than the Purpose without our express written consent.

Third Party Reliance

- 1.17 Save for the Addressees, in accordance with clauses 3 and 4 of the General Terms and to the fullest extent permitted by law we do not, save as provided for in the UK Listing Rules and/or the Code, assume any responsibility and will not accept any liability to any other person for any loss suffered by any such other person as a result of, arising out of, or in accordance with this Valuation Report or our statement, required by and given solely for the purposes of complying with Rule 29 of the Code.
- 1.18 This Valuation Report is addressed jointly to the Addressees for the Purpose and is for the use of and may be relied upon by the Addressees of this Valuation Report for the Purpose. Save in respect of such Addressees and as provided for in the Code, no reliance may be placed upon this Valuation Report by any other third party.

Disclosure & publication

- 1.19 Clauses 4.3 to 4.6 of the General Terms limit disclosure and generally prohibit publication of the Valuation. As stated therein (but subject to the section above headed "Third party reliance"), the Valuation has been prepared for the Client in accordance with the Agreement which governs its purpose and use. As stated in the Agreement, the Valuation is confidential to the Addressees and, other than as stated in this Valuation Report, neither the whole, nor any part, of the Valuation or of the Valuation Report, nor any reference thereto, may be disclosed to any person other than for the Purpose without our prior written consent, or included in any published document, circular or statement, nor published in any way, other than for the Purpose without our prior written consent of the form or context in which it may appear.
- 1.20 Notwithstanding the paragraph above, and subject to the terms and conditions (but disregarding for these purposes clauses 4.3 to 4.6 (inclusive) of the General Terms) of the Agreement and our approval of the form and context thereof, we consent to the disclosure of this Valuation Report:
- (i) as may be required by any applicable court of competent jurisdiction or other competent judicial or governmental body or any applicable law or regulation or pursuant to government action, regulatory requirement or request;
 - (ii) to each Addressee's affiliates and each Addressee's affiliates' respective directors, officers, employees, agents, professional advisers, insurers, auditors and bankers that need to see the Valuation in connection with the Purpose;
 - (iii) in the case of Rothschild & Co and Gleacher Shacklock, in seeking to establish a defence or otherwise in connection with any actual or threatened legal or regulatory proceedings or investigation relating to the matters set out in this Valuation Report or claims that may be brought against them arising from their roles as financial advisers to the Client;

- (iv) in investor presentations and other investor education materials prepared in connection with the Transaction, and in any private discussions with investors or other third parties in connection with the Transaction;
- (v) for the Purpose; and
- (vi) to any Addressee's insurers in respect of any claim or potential claim relating to the Transaction, but in each case only on the basis that: (a) such disclosure is made to inform the recipient that Knight Frank LLP have no duty of care and therefore shall have no liability to the recipient in respect of the relevant document; and (b) such recipient agrees not to provide a copy of the document to any other person without the prior written consent of Knight Frank LLP.

1.21 It is a condition of such disclosure that each party in receipt of this Valuation Report that is not an Addressee agrees and acknowledges that this Valuation Report cannot be relied upon by them, and we do not accept any responsibility, duty of care or liability to them, whether in contract, tort (including negligence), misrepresentation or otherwise in respect of the Valuation and the information it contains. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in the preceding sentence shall affect our responsibility, arising under the Code, for the information contained in this Valuation Report.

1.22 This Valuation Report complies with Rule 29 of the Code and we understand that the publication or reproduction by the Client of this Valuation Report and/or the information contained therein as required by Rules 26 and 29 of the Code is necessary, including in the Rule 2.7 Announcement, Offer Document and any Code Document.

1.23 The Addressees agree and acknowledge that we shall have no liability for any error, omission or inaccuracy in this Valuation Report to the extent resulting from our reliance on information provided by or on behalf of the Addressees unless otherwise stated. Notwithstanding the above, we highlight the restricted nature of this instruction, in accordance with the Red Book; as a result the reliance that can be placed on the Valuation is limited.

Verification

1.24 We recommend that before any financial transaction is entered into based upon the Valuation, you obtain verification of any third-party information contained within this Valuation Report and the validity of the assumptions we have adopted.

1.25 We would advise you that whilst we have valued the Properties reflecting current market conditions, there are certain risks which may be, or may become, uninsurable. Before undertaking any financial transaction based upon this Valuation, you should satisfy yourselves as to the current insurance cover and the risks that may be involved should an uninsured loss occur.

Limitations on Liability

1.26 Knight Frank LLP's total liability for any direct loss or damage (whether caused by negligence or breach of contract or otherwise) arising out of or in connection with this Valuation is limited in accordance with the terms of the Agreement. Knight Frank LLP accepts no liability for any indirect or consequential loss or for loss of profits.

1.27 We confirm that we hold appropriate PII cover for this instruction.

1.28 No claim arising out of or in connection with this Valuation may be brought against any member, employee, partner or consultant of Knight Frank LLP. Those individuals will not have a personal duty of care to any party and any claim for losses must be brought against Knight Frank LLP.

1.29 Nothing in this Valuation shall exclude or limit our liability in respect of fraud or for death or personal injury caused by our negligence or for any other liability to the extent that such liability may not be excluded or limited as a matter of law or regulation.

Scope of work

- 1.30 Subject to any alteration agreed between us and set out in the Agreement or any other agreed amendment or restriction set out below, the General Scope of Work forming part of the Agreement a copy of which is at Appendix 1 to this Valuation Report sets out the work we agreed to undertake, including the investigations we have undertaken, the limits that applied and the assumptions we have made, unless we have found or have been provided with information to the contrary.

Restrictions

- 1.31 The Valuation has been requested by you for the Purpose. However, we agreed restrictions to the service set out in this Scope of Work section. It is a requirement of the Red Book that we record any limitations or restrictions on the inspection, inquiry and analysis that we have agreed and which may limit the reliance that can be placed on the Valuation. The following restrictions were agreed:
- We have agreed restrictions on the extent to which the Property will be inspected, as set out in paragraphs 1.36 to 1.40 below.

Information to be relied upon

- 1.32 We have relied upon the information provided to us by you or by third parties in relation to the 1 March 2026 Valuation and will assume it to be correct for the purposes of the Valuation unless you inform us otherwise. We have not undertaken any verification of such information provided by you or third parties.
- 1.33 Where we express an opinion in respect of (or which depends upon) legal issues, any such opinion must be verified by your legal advisors before any Valuation can be relied upon.
- 1.34 We are instructed to rely on internal PropCo tenancy information provided by the Client. We have not read lease agreements nor has tenancy information been verified.
- 1.35 Knight Frank LLP cannot be held liable as regards the legal description of the Properties, its use, non-compliance with statutory requirements, technological and natural risks, the areas taken into account, the existence of concealed defects, presence of asbestos, adverse ground condition, presence of soil contamination, presence of insects, noxious animals or plants, rot, or deleterious materials, etc. This Valuation Report is provided on the basis that such Technical or Environmental reports have not been provided as at the valuation, or report issue, date.

Inspections

- 1.36 For the purpose of the Valuation, we have inspected 18 of the PropCo Properties (95% of the portfolio) with Spire Dunedin omitted as this has a more complex title of both freehold and leasehold elements.
- 1.37 In each case we have inspected any significant buildings contained at the property and these have been viewed internally (where access is available to the public/or not is use by patients) and externally to gauge presentation, use and efficiency. Where buildings have multiple areas of similar design, construction and use, we have only viewed a sample of those areas (such as patient bedrooms).
- 1.38 We note that at Spire Yale (Wrexham) the trading entity comprises two distinct titles separated by a public highway and other property interests. We have inspected both sections of the Property as one trading element.
- 1.39 We have not completed inspections of satellite clinics associated with any PropCo trading hospital asset (outside the title /red line area as shown in each appended report), some being recently formed, alongside "contact centres", central pathology services department, logistics hub/warehousing and off site sterile services as applicable or shared between two or more operational entities (in regions/locations), including those services within Spire Group outside the portfolio valued in this Valuation Report. By the same token some of the PropCo

assets have Group departments located within the asset that provide services to other PropCo assets or Group operations.

- 1.40 The attached General Scope of Work sets out the investigations we made, the limits that applied to those investigations and the assumptions that we made unless we found or were provided with information to the contrary. Notwithstanding the General Scope of Work, there are no assumptions made for the purposes of this Valuation Report.

2. Valuation

- 2.1 The Valuation has been undertaken using appropriate valuation methodology and our professional judgement in accordance with RICS Practice Guidance Applications. Trading information provided for each hospital property was reviewed by us as part of the valuation process.

Investment method

- 2.2 The Valuation has been carried out using the comparative and investment methods. In undertaking the Valuation, we have made our assessment on the basis of a collation and analysis of appropriate comparable investment and rental transactions, together with evidence of demand within the vicinity of the subject Properties. With the benefit of such transactions we have then applied these to the Properties, taking into account size, location, terms, covenant and other material factors.
- 2.3 As at the Effective Valuation Date (as described in paragraph 2.7 below) we have adopted a market facing investment yield applicable to the covenant on a Spire Group basis accounting for a Dun & Bradstreet 5A1 risk rating. In addition we have cited covenant sales evidence available in the public domain.
- 2.4 Whilst we cannot be explicit on a number of confidential and as yet uncompleted transactions we have been involved with, the knowledge gained from that involvement is used in assessing the valuation factors adopted.

Valuation bases

Market Value (MV)

- 2.5 The basis of value for the Valuation as required by the Code is Market Value and therefore these valuations have been prepared on a Market Value basis. In compliance with, and for the purposes of Rule 29.4(b) of the Code, this Valuation Report is not qualified or subject to special assumptions.

Market Value is defined within RICS Valuation – Professional Standards as:

- 2.6 “The estimated amount for which an asset or liability should exchange on the valuation date between a willing buyer and a willing seller in an arm’s length transaction after proper marketing and where the parties had each acted knowledgeably, prudently and without compulsion.”
- 2.7 Effective Valuation Date: 1 March 2026

Tenure	Number of properties	Aggregate Market Value
Freehold*	19	£1,454,700,000
Total/Aggregate	19	£1,454,700,000

Note: *Spire Dunedin is part leasehold

Market Rent (MR)

- 2.8 The basis of valuation for our opinion of rental value is Market Rent. This is defined in RICS Valuation - Professional Standards as:
- 2.9 “The estimated amount for which a property would be leased on the valuation date between a willing lessor and a willing lessee on appropriate lease terms in an arm’s length transaction, after proper marketing and where the parties had each acted knowledgeably, prudently and without compulsion”.

Tenure	Number of properties	Market Rent
Freehold*	19	£74,600,000 per annum
Total/Aggregate	19	£74,600,000 per annum

Note: *Spire Dunedin is part Leasehold

- 2.10 There are no negative values to report.
- 2.11 For the purposes of Rule 29.5 of the Code, we confirm that in our opinion the current valuation of the Properties as at the date of this Valuation Report would not be materially different from the valuation of the Properties as at the valuation date.
- 2.12 We are not aware, as a result of our role as an External Valuer of the Properties of any matter which would materially affect the Market Value of the Properties which is not disclosed in this Valuation Report (subject to the assumptions set out in this Valuation Report) and we are not aware of any matter in relation to this Valuation Report that we believe should be and has not yet been brought to the attention of the Addressees.

Responsibility

- 2.13 For the purposes of the Code, we are responsible for this Valuation Report and accept responsibility for the information contained in this Valuation Report and confirm that to the best of our knowledge and belief (having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case), the information contained in this Valuation Report is in accordance with the facts and contains no omissions likely to affect its import. This Valuation Report complies with, and is prepared in accordance with, and on the basis of, the Code, and in particular we confirm that we meet the requirements of Rule 29.3(a) of the Code. We authorise its contents for the purpose of Rule 29 of the Code.

Consent

- 2.14 Knight Frank LLP has given and has not withdrawn its consent to the inclusion of this Valuation Report:
- a) in the Rule 2.7 Announcement and the Offer Document published by the Client in the form and context in which it is included; and
 - b) on any websites as required pursuant to Rules 26 and 29 of the Code.

Appendix 1 General Scope of Valuation Work

General Scope of Valuation Work

As required by the RICS Valuation – Global Standards (the “Red Book”) this General Scope of Valuation Work describes information we will rely on, the investigations that we will undertake, the limits that will apply to those investigations and the assumptions we will make, unless we are provided with or find information to the contrary.

Definitions

“**Assumption**” is something which it is agreed the valuer can reasonably accept as being true without specific investigation or verification.

“**Property**” is the interest which we are instructed to value in land including any buildings or other improvements constructed upon it.

“**Valuation**” shall mean any valuation report, supplementary report or subsequent/update report, produced pursuant to this engagement and any other replies or information we produce in respect of any such report and/or any relevant property.

1. Property to be valued

- 1.1 We will exercise reasonable care and skill (but will not have an absolute obligation to you) to ensure that the Property, identified by the address provided in your instructions, is the Property inspected by us and included within our Valuation. If there is ambiguity as to the Property address, or the extent of the Property to be valued, this should be drawn to our attention in your instructions or immediately upon receipt of our Valuation.
- 1.2 We will rely upon information provided by you or your legal advisers relating to the Property to be valued, including any tenancies, sub-tenancies or other third-party interests. Any information on title and tenure we are provided with by a third party during the course of our investigations will be summarised in our Valuation but will be subject to verification by your legal advisers. We will be under no obligation to make any searches of publicly available land registers. We will not make or commission any investigations to verify any of this information. In particular, we will not investigate or verify that :
 - (a) all title information relied upon and referred to in our Valuation is complete and correct,
 - (b) all documentation is satisfactorily drawn,
 - (c) there are no undisclosed onerous conditions or restrictions that could impact on the marketability of the Property valued, and
 - (d) there is no material litigation pending, relating to the Property valued.
- 1.3 Where we provide a plan of the Property in our Valuation this is for identification only. While the plan reflects our understanding based on the information provided to us it must not be relied upon to define boundaries, title or easements.
- 1.4 Our Valuation will include those items of plant and machinery normally considered to be part of the service installations to a building and which would normally pass with the Property on a sale or letting. We will exclude all other items of process plant, machinery, trade fixtures and equipment, chattels, vehicles, stock and loose tools, and any tenant’s fixtures and fittings.
- 1.5 Unless agreed otherwise in writing we will neither investigate nor include in our Valuation any unproven or unquantified mineral

deposits, felled timber, airspace or any other matter which may or may not be found to be part of the Property but which would not be known to a buyer or seller on the valuation date.

- 1.6 Unless agreed otherwise our Valuation will make the Assumption that all parts of the Property occupied by the current owner on the valuation date would be transferred with vacant possession and any tenancies, sub-tenancies or other third party interests existing on the valuation date will continue.
- 1.7 Where requested legal title and tenancy information is not provided in full, in the absence of any information provided to the contrary, our Valuation will make the Assumption that the subject Property has good title and is free from any onerous restrictions and/or encumbrances or any such matter which would diminish its value.

2. Portfolios

- 2.1 Where instructed to value a portfolio of properties, unless specifically agreed with you otherwise, we will value each Property separately on the basis that it is offered individually to the market.

3. Building specification and condition

- 3.1 We will note the general condition of any building and any building defect brought to our attention and reflect this in our Valuation. We will not undertake a detailed investigation of the materials or methods of construction or of the condition of any specific building element. We will not test or commission a test of service installations. Unless we become aware during our normal investigations of anything to the contrary and mention this in our Valuation, our Valuation will, make the Assumption that:
 - (a) any building is in a condition commensurate with its age, use and design and is free from significant defect,
 - (b) no construction materials have been used that are deleterious, or likely to give rise to structural defects,
 - (c) no potentially hazardous or harmful materials are present, including asbestos,
 - (d) all relevant statutory requirements relating to use, construction and fire safety have been complied with,
 - (e) any building services, together with any associated computer hardware and software, are fully operational and free from impending breakdown or malfunction and
 - (f) the supply to the building of electricity, data cable network and water, are sufficient for the stated use and occupancy.
- 3.2 If you require information on the structure or condition of any building our specialist building surveyors can provide a suitable report as a separate service.

4. Environment and sustainability

- 4.1 Our Valuation will reflect the market’s perception of the environmental performance of the Property and any identified

environmental risks as at the valuation date. This may include reflecting information you provide to us that has been prepared by suitably qualified consultants on compliance of existing or proposed buildings with recognised sustainability metrics. Where appropriate we will research any freely available information issued by public bodies on the energy performance of existing buildings.

- 4.2 We will investigate whether the Property has a current Energy Performance Certificate on the relevant government register and report our findings. As part of our valuation service we will not advise on the extent to which the Property complies with any other Environmental, Social or Governance (ESG) metrics or to what extent the building, structure, technical services, ground conditions, will be impacted by future climate change events, such as extreme weather, or legislation aimed at mitigating the impact of such events. If required KF may be able to advise on ESG considerations and their long-term impact on a Property as a separate service.

5. Ground conditions and contamination

- 5.1 We may rely on any information you provide to us about the findings and conclusions of any specialist investigations into ground conditions or any contamination that may affect the Property. Otherwise our investigations will be limited to research of freely available information issued by Government Agencies and other public bodies for flood risk, recorded coal mining activity and radon. We will also record any common sources or indicators of potential contamination observed during our inspection.
- 5.2 Unless specifically instructed by you to do so, we will not commission specialist investigations into past or present uses either of the Property or any neighbouring property to establish whether there is contamination or potential for contamination, or any other potential environmental risk. Neither will we be able to advise on any remedial or preventive measures.
- 5.3 We will comment on our findings and any other information in our possession or discovered during our investigations in our Valuation.
- 5.4 Unless we become aware of anything to the contrary and mention this in our Valuation, for each Property valued our Valuation will make the Assumption that:
- (a) the site is physically capable of development or redevelopment, when appropriate, and that no extraordinary costs will be incurred in providing foundations and infrastructure,
 - (b) there are no archaeological remains on or under the land which could adversely impact on value,
 - (c) the Property is not adversely affected by any form of pollution or contamination,
 - (d) there is no abnormal risk of flooding,
 - (e) there are no high voltage overhead cables or large electrical supply equipment affecting the Property
 - (f) the Property does not have levels of radon gas that will require mitigation work, and
 - (g) there are no invasive species present at the Property or within close proximity to the Property.
 - (h) There are no protected species which could adversely affect the use of the Property.

6. Planning and highway enquiries

- 6.1 We may research freely available information on planning history and relevant current policies or proposals relating to any Property being valued using the appropriate local authority website. We will not commission a formal local search. Our Valuation will make the Assumption that any information obtained will be correct, but our findings should not be relied on for any contractual purpose.

- 6.2 Unless we obtain information to the contrary, Our Valuation will make the Assumption that:

- (a) the use to which the Property is put is lawful and that there is no pending enforcement action,
- (b) there are no local authority proposals that might involve the use of compulsory purchase powers or otherwise directly affect the Property.

- 6.3 We do not undertake searches to establish whether any road or pathways providing access to the Property are publicly adopted. Unless we receive information to the contrary or have other reason to suspect an adjoining road or other access route is not adopted, our Valuation will make the Assumption that all such routes are publicly adopted.

7. Other statutory and regulatory requirements

- 7.1 A property owner or occupier may be subject to statutory regulations depending on their use. Depending on how a particular owner or occupier uses a building, the applicable regulations may require alterations to be made to buildings. Our valuation service does not include identifying or otherwise advising on works that may be required by a specific user in order to comply with any regulations applicable to the current or a proposed use of the Property. Unless it is clear that similar alterations would be required by most prospective buyers in the market for a property, our Valuation will make the Assumption that no work would be required by a prospective owner or occupier to comply with regulatory requirements relating to their intended use.

- 7.2 We will not investigate or comment on licences or permits that may be required by the current or any potential users of the Property relating to their use or occupation.

8. Measurements

- 8.1 Where building floor areas are required for our valuation, unless we have agreed to rely on floor areas provided by you or a third party, we will take measurements and calculate the appropriate floor areas for buildings in accordance with the RICS Property Measurement Professional Standard. These measurements will either be wholly taken by us during our inspection or from scaled drawings provided to us and checked by sample measurements on site. The floor areas will be within a tolerance that is appropriate having regard to the circumstances and purpose of the valuation instruction.

- 8.2 Where required, any site areas will be calculated from our understanding of the boundaries using digital mapping technology, subject to clause 1.3 above.

9. Investment properties

- 9.1 Where the Property valued is subject to a tenancy or tenancies, we will have regard to the market's likely perception of the financial status and reliability of tenants in arriving at our valuation. We will not undertake detailed investigations into the financial standing of any tenant. Unless advised by you to the contrary our Valuation will make the Assumption that there are no material rent arrears or breaches of other lease obligations.

10. Development properties

- 10.1 If we are instructed to value Property for which development, redevelopment or substantial refurbishment is proposed or in progress, we strongly recommend that you supply us with build cost and other relevant information prepared by a suitably qualified construction cost professional, such as a quantity surveyor. We shall be entitled to rely on such information in preparing our valuation. If a professional estimate of build costs is not made available, we will rely on published build cost data but this must be recognised as being less reliable as it cannot account for variations in site conditions and design. This is particularly true for refurbishment work or energy efficiency and environmental upgrades. In the absence of a professionally produced cost

estimate for the specific project we may need to qualify our report and the reliance that can be placed on our valuation.

- 10.2 For Property in the course of development, we will reflect the stage reached in construction and the costs remaining to be spent at the date of valuation. We will have regard to the contractual liabilities of the parties involved in the development and any cost estimates that have been prepared by the professional advisers to the project. For recently completed developments we will take no account of any retentions, nor will we make allowance for any outstanding development costs, fees, or other expenditure for which there may be a liability.

11. VAT, taxation and costs

- 11.1 The reported valuation will be our estimate of the price that would be agreed with no adjustment made for costs that would be incurred by the parties in any transaction, including any liability for VAT, stamp duty or other taxes. It is also gross of any mortgage or similar financial encumbrance.

12. Property insurance

- 12.1 Except to the limited extent provided in clause 3 and clause 4 above we do not investigate or comment on how potential risks would be viewed by the insurance market. Our Valuation will be on the Assumption that each Property would, in all respects, be insurable against all usual risks including fire, terrorism, ground instability, extreme weather events, flooding and rising water table at normal, commercially acceptable premiums.

13. Reinstatement cost estimates

- 13.1 We can only accept a request to provide a building reinstatement cost estimate for insurance purposes alongside our Valuation of the Property interest on the following conditions:
- (a) the assessment provided is indicative, without liability and only for comparison with the current sum insured, and
 - (b) The building is not specialised or listed as being of architectural or historic importance.
- 13.2 Otherwise we can provide an assessment of the rebuilding cost by our specialist building surveyors as a separate service.

14. Legal advice

- 14.1 We are appointed to provide valuation opinion(s) in accordance with our professional duties as valuation surveyors. The scope of our service is limited accordingly. We are not qualified legal practitioners and we do not provide legal advice. If we indicate what we consider the effect of any provision in the Property's title documents, leases or other legal requirements may have on value, we strongly recommend that this be reviewed by a qualified lawyer before you take any action relying on our valuation.

15. Loan security

- 15.1 If we are requested to comment on the suitability of the Property as a loan security we are only able to comment on any risk to the reported value that is inherent in either its physical attributes or the interest valued. We will not comment on the degree and adequacy of capital and income cover for an existing or proposed loan or on the borrower's ability to service payments.

Appendix 2 Portfolio Summary

Property address	Inspection dates
Spire Alexandra Hospital – Impton Lane, Walderslade, Chatham, Kent ME5 9PG	10/02/2026
Spire Cambridge Lea Hospital – 30 New Road, Impington, Cambridge, CB24 9EL	27/01/2026
Spire Cardiff Hospital – Glamorgan House Rd, Pontprennau, Cardiff CF23 8XL	23/01/2026
Spire Harpenden Hospital – Ambrose Lane, Harpenden, Hertfordshire AL5 4BP	21/01/2026
Spire Hartswood Hospital – Eagle Way, Brentwood, Essex CM13 3LE	21/01/2026
Spire Manchester Hospital – 170a Barlow Moor Road, West Didsbury, Manchester M20 2AF	19/01/2026
Spire Norwich Hospital – Old Watton Road, Colney, Norwich, Norfolk NR4 7TD	21/01/2026
Spire Nottingham Hospital – Tollerton Lane, Tollerton, Nottinghamshire NG12 4GA	28/01/2026
Spire Parkway Hospital – 1 Damson Parkway, Solihull, West Midlands B91 2PP	22/01/2026
Spire South Bank Hospital – 139a Bath Road, Worcester, Worcestershire WR5 3YB	22/01/2026
St. Anthony's Hospital – London Road, Sutton, Surrey SM3 9DW	30/01/2026
Spire Thames Valley Hospital – Wexham Street, Wexham, Slough, Berkshire SL3 6NH	21/01/2026
Spire Wellesley Hospital – Eastern Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, Essex SS2 4XH	08/12/2025
Spire Dunedin Hospital – 16 Bath Road, Reading RG1 6NS (main address)	-
Spire Elland Hospital - Elland Lane, Elland, W Yorkshire HX5 9EB	29/01/2026
Spire Liverpool Hospital – 57 Greenbank Road, Liverpool, Merseyside L18 1HQ	26/01/2026
Spire Methley Park Hospital – Methley Lane, Methley, Leeds, West Yorkshire LS26 9HG	29/01/2026
Spire Regency Hospital – West Street, Macclesfield, Cheshire SK11 8DW	19/01/2026
Spire Yale Hospital – Wrexham Technology Park, Croesnewydd Road, Wrexham, LL13 7YP	16/01/2026

Portfolio Outline: Propcos

Hospital	PropCo	Group Ownership
Spire Alexandra Hospital	Spire Property 6 Limited	Freehold
Spire Cambridge Lea Hospital	Spire Property 23 Limited	Freehold
Spire Cardiff Hospital	Spire Property 16 Limited	Freehold
Spire Harpenden Hospital	Spire Property 5 Limited	Freehold
Spire Hartswood Hospital	Spire Property 19 Limited	Freehold
Spire Manchester Hospital	Spire Healthcare Properties	Freehold
Spire Norwich Hospital	Spire Property 13 Limited	Freehold
Spire Nottingham Hospital	Spire Healthcare Properties	Freehold
Spire Parkway Hospital	Spire Property 1 Limited	Freehold
Spire South Bank Hospital	Spire Property 18 Limited	Freehold
St. Anthony's Hospital	Spire Healthcare Properties	Freehold
Spire Thames Valley Hospital	Spire Thames Valley Hospital Propco	Freehold
Spire Wellesley Hospital	Spire Property 4 Limited	Freehold
Spire Dunedin Hospital*	Classic Hospitals Property Ltd	Freehold (part Leased)
Spire Elland Hospital	Classic Hospitals Property Ltd	Freehold
Spire Liverpool Hospital	Classic Hospitals Property Ltd	Freehold

Hospital	PropCo	Group Ownership
Spire Methley Park Hospital	Classic Hospitals Property Ltd	Freehold
Spire Regency Hospital	Classic Hospitals Property Ltd	Freehold
Spire Yale Hospital	Classic Hospitals Property Ltd	Freehold

Note: *not inspected as part of the process.

CQC/HIW Registration

Each trading facility is registered for continued operation and we summarise the current regulator inspection grading in the table as follows;

CQC / HIW Grading	Overall Grading
CQC Good (or equivalent in Wales*)	16
CQC Outstanding	2
CQC Requires Improvement (from 2017**)	1
Total services inspected/graded	19

Note: *Regulator is HIW and considered by management as equivalent to CQC Good, **No reinspection has been completed.

APPENDIX 6

DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply throughout this announcement unless the context otherwise requires:

2025 Annual Report	the annual report and audited financial statements of the Spire Group for the financial year ended 31 December 2025
Acquisition	the proposed acquisition by Bidco of the entire issued and to be issued ordinary share capital of Spire not already owned by the Consortium, to be implemented by means of the Scheme, on the terms and subject to the Conditions set out in this announcement and to be set out in the Scheme Document (or by means of a Takeover Offer, under certain circumstances as described in this announcement) and, where the context permits, any subsequent revision, variation, extension or renewal thereof
Administration Agent	Oakbridge Corporate Services (Jersey) Limited
Alternative Offer	the alternative to the Cash Offer under which Eligible Scheme Shareholders may elect, in respect of some or all of their Scheme Shares, to receive Bidco Rollover Securities, which will, subject to implementation of the Rollover and the terms and conditions of this announcement (and to be set out in the Scheme Document), ultimately be exchanged for Rollover Securities, in lieu of the Cash Consideration to which they would otherwise be entitled under the Cash Offer, further details of which are set out at paragraphs 10 and 11 of this announcement
Alternative Offer Maximum	the maximum number of Spire Shares that Eligible Scheme Shareholders may elect to exchange under the Alternative Offer, which shall be limited, in aggregate, to 28,000,000 Spire Shares (being approximately 8.5 per cent. of the Scheme Shares as at the Latest Practicable Date).
Ares	Ares Management Limited
Ares Confidentiality Agreement	the confidentiality agreement dated 8 December 2025 between Spire and Ares entered into in connection with the Acquisition, as amended by the side letter entered into between Spire and Ares on 3 September 2026, further details of which are set out in paragraph 13 of this announcement
Ares Credit Funds	credit investment funds, vehicles or accounts managed, advised or sub-advised by Ares and/or its affiliates

Ares Funds	funds, vehicles, accounts or persons managed, advised or sub-advised by Ares and/or its affiliates as may become equity investors in Topco in accordance with the Topco Shareholders' Agreement
Barings	Baring Asset Management Limited, a private company limited by shares registered in England and Wales with registered number 02915887, whose registered office is at 20 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BF
Barings Credit Funds	credit investment funds, vehicles or accounts managed, advised or sub-advised by Barings and/or its affiliates and shall include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) in relation to Barings BDC, Inc. as a lender, Jocassee Partners LLC or its wholly owned subsidiaries; (b) in relation to Barings Capital Investment Corporation as a lender, Banff Partners LP or its wholly owned subsidiaries; or (c) in relation to Barings Private Credit Corporation and/or BPC Funding LLC as a lender, Cardinal Senior Loan Fund LLC or its wholly owned subsidiaries.
Barings Funds	funds, vehicles, accounts or persons managed, advised or sub-advised by Barings and/or its affiliates as may become equity investors in Topco in accordance with the Topco Shareholders' Agreement
Bidco	Tulip UK Bidco Limited, a private limited company incorporated and registered in England and Wales with registered number 17362218, the registered office of which is at 5th Floor Ferguson House, 15 Marylebone Road, London NW1 5JD
Bidco Articles	the articles of association of Bidco
Bidco Board	the board of directors of Bidco as at the date of this announcement or, where the context so requires, the board of directors of Bidco from time to time
Bidco Group	Topco and its subsidiaries and subsidiary undertakings
Bidco Rollover Securities	loan notes to be issued by Bidco pursuant to the Scheme
Blocking Law	(i) any provision of Council Regulation (EC) No 2271/1996 of 22 November 1996, as amended from time to time (or any law or regulation implementing such Regulation in any member state of the European); or (ii) any provision of Council Regulation (EC) No 2271/1996 of 22 November 1996, as amended from time to time, as it forms part of

	domestic law of the UK by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018, as amended
Bridge Hurdle	where elections for the Alternative Offer exceed 24,000,000 Spire Shares
Business Day	a day (other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday) on which banks in London are open for normal business
CAGR	compound annual growth rate
Cash Consideration	250 pence in cash for each Scheme Share
Cash Offer	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2 of this announcement
certificated or in certificated form	where a share or other security is not in uncertificated form (that is, not in CREST)
Closing Price	the closing middle market price of a Spire Share as quoted on the London Stock Exchange on any particular date as derived from Bloomberg
Code	the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers (as amended from time to time)
Companies Act	the Companies Act 2006 (as amended from time to time)
Conditions	the conditions to the Acquisition, as set out in Part A of Appendix 1 to this announcement, and to be set out in the Scheme Document, and a " Condition " shall mean any one of them
Confidentiality Agreements	the Toscafund Confidentiality Agreement, the Ares Confidentiality Agreement and the Three Hills Confidentiality Agreement
Consortium	Tosca Investors, Three Hills Funds and the Minority Investors (and " Consortium Member " means any one of them)
Consortium Investors	Tosca Investors and Three Hills Funds
Co-operation Agreement	the co-operation agreement between Spire and Bidco dated 5 September 2026 further details of which are set out in paragraph 13 of this announcement
Court	the High Court of Justice, Business and Property Courts of England and Wales, Companies Court

Court Hearing	the hearing of the Court to sanction the Scheme under section 899 of the Companies Act
Court Meeting	the meeting or meetings of Scheme Shareholders to be convened by order of the Court pursuant to section 896 of the Companies Act, notice of which will be set out in the Scheme Document, for the purposes of considering and, if thought fit, approving the Scheme (with or subject to any modification, addition or condition approved or imposed by the Court and agreed to by Spire and Bidco), and any adjournment, postponement or reconvention thereof
Court Order	the order of the Court sanctioning the Scheme under section 899 of the Companies Act
CREST	the system for the paperless settlement of trades in securities and the holding of uncertificated securities operated by Euroclear in accordance with the CREST Regulations
CREST Regulations	the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001 (SI 2001/3755), as amended from time to time
Darblay Capital	Darblay Capital Ltd
Dealing Disclosure	an announcement pursuant to Rule 8 of the Code containing details of dealings in interests in relevant securities of a party to an offer
Disclosed	<p>the information which has been fairly disclosed by or on behalf of Spire:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) in writing (including in the virtual data room operated by, or on behalf of, Spire in connection with the Acquisition) or orally by Spire management in meetings or calls held in connection with the Acquisition in each case prior to the date of this announcement to Bidco, Topco, any Consortium Member or any of its or their (or their affiliates') respective officers, employees, agents, consultants or advisers (in their capacity as such); (b) in the 2025 Annual Report; (c) in this announcement; or (d) in any other announcement made by Spire via a Regulatory Information Service prior to the date of this announcement
DTRs	the disclosure guidance and transparency rules sourcebook made by the FCA pursuant to section 73 of FSMA (as amended from time to time)

Effective	in the context of the Acquisition: (a) if the Acquisition is implemented by way of the Scheme, the Scheme having become effective pursuant to and in accordance with its terms; or (b) if the Acquisition is implemented by way of a Takeover Offer, the Takeover Offer having been declared or having become unconditional in accordance with the requirements of the Code
Effective Date	the date on which the Acquisition becomes Effective
Eligible Scheme Shareholder	any Scheme Shareholder (other than a Restricted Shareholder) who satisfies the eligibility requirements to be set out in the Scheme Document
Equiniti	Equiniti Limited, a private company limited by shares incorporated and registered in England and Wales with registered number 06226088, the registered office of which is at Highdown House, Yeoman Way, Worthing, West Sussex, United Kingdom BN99 3HH, being Spire's registrar
Equity Commitment Letter	the equity commitment letter entered into on the date of this announcement between: (i) Topco; (ii) Bidco; (iii) certain Tosca Investors; (iv) certain Three Hills Funds; and (v) certain Minority Investors
Euroclear	Euroclear UK & International Limited, a private limited company incorporated and registered in England and Wales with registered number 02878738, the registered office of which is at 33 Cannon Street, London EC4M 5SB, the Operator (as defined in the CREST Regulations) of CREST
Excluded Shares	<p>any Spire Shares which, at the relevant time, are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) registered in the name of, or beneficially owned by, Topco or any other member of the Topco Group (including Bidco) (or any of their nominee(s)); (b) registered in the name of, beneficially owned by, any Consortium Member (or any of their nominee(s)); (c) registered in the name of, or beneficially owned by, any other funds controlled, managed or advised by Toscafund (or any of their nominee(s)); or (d) held in treasury

Exit	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 5 of Appendix 4 of this announcement
FCA or Financial Conduct Authority	the Financial Conduct Authority or its successor from time to time
FCA Regulatory Condition	has the meaning given to it in Condition 3(a) of Part A of Appendix 1
Form of Election	the form of election for use in respect of the Alternative Offer by Eligible Scheme Shareholders which (subject to exceptions for certain overseas jurisdictions) will accompany the Scheme Document, pursuant to which such Eligible Scheme Shareholders may make an election to receive the Alternative Offer in respect of some or all of such Scheme Shares
Forms of Proxy	the forms of proxy for use in connection with each of the Court Meeting and the General Meeting, which will accompany the Scheme Document
FSMA	the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (as amended from time to time)
FSMA Controllers Exemption Order	the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Controllers) (Exemption) Order 2009
FY22	Spire's financial year ended 31 December 2022
FY25	Spire's financial year ended 31 December 2025
General Meeting	the general meeting of Spire Shareholders (including any adjournment, postponement or reconvention thereof) to be convened for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, approving the Resolutions, notice of which will be contained in the Scheme Document
Holdco	Tulip UK Propco Holdco Limited, a private limited company incorporated and registered in England and Wales with registered number 17362683, the registered office of which is at 5th Floor Ferguson House, 15 Marylebone Road, London NW1 5JD
Investor Majority	where the Tosca Investors are not entitled to exercise a majority of the voting rights of the Topco Ordinary Shares, such other Sponsor(s) (or any other person who undertakes to perform the obligations of an "Investor" set out in the Topco Shareholders' Agreement) that, individually or in aggregate, hold Topco Ordinary Shares that would be entitled to greater than 50 per cent. of proceeds of any return of proceeds, repayment or distribution from the Topco Group (including, from the Effective Date, the Spire Group)

IPO	initial public offering
ISA	individual savings account
Knight Frank	Knight Frank LLP
KYC Information	'know your customer' information, being such information required in order to comply with applicable anti-money laundering, sanctions or 'know your customer' laws, to be supplied to (i) Topco's Administration Agent or (ii) as otherwise reasonably required by Bidco, Topco or the Consortium in respect of the relevant Scheme Shareholder (and, if applicable, any Underlying Holder(s)) in connection with the Alternative Offer)
Latest Practicable Date	close of business on 4 September 2026, being the latest practicable time and date prior to the publication of this announcement
Lazard	Lazard & Co., Limited
Listing Rules	the UK listing rules sourcebook made by the FCA pursuant to section 73A of FSMA (as amended from time to time)
Loan Notes	together, the Bidco Rollover Securities, Midco Rollover Securities and Midco 1 Rollover Securities
London Stock Exchange	London Stock Exchange plc
Long Stop Date	4 March 2027 or such later date (if any): (i) as may be agreed in writing by Bidco and Spire (with the Panel's consent if required); or (ii) set at the direction of the Panel under the Note on Section 3 of Appendix 7 to the Code, and in each case as the Court may approve (if such approval is required)
M&A	mergers and acquisitions
Main Market	the main market for listed securities operated by the London Stock Exchange
MAR or Market Abuse Regulation	the UK version of EU Regulation No. 596/2014, which has effect in English law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018, as amended from time to time
Meetings	the Court Meeting and the General Meeting
Midco	Tulip UK Midco Limited, a private limited company incorporated and registered in England and Wales with registered number 17361000, the

	registered office of which is at 5th Floor Ferguson House, 15 Marylebone Road, London NW1 5JD
Midco 1	Tulip UK Midco 1 Limited, a private limited company incorporated and registered in England and Wales with registered number 17361143, the registered office of which is at 5th Floor Ferguson House, 15 Marylebone Road, London NW1 5JD
Midco Rollover Securities	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 3 of Appendix 4 of this announcement
Midco 1 Rollover Securities	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 3 of Appendix 4 of this announcement
Minority Investors	(i) Ares Funds; (ii) Barings Funds; and (iii) Darblay Capital
NatWest	National Westminster Bank Plc
NHS	the UK National Health Service
Old Oak Group	Old Oak Holdings Limited and its subsidiary undertakings from time to time
Offer Document	should the Acquisition be implemented by way of a Takeover Offer, the document to be sent to (amongst others) Spire Shareholders setting out, amongst other things, the full terms and conditions of the Takeover Offer
Offer Period	the period that commenced on 18 September 2025 and ending on: (a) the earlier of the date on which the Scheme becomes Effective and the date on which the Scheme lapses or is withdrawn (or such other date as the Panel may decide); or (b) the earlier of the date on which the Takeover Offer has become or has been declared unconditional and the date on which the Takeover Offer lapses or is withdrawn (or such other date as the Panel may decide), other than (in the case of (a)) where such lapsing or withdrawal is a result of Bidco exercising its right to implement the Acquisition by way of a Takeover Offer
Official List	the official list of the FCA
Opening Position Disclosure	has the meaning in Rule 8 of the Code
Overseas Shareholders	Spire Shareholders who are resident in, ordinarily resident in, or citizens of, jurisdictions outside the United Kingdom
Panel	the Panel on Takeovers and Mergers
Part VI Rules	together, the DTRs, the Listing Rules and the Prospectus Rules

Perella Weinberg	Gleacher Shacklock LLP
Possible Offer Announcement	the announcement made by Spire on 14 May 2026 in relation to the Acquisition
Propco	Tulip UK Propco Limited, a private limited company incorporated and registered in England and Wales with registered number 17363764, the registered office of which is at 5th Floor Ferguson House, 15 Marylebone Road, London NW1 5JD
Proposed Topco Articles	the proposed amended Topco Articles that will be put in place on or prior to the Effective Date to give effect to, among other things, the Topco Bridge Kicker Share conversion mechanics (into Topco Deferred Shares), which can only be determined once final elections for the Alternative Offer are known
Prospectus Rules	the Public Offers and Admissions to Trading Regulations 2024 (SI 2024/105) and the Prospectus Rules: Admission to Trading on a Regulated Market sourcebook made by the FCA pursuant to section 73A of FSMA (as amended from time to time)
Refinancing	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 9 of Appendix 4 of this announcement
Registrar of Companies	the registrar of companies in England and Wales
Regulatory Information Service	any information service authorised from time to time by the FCA for the purposes of disseminating regulatory announcements
relevant securities	shall be construed in accordance with the Code
Resolutions	the resolution(s) of Spire to be proposed at the General Meeting necessary to implement the Scheme, including (without limitation) a special resolution in connection with, among other things, the approval of the Scheme and the amendment of Spire's articles of association in connection with the Acquisition
Restricted Jurisdiction(s)	any jurisdiction where local laws or regulations may result in a significant risk of civil, regulatory or criminal exposure if information concerning the Acquisition is sent or made available to Spire Shareholders in that jurisdiction
Restricted Shareholder	means: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) a Spire Shareholder in, or resident in, or any Spire Shareholder who Bidco reasonably believes to be in, or resident in, any Restricted Jurisdiction and any Spire Shareholder deemed by

	Bidco to be a Restricted Shareholder in accordance with the Scheme; and/or
	(b) a Sanctions Restricted Person
ROCE	return on capital employed
Rollover	the steps pursuant to which Rollover Securities are issued to Eligible Scheme Shareholders who make valid and successful elections for the Alternative Offer and receive, in the first instance, Bidco Rollover Securities in respect of some or all of their Scheme Shares, as described in further detail in paragraphs 10 and 11 of this announcement
Rollover Securityholders	any holder of Rollover Securities from time to time (including Eligible Scheme Shareholders who validly elect for the Alternative Offer and to whom Bidco Rollover Securities (and ultimately, subject to the implementation of the Rollover, Rollover Securities) are issued on or around the Effective Date)
Rollover Securities	the B ordinary shares of £0.01 each in the capital of Topco having the rights of "B Ordinary Shares" set out in the Topco Articles (as amended from time to time)
Rothschild & Co	N.M. Rothschild & Sons Limited
Sanctioned Territory	any jurisdiction or other territory that is, or was at the relevant time, the subject of a comprehensive export, import, financial or investment embargo under any Sanctions Laws, including Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Russia, Syria and the Crimea, Donetsk, Kherson, Zaporizhzhia and Luhansk regions of Ukraine
Sanctions Laws	any applicable laws, regulations or orders relating to economic, financial or trade sanctions, restrictive measures or embargoes being those laws, regulations, or orders administered, maintained or enforced by any governmental entity of the United States (including by the U.S. Office of Foreign Assets Control or the U.S. Department of State), the United Nations Security Council, Canada, the European Union, any Member State of the European Union, the United Kingdom or any other jurisdiction in which the Topco Group conducts business or owns assets;
Sanctions List	each of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List or any other list of persons targeted by Sanctions Laws maintained by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Treasury or the U.S. Department of State;

- (b) the Consolidated List of Persons, Groups and Entities Subject to EU Financial Sanctions maintained by the European Commission;
- (c) the Annex XIX list of legal persons, entities and bodies referred to in Article 5aa of EU Regulation 833/2014 (as consolidated);
- (d) the Consolidated List of Financial Sanctions Targets maintained by the Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation, His Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom;
- (e) the United Nations Security Council Consolidated List;
- (f) the Consolidated Canadian Autonomous Sanctions List; and
- (g) other similar lists of persons targeted by Sanctions Laws maintained by any governmental entity with regulatory authority over the Topco Group

Sanctions Restricted Person

any person that is:

- (a) designated on any Sanctions List;
- (b) part of any governmental entity of a Sanctioned Territory;
- (c) located, organised or residing in any Sanctioned Territory;
- (d) in the aggregate, 50 per cent. or greater owned, directly or indirectly, or otherwise controlled by a person or persons described in (a) or (b) above; or
- (e) otherwise targeted under Sanctions Laws

Scheme

the scheme of arrangement proposed to be made under Part 26 of the Companies Act between Spire and Scheme Shareholders in order to implement the Acquisition, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set out in this announcement and to be set out in the Scheme Document (with or subject to any modification, addition or condition approved or imposed by the Court and agreed to by Spire and Bidco)

Scheme Document

the document to be despatched to (among others) Spire Shareholders in relation to the Acquisition and the Scheme including, amongst other things, the full terms and conditions of the Scheme, an explanatory statement and notices convening the Court Meeting and the General

			Meeting (and shall include any supplementary scheme document if applicable)
Scheme Record Time			the record date and time for the Scheme, as specified in the Scheme Document, expected to be 6.00 p.m. on the Business Day immediately prior to the Effective Date
Scheme Shareholder(s)			a holder(s) of Scheme Shares at any relevant date or time
Scheme Shares			all Spire Shares:
		(a)	in issue at the date of the Scheme Document and which remain in issue at the Scheme Record Time;
		(b)	if any, issued after the date of the Scheme Document and before the Voting Record Time and which remain in issue at the Scheme Record Time; and
		(c)	if any, issued at or after the Voting Record Time but at or before the Scheme Record Time and which remain in issue at the Scheme Record Time, either on terms that the original or any subsequent holders of such shares are to be bound by the Scheme or in respect of which their holders are, or shall have agreed in writing to be, bound by the Scheme,
			but, in each case, other than the Excluded Shares
SEC			the US Securities and Exchange Commission
Secured Subordinated Notes Facility Agreement			the secured subordinated notes facility agreement dated 5 September 2026 between, amongst others, (i) Midco as issuer; (ii) the Original Noteholders (as defined therein); (iii) Alter Domus Agency Services (UK) Ltd as agent; and (iv) Alter Domus Trustees (UK) Limited as security agent
Senior Bridge Facility Agreement			the senior bridge facilities agreement dated 5 September 2026 between, amongst others, (i) Bidco as the original borrower; (ii) NatWest as the lender; (iii); NatWest as the arranger; and (iv) Ares as the security agent
Senior First Out Facility Agreement			the senior first out facilities agreement dated 5 September 2026 between, amongst others, (i) Bidco as borrower; (ii) Three Hills and Ares as the arrangers; (iii) Ares as the facility agent; (iv) Ares as the security agent; and (v) the Original Lenders (as defined therein)
Senior Last Out Facility Agreement			the senior last out facilities agreement dated 5 September 2026 between, amongst others, (i) Bidco as the borrower; (ii) Ares as the

	arranger; (iii) Ares as the facility agent; (iv) Ares as the security agent; and (v) the Original Lenders (as defined therein)
Senior Last Out Facility B Loan	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 12 of this announcement
Song Facility Agreement	the term loan facility agreement dated 5 September 2026 between: (i) Propco as the borrower; (ii) Bridge Finco Limited as the lender; (iii) CSC Trustee Limited as the security agent; and (iv) CSC Financing Holdings Ireland Limited as the cash manager
Significant Interest	in relation to an undertaking or partnership, a direct or indirect interest of 20 per cent. or more of: (a) the total voting rights conferred by the equity share capital (as defined in section 548 of the Companies Act) of such undertaking; or (b) the relevant partnership interests
SIPP	self-invested personal pension
Spire or the Company	Spire Healthcare Group plc, a public company limited by shares incorporated and registered in England and Wales with registered number 09084066, the registered office of which is at 3 Dorset Rise, London, EC4Y 8EN
Spire Board	the board of Spire Directors as at the date of this announcement
Spire Directors	the directors of Spire as at the date of this announcement or, where the context so requires, the directors of Spire from time to time
Spire Group	Spire and its subsidiary undertakings from time to time and, where the context permits, each of them
Spire Shareholder(s)	the registered holder(s) of Spire Shares from time to time
Spire Share(s)	ordinary share(s) of one penny each in the capital of Spire
Spire Share Schemes	the Spire Long-Term Incentive Plan 2014 (the 2014 LTIP), the Spire Long-Term Incentive Plan 2024 (the 2024 LTIP), the Spire Deferred Share Bonus Plan 2014 (the 2014 DSBP), the Spire Deferred Share Bonus Plan 2024 (the 2024 DSBP) and the Spire SAYE Option Scheme (the SAYE)
Sponsor	each of Toscafund, Three Hills, Ares and Barings
subsidiary, subsidiary undertaking and undertaking	shall be construed in accordance with the Companies Act
Substantial B Shareholder	any holder of Rollover Securities that, at completion of the Rollover, holds at least 10 per cent. of the economic interest in the Topco Ordinary

	Shares then in issue, such status continuing until the earlier of: (i) three years following completion of the Rollover; and (ii) the date on which such holder ceases to hold at least 10 per cent. of the economic interest in Topco Ordinary Shares then in issue
Takeover Offer	if, subject to the consent of the Panel and the terms of the Co-operation Agreement, Bidco elects to effect the Acquisition by way of a takeover offer as defined in Chapter 3 of Part 28 of the Companies Act, the offer to be made by or on behalf of Bidco to acquire the entire issued, and to be issued, ordinary share capital of Spire not already owned by the Consortium on the terms and subject to the conditions to be set out in the related Offer Document, and, where the context admits, any subsequent revision, variation, extension or renewal of such offer
Three Hills	THCP Advisory Limited
Three Hills Confidentiality Agreement	the confidentiality agreement dated 16 April 2026 between Spire and Three Hills entered into in connection with the Acquisition, further details of which are set out in paragraph 13 of this announcement
Three Hills Credit Funds	credit investment funds, vehicles or accounts managed, advised or sub-advised by Three Hills and/or its affiliates
Three Hills Funds	funds, vehicles, accounts or persons managed, advised or sub-advised by Three Hills and/or its affiliates as may become equity investors in Topco in accordance with the Topco Shareholders' Agreement
Third Party	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 3(b) of Part A of Appendix 1 to this announcement
Topco	Tulip Topco Limited, a private limited company incorporated and registered in Jersey with registered number 166506, the registered office of which is at 1 IFC, St. Helier JE2 3BX Jersey
Topco A Ordinary Shares	A ordinary shares of £0.01 each in the capital of Topco, having the rights as set out in the Topco Articles
Topco A1 Ordinary Shares	A1 ordinary shares of £0.01 each in the capital of Topco, having the rights as set out in the Topco Articles
Topco A2 Ordinary Shares	A2 ordinary shares of £0.01 each in the capital of Topco, having the rights as set out in the Topco Articles (with "equity kicker" rights that fall away in certain circumstances)

Topco A3 Ordinary Shares	A3 ordinary shares of £0.01 each in the capital of Topco, having the rights as set out in the Topco Articles (with "equity kicker" rights that fall away in certain circumstances)
Topco Articles	the articles of association of Topco from time to time (including, once effective, the Proposed Topco Articles)
Topco A Shareholders	the holder(s) of Topco A Ordinary Shares, being (on completion of the Acquisition) the Consortium Members
Topco Board	the board of directors of Topco from time to time
Topco Bridge Kicker Shares	the Topco A2 Ordinary Shares and the Topco A3 Ordinary Shares
Topco B Ordinary Shares	B ordinary shares of £0.01 each in the capital of Topco, having the rights as set out in the Topco Articles
Topco B Shareholders	the holder(s) of Topco B Ordinary Shares (that is, the Rollover Securityholders)
Topco Group	Topco and its subsidiary undertakings from time to time and where the context permits, each of them
Topco Control Share	the control ordinary share of £0.01 in the capital of Topco, having the rights set out in the Topco Articles (which shall automatically convert into a Topco Deferred Share on the Effective Date)
Topco Deferred Shares	deferred shares of £0.01 each in the capital of Topco, having the rights as set out in the Topco Articles
Topco Offer Shares	(a) the Topco A Ordinary Shares and Rollover Securities to be issued on or around the Effective Date: (i) in order to fund the cash consideration payable by Bidco in respect of the Acquisition; (ii) in exchange for the transfer to Bidco from the Tosca Consortium Funds of the 74,789,222 Spire Shares held by the Tosca Consortium Funds at the date of this announcement; and (iii) to meet any valid elections for Rollover Securities under the Alternative Offer; (b) the Topco A1 Ordinary Shares in issue immediately following the Rollover; and (c) the Topco Bridge Kicker Shares in issue immediately following the Rollover (that have not converted into Topco Deferred Shares)
Topco Ordinary Shares	(i) the Topco A Ordinary Shares; (ii) the Topco A1 Ordinary Shares; (iii) the Topco Bridge Kicker Shares (being the Topco A2 Ordinary Shares and the Topco A3 Ordinary Shares); and (iv) the Topco B Ordinary Shares

Topco Agreement	Shareholders'	the shareholders' agreement to be entered into among the Consortium Members, Topco, Midco, Midco 1, Bidco and, subject to implementation of the Rollover, the Rollover Securityholders in the form uploaded to Spire's website on or around the date of this announcement
Topco Voting Ordinary Shares		the Topco Ordinary Shares except for the Topco B Ordinary Shares
Toscafund		Toscafund Asset Management LLP, a limited liability partnership incorporated and registered in England and Wales with registered number OC320318, the registered office of which is at Ferguson House 15 Marylebone Road, 5th Floor, London NW1 5JD
Toscafund Agreement	Confidentiality	the confidentiality agreement dated 17 March 2026 between Spire and Toscafund entered into in connection with the Acquisition, further details of which are set out in paragraph 13 of this announcement
Tosca Birch		Tosca Birch LP (acting through its general partner, Toscafund GP LP)
Tosca Consortium Funds		Tosca Service III and Tosca Birch
Tosca Investors		(i) Toscafund; (ii) Toscafund Ltd; (iii) the Tosca Consortium Funds (being Tosca Service III and Tosca Birch); and/or (iv) such other funds, vehicles, accounts or persons managed, advised or sub-advised by Toscafund and/or its affiliates as may become equity investors in Topco in accordance with the Topco Shareholders' Agreement (as the context shall require);
Tosca Micro Cap		Tosca Micro Cap UCITS Fund, a sub-fund of Montlake UCITS Platform ICAV
Tosca Service III		Tosca Service III LP (acting through its general partner, Toscafund GP LP)
UK or United Kingdom		the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
uncertificated or uncertificated form	in	recorded on the relevant register as being held in uncertificated form and title to which may, by virtue of the CREST Regulations, be transferred by means of CREST
Underlying Holder		where legal title to Scheme Shares is held by an Eligible Scheme Shareholder as nominee for and on behalf of a second person, such second person (or, at Bidco's sole discretion and based on the KYC Information received, any other person with an underlying beneficial interest in the relevant Scheme Shares as Bidco may determine)
US Anti-Terrorism Act		the US Anti-Terrorism Act of 1987

US Exchange Act	the US Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended
US Persons	US persons as defined in Regulation S under the US Securities Act and any nominee thereof
US Securities Act	the US Securities Act of 1933, as amended
US Spire Shareholders	Spire Shareholders who have a registered address in the US, or who Spire or Bidco reasonably believes to be residents of the US, including any custodian, nominee or trustee holding Spire Shares for persons in the US or with a registered address in the US
Voting Record Time	the time and date by reference to which entitlement to vote on the Scheme will be determined, as specified in the Scheme Document
Wider Bidco Group	Bidco and its parent undertakings, including, for the avoidance of doubt, Topco, and its and such parent undertakings' subsidiary undertakings, and each of their respective associated undertakings, and any other body corporate, partnership, joint venture or person in which Bidco and all such undertakings (aggregating their interests) have a Significant Interest but excluding, for these purposes, Spire
Wider Spire Group	Spire and its subsidiary and associated undertakings and any other body corporate, partnership, joint venture or person in which Spire and all such undertakings (aggregating their interests) have a Significant Interest
£ or pounds or pence or penny	the lawful currency of the United Kingdom from time to time

All references in this announcement to any statutory provision or law or to any order or regulation shall be construed as a reference to that provision, law, order or regulation as extended, modified, replaced or re-enacted from time to time and all statutory instruments, regulations and orders from time to time made thereunder or deriving validly therefrom.

References to the singular include the plural and vice versa where the context permits.

Schedule 2

Spire Share Schemes and Employee-Related Matters

Spire and Bidco agree that the following provisions will, where appropriate subject to the Acquisition becoming Effective, be implemented with respect to the Spire Share Schemes and certain other employee-related arrangements.

If there is an Agreed Switch and the Acquisition is implemented by way of a Takeover Offer, references to the Court Sanction Date will be read as if they refer to the Effective Date.

The table set out in Appendix A of this Schedule 2 details all subsisting Awards to acquire Spire Shares and/or cash under the Spire Share Schemes as at the date of this Agreement.

In this Schedule 2, each of the following words and expressions shall have the following meanings:

2014 DSBP	means the Spire Deferred Share Bonus Plan 2014, as amended from time to time;
2014 LTIP	means the Spire Long Term Incentive Plan 2014, as amended from time to time;
2024 DSBP	means the Spire Deferred Share Bonus Plan 2024, as amended from time to time;
2024 LTIP	means the Spire Long Term Incentive Plan 2024, as amended from time to time;
ABP	means the Spire Annual Bonus Plan, as amended from time to time;
Awards	means share awards, conditional share awards, options to acquire Spire Shares, phantom options, phantom conditional awards and/or cash awards and/or any other awards or rights to receive payments, in each case under the Spire Share Schemes;
Cash LTIP	means the Spire Senior Management Long Term Incentive Award programme providing for cash awards, as amended from time to time;
Court Sanction Date	means the date on which the Court sanctions the Scheme under section 899 of the Companies Act;
Qualifying Termination	means: (a) any termination by a person's employer, including (without limitation) by reason of redundancy (within the meaning of the Employment Rights Act 1996), death, or

permanent incapacity by reason of ill health, injury or disability (as reasonably determined by the Bidco Remuneration Committee at the relevant time) other than a termination by reason of the relevant employee's conduct, capability (save in the case of permanent incapacity referred to above) or performance as determined following an appropriate and fair process or lawful summary dismissal;

- (b) a Spire Employee ceasing to be an employee of the Spire Group or the Bidco Group by reason of: (i) his or her employing entity ceasing to be a member of the Spire Group or the Bidco Group; or (ii) the business or part of the business in which he or she works being transferred to a person that is not a member of the Spire Group or the Bidco Group, in circumstances where the purchaser or transferee of such employing entity or business has not agreed to honour the terms of paragraph 1.19 below in respect of such Spire employee *mutatis mutandis*;
- (c) any termination by reason of a Spire Employee's retirement with the consent of the Spire Group; or
- (d) resignation in circumstances which the Bidco Remuneration Committee reasonably determines would be likely to amount to constructive dismissal which shall include any resignation in circumstances where, without the Spire Employee's express written consent following the Effective Date: (i) the Spire Employee's role and/or reporting level and/or responsibilities and/or status has been materially diminished; or (ii) the Spire Employee's base salary, aggregate pension benefits (including any cash allowance in lieu), non-pension benefits and total variable compensation opportunity are changed in a manner that is less favourable, in the aggregate; or (iii) a Spire Employee's normal place of work is moved more than 25 miles from their previous place of work;

Remuneration Committee	means the remuneration committee of the Spire Board as constituted immediately prior to the Court Sanction Date;
Retention Awards	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 1.20 below;
SAYE	means the Spire SAYE Option Scheme, as amended from time to time;
Scheme Record Time	has the meaning given to that term in the Announcement;
Spire Employees	means the employees of Spire and the employees of members of the Spire Group from time to time. For the avoidance of doubt, Spire Employees shall include the executive directors of Spire;
Spire Remuneration Policy	means the directors' remuneration policy approved by Spire Shareholders from time to time;
Trust	means the Spire Healthcare 2015 Employee Benefit Trust; and
Trustee	means Equiniti Trust (Jersey) Limited in its capacity as trustee of the Trust or any replacement trustee of the Trust from time to time.

Spire Share Schemes

- 1.1 Subject to Rule 21.1 of the Code and the consent of the Panel where applicable, and to the other paragraphs of this Schedule, Bidco acknowledges and agrees that, prior to the Effective Date, Spire (and, where appropriate, the Remuneration Committee) may operate the Spire Share Schemes as it reasonably considers to be appropriate in accordance with the rules of the relevant Spire Share Scheme, the Spire Remuneration Policy to the extent relevant, and Spire's normal practice and (to the extent relevant) timetable. For the avoidance of doubt, "operate the Spire Share Schemes" includes (without limitation): granting Awards, determining the extent to which Awards vest, determination of performance conditions, satisfying the vesting, exercise and release of Awards by issuing new shares and/or transferring market purchased or treasury shares (or paying cash as applicable), giving instructions and providing the necessary funding to the trustee of the Trust to acquire Spire Shares to satisfy Awards that vest and determining the treatment for Awards held by leavers.
- 1.2 Subject to Rule 21.1 of the Code and the Spire Remuneration Policy, Bidco acknowledges that Spire may make technical or administrative amendments to the rules of the Spire Share Schemes if, in the opinion of the Remuneration Committee, such amendments are necessary to implement the Scheme or the treatment set out in this Agreement or to facilitate the administration of the Spire Share Schemes or to obtain or maintain

favourable tax treatment for participants in such scheme to the extent permitted by law.

General

- 1.3 Subject and without prejudice to paragraph 1.8, Bidco acknowledges that whether, and the extent to which, Awards outstanding under the Spire Share Schemes on the Court Sanction Date will vest or become exercisable in connection with the Acquisition is to be determined in accordance with the rules of the Spire Share Schemes and the actions taken and discretions exercised pursuant to those rules by the Spire Board or the Remuneration Committee (as the case may be) in their sole and absolute discretion.
- 1.4 Bidco acknowledges and agrees that if, for any reason, Spire Shares cannot be issued or transferred (including out of treasury or out of the Trust) to a participant when Awards vest or are exercised under any of the Spire Share Schemes, such Awards may be settled by Spire in cash if (and to the extent) the relevant Spire Share Scheme so permits.
- 1.5 Bidco acknowledges that Spire may make any submission to the Panel which it deems necessary to implement the arrangements referred to in this Schedule 2, having consulted with Bidco before making such submission and, where necessary, having provided Bidco with reasonable time to review and comment on any draft submission, and Bidco agrees to co-operate promptly and in good faith to provide reasonable assistance in the making of any such submission.

Deferred Share Bonus Plans

- 1.6 Bidco acknowledges that all Awards subsisting under the 2014 DSBP and 2024 DSBP at the Court Sanction Date will vest in full on that date as a consequence of the Acquisition pursuant to the rules of the 2014 DSBP and 2024 DSBP, together with any dividend equivalents in respect of such Awards.

Long Term Incentive Plans

- 1.7 Bidco acknowledges that the extent to which Awards granted under the 2014 LTIP and 2024 LTIP will vest on the Court Sanction Date shall be determined by the Remuneration Committee in accordance with the rules of the 2014 LTIP and 2024 LTIP, taking into account, amongst other factors, the extent to which the existing performance targets have been satisfied, and subject to paragraph 1.8.
- 1.8 Bidco acknowledges that it is the intention of the Remuneration Committee, in exercising its discretion, to determine that the outstanding Awards (as at the date of this Agreement) under the 2014 LTIP and 2024 LTIP will vest on the Court Sanction Date to the extent the existing performance targets are satisfied and with no application of time pro-rating, together with any dividend equivalents in respect of such Awards (in each case in accordance with the rules of the relevant Spire Share Scheme).

- 1.9 Bidco acknowledges that all LTIP Awards which have vested or become exercisable before the Court Sanction Date or that vest upon the Court Sanction Date will no longer be subject to a holding period (if applicable) and will be released on the Court Sanction Date.

Cash LTIP

- 1.10 Bidco acknowledges that the extent to which the awards granted under the Cash LTIP will vest on the Court Sanction Date shall be determined by the Remuneration Committee and that it is the intention of the Remuneration Committee to determine that all outstanding awards under the Cash LTIP will vest in full on the Court Sanction Date, with no application of time pro-rating.

SAYE

- 1.11 Bidco acknowledges that, in accordance with the rules of the SAYE, the Board intends to make arrangements so that any Awards that are outstanding under the SAYE may be exercised in the 20 day period prior to the Court Sanction Date, and any Awards that are not exercised in accordance with these arrangements will lapse on the Court Sanction Date.

Articles of Association

- 1.12 Bidco and Spire agree that the Scheme Record Time will take place after the Court Sanction Date, to allow the participants in the Spire Share Schemes who acquire Spire Shares on or before the Court Sanction Date to have those Spire Shares acquired by Bidco through the Scheme. Bidco and Spire agree that shareholder approval will be sought by Spire for an amendment to the articles of association of Spire so that any Spire Shares transferred or issued after the Scheme Record Time pursuant to the exercise of options or vesting of awards under the Spire Share Schemes will be immediately transferred to Bidco (or as it may direct) on the same terms as were available to other Spire Shareholders pursuant to the Acquisition (other than the terms in relation to timings and formalities) or such other consideration as may be agreed between Bidco and Spire and disclosed in the Scheme Document.

Employee Benefit Trust

- 1.13 As at the date of this Agreement, Spire confirms that the Trust holds 1,091,965 unallocated Spire Shares. Subject always to Spire's ability to make recommendations to the Trustee to use any unallocated Spire Shares held in the Trust to satisfy the vesting or exercise of Awards in the normal course prior to the Court Sanction Date, the parties agree that the Trustee will be requested to agree to satisfy Awards to be settled in Spire Shares that vest or are exercised upon or in consequence of the Court Sanction Date and prior to the Scheme Record Time using the unallocated Spire Shares in priority to Spire issuing Spire Shares or any other method of settlement in Spire Shares to satisfy such Awards. To the extent there are insufficient Spire Shares in the Trust to satisfy such Awards, and the Trust

holds any cash, the parties agree that the Trustee will be requested to agree to use any cash held in the Trust to purchase existing Spire Shares in the market or to subscribe for new Spire Shares to satisfy the outstanding share-settled Awards.

Communications

- 1.14 Spire and Bidco intend to write jointly to each of the participants in the Spire Share Schemes on, or as soon as practicable after, the posting of the Scheme Document (or such later time as the parties and the Panel may agree) to inform them of: (i) the impact of the Scheme on their outstanding Awards and (where known) the extent to which their Awards will or may vest as a result of the Scheme; (ii) any actions they may need to take in connection with their Awards as a result of the Scheme; and (iii) where required, Bidco's proposals pursuant to Rule 15 of the Code (and Spire will send, or arrange for the sending of, such communications to the participants at the appropriate time as agreed between the parties).

Annual bonus arrangements

- 1.15 Bidco acknowledges that Spire operates the ABP for Spire Employees and that:
- (a) Spire shall continue to operate the ABP for the performance periods completed before the Effective Date in accordance with its normal practice and in a manner consistent with historic practice.
 - (b) If the Effective Date occurs in 2027, the Remuneration Committee shall, subject to Rule 21.1 of the Code, set the performance metrics for that 2027 bonus year in the ordinary course and in a manner consistent with historic practice (and it is acknowledged that Spire Employees will be made aware of the effect of paragraph (c) below when such performance metrics are communicated to Spire Employees).
 - (c) For the bonus year in which the Effective Date occurs:
 - (i) in respect of the period from the start of the relevant bonus year to the Effective Date, bonus payments will be determined by the Remuneration Committee prior to the Effective Date, applying the applicable performance framework and metrics in a manner consistent with the existing terms of the ABP, and be subject to time pro-rating by reference to the period of time elapsed between the start of the relevant bonus year and the Effective Date as a proportion of 12 months and be paid as soon as reasonably practicable following the Effective Date and, in any event, within 30 days of the Effective Date with no requirement to defer any part of such bonus into shares;

- (ii) if the Effective Date occurs in the final three months of the bonus year, the Remuneration Committee will determine the bonus payments for the entire year applying the applicable performance framework and metrics in a manner consistent with the existing terms of the ABP with no upward exercise of discretion, and such bonus payments will be paid as soon as reasonably practicable following the Effective Date and, in any event, within 30 days of the Effective Date (but the time pro-rated bonus determined by reference to the period elapsed from the Effective Date to the end of the bonus year as a proportion of 12 months will be paid at the normal Spire bonus payment date) with no requirement to defer any part of such bonus into shares; and
- (iii) subject to paragraph (c)(ii) above, in respect of the period from the Effective Date to the end of the relevant bonus year, bonus payments will be determined by Bidco following the end of the bonus year and be subject to time pro-rating by reference to the period elapsed from the Effective Date to the end of the bonus year as a proportion of 12 months and be paid at the normal Spire bonus payment date with no requirement to defer any part of such bonus into shares;
- (d) Bidco agrees that following the end of the bonus year in which the Effective Date occurs, Spire Employees will be eligible to participate in such bonus arrangements as may be operated by Bidco for the benefit of its employees.

Maintenance of employment terms

- 1.16 Following the Effective Date, the existing contractual and statutory rights and terms and conditions of employment, including pension obligations, of the Spire Employees will be safeguarded by Bidco in accordance with applicable law.
- 1.17 Without prejudice to paragraph 1.16 above and 1.19 below and to any collective consultation or other statutory obligations, Bidco agrees that, for at least 12 months following the Effective Date, in respect of each Spire Employee immediately prior to the Effective Date who remains in employment within the Spire Group, it will or will procure the relevant employing company in the Spire Group or Bidco Group to, unless otherwise agreed with the relevant Spire Employee, maintain base salary, pension benefits (including any cash allowance in lieu), non-pension benefits and total variable compensation opportunity, on terms that are, in the aggregate, no less favourable than those applying immediately prior to the Effective Date. Nothing in this paragraph 1.17 shall operate to restrict or fetter the ability of any member of the Bidco Group or Spire Group to terminate employment, implement organisational changes, conduct performance, disciplinary or redundancy processes, or otherwise exercise

its rights as employer, in each case in accordance with applicable law and the relevant Spire Employee's contract of employment.

- 1.18 The parties agree that following the Effective Date malus and clawback will continue to apply subject to and in accordance with the rules of the Spire Share Schemes.

Rights upon a Qualifying Termination

- 1.19 Bidco agrees that if any Spire Employee immediately prior to the Effective Date is subject to or gives or receives notice of a Qualifying Termination in the 12-month period following the Effective Date, such Spire Employee will:
- (a) remain eligible to receive any unpaid amount under the ABP for the 2026 bonus year without time pro-rata and to receive any subsequent amount under the ABP for the 2027 bonus year on a time pro-rated basis to the date of termination (and in each case such ABP amount to otherwise be calculated and paid in accordance with paragraph 1.15);
 - (b) be paid any outstanding retention awards (including for the avoidance of doubt the Retention Awards) without time pro-rata within 30 days of the relevant termination date; and
 - (c) be treated as a good leaver (or any similar or equivalent concept) under the relevant leaver provisions of any Spire Group or Bidco Group share scheme in which they participate as at the date of termination.

Retention arrangements

- 1.20 Bidco consents for the purposes of Rule 21.1 of the Code to Spire, for the purpose of protecting the business to be acquired pursuant to the Acquisition, making cash retention awards to certain Spire Employees (excluding executive directors and any other members of management, as interpreted in accordance with Rule 16.2 of the Code) of up to £863,500 in aggregate (the **Retention Awards**), with such consent being given on the basis that:

- (a) 50% of each Retention Award is payable on or as soon as reasonably practicable (and in any event within 30 days) following the Effective Date; and
- (b) 50% is payable as soon as reasonably practicable on or following the 12 month anniversary of the Effective Date,

subject to the relevant Spire Employees remaining employed by the Bidco Group or Spire Group on, and not having given or been given notice of termination prior to the payment date except that where the relevant Spire Employee has been subject to a Qualifying Termination or given or received notice of Qualifying Termination, in either case, during the period beginning on the Effective Date and ending on the applicable payment date, payment

shall be made in full within 30 days of the date of such Qualifying Termination.

Non-Executive Director notice pay

- 1.21 Bidco acknowledges that Spire intends that any non-executive director of Spire who resigns on the Effective Date in connection with the Acquisition will be paid an amount (based on their fees at the rate paid to them immediately before the Effective Date) in lieu of the notice periods set out in their current letters of appointment (less any legally required deductions) within 30 days of the Effective Date.

Appendix A: Subsisting Awards

Share LTIP	Situation	Number of options/shares	Dividends
2020 Grant	Performance period completed; Outstanding options yet to be exercised by participants	43,546	No dividends payable
2021 Grant		31,549	
2022 Grant		216,299	
2023 Grant		103,946	
2022 Grant	Performance period completed; In holding period	553,219	Dividends declared for year-end 2024 and 2025 equivalent to £21,022.31
2023 Grant	Performance period completed; In holding period	229,066	Total dividends will be determined at the end of holding period
2024 Grant	In performance period (in-flight)	1,950,515	Total dividends on vested shares will be determined at the end of the performance period
2025 Grant	In performance period (in-flight)	2,849,118	
2026 Grant	In performance period (in-flight)	2,628,088	

DSBP	Situation	Number of shares	Dividends
2024 Grant	Performance period completed; In holding period	221,319	Dividends declared for year-end 2024 and 2025 equivalent to £8,410.11
2025 Grant	Performance period completed; In holding period	90,626	Total dividends will be determined at the end of holding period

SAYE Award	Situation	Number of shares	Dividends
	Vested but unexercised	1,818	No dividends payable

Cash LTIP	Cash Value (gross)
2024 Award	£400,978
2025 Award	£903,407
2026 Award	£1,561,811