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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

31 January 2019

Statement re. Possible Offer for RPC by Berry Global Group, Inc.

RPC Group Plc ("RPC" or the "Company") notes the announcement by Berry Global Group, Inc. ("Berry") that it is considering a possible cash offer for the Company.

RPC confirms that it has, this morning, received a request for diligence information on the Company from Berry in accordance with Rule 21.3 of the Code. The Board of RPC confirms that it will engage with Berry in accordance with its obligations under the Code and in order to advance discussions in the interests of delivering best value to shareholders.

A further announcement will be made when appropriate. There can be no certainty that any offer by Berry will be made for the Company, nor as to the terms on which any offer might be made.

Recommended offer from Apollo Global Management

On 23 January 2019 RPC and Rome UK Bidco Limited, a company formed on behalf of funds managed by Apollo Global Management ("Apollo"), announced that agreement had been reached on terms pursuant to which Apollo will acquire the entire issued and to be issued share capital of RPC.

A further announcement will be made in due course to update on timing of the Apollo offer.

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