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20 November 2019

**Recommended cash acquisition of**

**Inmarsat plc**

by

**Connect Bidco Limited**

**a newly incorporated entity owned by a consortium of (i) funds advised by Apax; (ii) funds advised by Warburg Pincus or its affiliates; (iii) Canada Pension Plan Investment Board; and (iv) Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board**

**Statement by Inmarsat in relation to Ligado**

Inmarsat plc ("**Inmarsat**" or the "**Company**") announces that it has provided to a law firm representing certain contesting shareholders, as part of the Court process, evidence in connection with the Court Hearing scheduled for 28 and 29 November 2019 to seek sanction of the scheme of arrangement (the "**Scheme**") in respect of the recommended cash acquisition of the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Inmarsat by Connect Bidco Limited ("**Bidco**") (the "**Acquisition**").

As required by the Takeover Panel, the evidence is available at <https://investors.inmarsat.com/>

As signalled in the Company's prior announcements of 5 and 8 November 2019, the Company has received representations from certain investors expressing views on, amongst other things, the potential for Ligado Networks LLC (US) and Ligado Networks (Canada) (together, "**Ligado**") to obtain a licence modification from the US Federal Communications Commission (the "**FCC**") (the "**Ligado Licence Modification**") and the impact of any such grant on the terms and recommendation of the Scheme.

The board of directors of Inmarsat (the "**Board**") makes the following points by way of response to the views expressed by investors involved:

- The Board has fully considered its fiduciary duties when assessing the terms of the Acquisition, recommending the Scheme and deciding to proceed with the Court Hearing and the Company has complied with all applicable law and regulation, including the Takeover Code, in connection with its conduct of the Acquisition.
- The Board continues to monitor the Ligado situation and properly assess (in each case with appropriate financial and legal advice) the valuation of the Company including the prospect of revenue attributable to the cooperation agreement with Ligado (the "**Ligado Cooperation Agreement**").
- The potential in the Ligado Cooperation Agreement was considered by the Board, along with a range of other factors, when determining whether to recommend the Acquisition to Inmarsat Shareholders. The Board concluded that the terms of the Acquisition, taking into account a wide range of relevant factors, including any potential for residual upside in the Ligado Cooperation Agreement, were fair and reasonable and notes that the Inmarsat Shareholders voted in favour of the Scheme and the Acquisition on 10 May 2019.
- The grant of the Ligado Licence Modification would not, in the Board's view, cause any material change in the valuation ascribed to the income stream flowing from the payments contractually due under the Ligado Cooperation Agreement (even were the grant to be imminent). The Board is of the view that the potential

income under the Ligado Cooperation Agreement remains uncertain given cumulative contingencies including:

- the likely terms of the Ligado Licence Modification (if granted);
  - the refinancing of Ligado's existing debt, equivalent to a principal amount of \$4.6bn plus accrued payment-in-kind interest charges, which is due to be repaid or refinanced in December 2020; and
  - Ligado's ability to obtain sufficient funding and generate the operating free cash flows necessary to sustain its business and debt portfolio, and to effect payments to the Company on a sustainable basis into the longer term (which is likely to be dependent on its ability to generate revenues from a terrestrial network which has yet to be financed, constructed or brought into service).
- The Board considered the possibility of a contingent value right ("CVR") when assessing the terms of the Acquisition (prior to its recommendation and since (along with alternative structures with the objective of Inmarsat Shareholders retaining any upside in the Ligado Cooperation Agreement)). Aside from the practical difficulties of structuring a CVR to fit the complex circumstances of possible payments over the life of the Ligado Cooperation Agreement, Bidco has previously confirmed to the Board of Inmarsat that the terms of its offer already reflect the value of possible payments from the Ligado Cooperation Agreement and accordingly, in the Board's view, any CVR so negotiated (assuming that such an instrument could have been structured successfully), would have had implications for the terms of the Acquisition, including the Cash Consideration.

### **The Board's Recommendation**

Accordingly, the Inmarsat Directors, having been so advised by J.P. Morgan Cazenove, PJT Partners and Credit Suisse as to the financial terms of the Acquisition, continue to consider the terms of the Acquisition to be fair and reasonable. Accordingly, the Inmarsat Directors continue to unanimously recommend the Acquisition to the Inmarsat Shareholders. In providing their financial advice to the Inmarsat Directors, J.P. Morgan Cazenove, PJT Partners and Credit Suisse have taken into account the commercial assessments of the Inmarsat Directors. PJT Partners is providing independent financial advice to the Inmarsat Directors for the purposes of Rule 3 of the Takeover Code.

*Unless otherwise defined, all capitalised terms in this announcement shall have the meaning given to them in the scheme document dated 18 April 2019 (the "Scheme Document").*

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