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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

18 October 2019

Wincanton plc ("Wincanton")

Statement regarding a possible offer for Eddie Stobart Logistics plc ("Eddie Stobart")

The Board of Wincanton, the largest British third-party logistics company, announces that it is currently undertaking a diligence exercise on Eddie Stobart and its assets, in order to enable it to assess the potential merits of a combination. No proposal has been made by Wincanton to Eddie Stobart as to the terms of any potential offer, and there can be no certainty that any offer will be made to Eddie Stobart shareholders.

In accordance with Rule 2.6(a) of the Code, Wincanton is required, by not later than 5.00pm on 15 November 2019, being 28 days after today's date, to either announce a firm intention to make an offer for Eddie Stobart in accordance with Rule 2.7 of the Code or announce that it does not intend to make an offer for Eddie Stobart, in which case the announcement will be treated as a statement to which Rule 2.8 of the Code applies. This deadline can only be extended with the consent of the Takeover Panel in accordance with Rule 2.6(c) of the Code.

A further announcement will be made as appropriate.

The person responsible for making this announcement on behalf of Wincanton is Rajiv Sharma, Group Legal Director and Company Secretary.

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Under Rule 8.3(a) of the Code, any person who is interested in 1 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. An Opening Position Disclosure by a person to whom Rule 8.3(a) applies must be made by no later than 3.30 pm (London time) on the 10th business day following the commencement of the offer period and, if appropriate, by no later than 3.30 pm (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.

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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 Takeover 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 Takeover 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.

Rule 2.9 disclosure

In accordance with Rule 2.9 of the Code, Wincanton announces that, as at the date of this announcement, it has 124,543,670 ordinary shares of 10 pence each in issue and admitted to trading on the main market of the London Stock Exchange. Each ordinary share carries the right to one vote. The Company does not hold any ordinary shares in treasury. The International Securities Identification Number for the ordinary shares is GB0030329360.

The above figure may be used by shareholders to determine the percentage of issued share capital they hold in Wincanton and if they are required to notify their interest in, or a change to their interest in, Wincanton under the FCA's Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules.

Rule 26.1 disclosure

In accordance with Rule 26.1 of the Code, a copy of this announcement will be made available at www.wincanton.co.uk/investors/ukpossibleoffer (subject to certain restrictions relating to persons resident in restricted jurisdictions) by no later than 12 noon (London time) on 21 October 2019 (being the business day following the date of this announcement). The content of any website referred to in this announcement is not incorporated into, and does not form part of, this announcement.

You may request a hard copy of this announcement by contacting the Company Secretary of Wincanton during business hours on 01249 710733 or by submitting a request in writing to the Company Secretary of Wincanton at Wincanton, Methuen Park, Chippenham, SN14 0WT. You may also request that all future documents, announcements and information to be sent to you in relation to the offer should be in hard copy form. You will not receive a hard copy of this announcement unless you so request.

Other information

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