

G4S PLC

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In response to recent press speculation, the Board of G4S plc (“G4S” or “the Company”) confirms it has received an expression of interest from Allied Universal Security Services LLC (“Allied Universal”), regarding a possible offer for the entire issued and to be issued share capital of the Company.

There can be no certainty that an offer will be made for the Company by Allied Universal, nor as to the terms on which any such offer might be made.

A further announcement will be made as and when appropriate.

In the meantime, as announced on 7 October 2020, shareholders are strongly advised to reject GardaWorld’s unattractive and highly opportunistic offer of 190 pence per share.

The person responsible for releasing this announcement on behalf of G4S is Celine Barroche, Company Secretary.

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