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4 January 2021

Statement in response to press speculation

The Board of Entain plc ("Entain" or the "Company") notes the recent press speculation. The Board of Entain confirms that it has received proposals from MGM Resorts International ("MGMRI"), its partner in the US market, concerning a possible offer for Entain.

Under the terms of its most recent proposal, MGMRI would offer 0.6 MGMRI shares for each Entain share. Based on closing prices on 31 December 2020, being the last trading day prior to this announcement, MGMRI's proposal represents a value of 1,383 pence per Entain share and a premium of 22% to Entain's share price. Under the terms of the proposal, Entain shareholders would own approximately 41.5% of the enlarged MGMRI. MGMRI has indicated that a limited partial cash alternative would also be made available to Entain shareholders.

Entain has informed MGMRI that it believes that the proposal significantly undervalues the Company and its prospects. The Board has also asked MGMRI to provide additional information in respect of the strategic rationale for a combination of the two companies.

A further announcement will be made as appropriate. In the meantime, Entain shareholders are encouraged to take no action.

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

Any offer for Entain is governed by the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers. Under Rule 2.6(a) of the Code, MGMRI must by not later than 5.00 p.m. on 1 February 2021 either announce a firm intention to make an offer for Entain in accordance with Rule 2.7 of the Code or announce that it does not intend to make an offer, in which case the announcement will be treated as a statement to which Rule 2.8 of the Code applies. This deadline will only be extended with the consent of the Panel in accordance with Rule 2.6(c) of the Code.

This announcement has been made by Entain without the agreement or approval of MGMRI.

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About Entain plc

Entain plc (LSE:Entain) is a FTSE100 company and is one of the world's largest sportsbetting and gaming groups, operating both online and in the retail sector. The Group owns a comprehensive portfolio of established brands; Sports Brands include bwin, Coral, Crystalbet, Eurobet, Ladbrokes, Neds and Sportingbet; Gaming Brands include CasinoClub, Foxy Bingo, Gala, Gioco Digitale, partypoker and PartyCasino. The Group owns proprietary technology across all of its core product verticals and in addition to its B2C operations provides services to a number of third-party customers on a B2B basis. The Group has also entered into a joint-venture with MGMRI to capitalise on the sports-betting and gaming opportunity in the US. The Group is tax resident in the UK with licenses in more than 20 countries, across five continents.

For more information see the Group's website: www.entaingroup.com

Disclosure requirements of the Takeover Code (the "Code")

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Under Rule 8.3(b) of the Code, any person who is, or becomes, interested in 1% 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 pm (London time) on the business day following the date of the relevant dealing.

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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 <u>www.thetakeoverpanel.org.uk</u>, 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.

Relevant securities in issue

In accordance with Rule 2.9 of the Code, Entain confirms that, as at the date of this announcement, it has 585,030,532 ordinary shares of €0.01 each in issue and admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange. The ISIN is IM00B5VQMV65.

Other sources and bases

The current value and premium implied by MGMRI's proposal per Entain share are calculated using the closing share price per MGMRI share of \$31.51 as sourced from FactSet Europe Limited; the closing share price per Entain share of 1,133.5 pence as sourced from FactSet Europe Limited and the USD/GBP exchange rate of 0.7316 as sourced from FactSet Europe Limited in each case on 31 December 2020, being the last trading day prior to this announcement.

The implied shareholding of the enlarged company which would be held by Entain shareholders under MGMRI's proposal is calculated on the basis that MGMRI has 493,939,099 common shares of \$0.01 each in issue, as sourced from the Q3 2020 10-Q.

Publication on a website

In accordance with Rule 26.1 of the Code, a copy of this announcement will be available at www.entaingroup.com.

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The person responsible for arranging for the release of this announcement on behalf of Entain is Emily Carey (Company Secretary).

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