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#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

13 June 2022

### The Go-Ahead Group plc

## Statement re. possible offers

The Board of The Go-Ahead Group plc ("Go-Ahead", the "Company or the "Group") notes the recent movement in its share price and confirms that it has received separate unsolicited, conditional approaches regarding possible cash offers for the entire issued, and to be issued, share capital of the Company from each of:

- Kelsian Group Limited ("Kelsian"); and
- a consortium consisting of Kinetic Holding Company Pty Ltd and Globalvia Inversiones S.A.U (the "Consortium").

The Board of Go-Ahead carefully evaluated the approaches from each of Kelsian and the Consortium together with its financial adviser, Rothschild & Co. Following the response by the Board of Go-Ahead to their respective approaches, Kelsian and the Consortium each submitted a series of revised proposals.

The most recent revised proposals received from each of Kelsian and the Consortium are both at a level which, should a firm offer be made, the Board of Go-Ahead would be minded to recommend such a firm offer to Go-Ahead shareholders, subject to the agreement of other customary terms and conditions. Accordingly, both parties have been given access to undertake confirmatory due diligence.

A further announcement will be made if and when appropriate.

#### Important Takeover Code notes

In accordance with Rule 2.6(a) of the Code, each of the Consortium and Kelsian is required, by not later than 5.00 p.m. on 11 July 2022, to either announce a firm intention to make an offer for the Company in accordance with Rule 2.7 of the Code or announce that it does not intend to make an offer for the Company in which case the announcement will be treated as a statement to which Rule 2.8 of the Code applies. These deadlines can be extended with the consent of the Panel on Takeovers and Mergers in accordance with Rule 2.6(c) of the Code.

This announcement has been made without the consent of the Consortium or Kelsian.

There can be no certainty either that an offer will be made nor as to the terms of any offer, if made.

The person responsible for arranging the release of this announcement on behalf of the Group is Carolyn Ferguson, Company Secretary.

### Notice related to financial adviser

N.M. Rothschild & Sons Limited ("Rothschild & Co"), which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority in the United Kingdom, is acting exclusively for Go-Ahead and for no one else in connection with the subject matter of this announcement and will not be responsible to anyone other than Go-Ahead for providing the protections afforded to its clients or for providing advice in connection with the subject matter of this announcement.

#### Disclosure requirements of the Code

Under Rule 8.3(a) of the Code, any person who is interested in 1% 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(s). 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.

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, 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.

If two or more persons act together pursuant to an agreement or understanding, whether formal or informal, to acquire or control an interest in relevant securities of an offeree company or a securities exchange offeror, they will be deemed to be a single person for the purpose of Rule 8.3.

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 <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.

# Rule 26.1 disclosure

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

#### **Rule 2.9 information**

In accordance with Rule 2.9 of the Code, Go-Ahead confirms that as at the close of business on 10 June 2022 its issued share capital consisted of 43,177,390 ordinary shares of 10 pence each (excluding shares held in treasury). The International Securities Identification Number for Go-Ahead's ordinary shares is GB0003753778.

#### Additional Information

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