

NOT FOR RELEASE, PUBLICATION OR DISTRIBUTION, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, IN, INTO OR FROM ANY JURISDICTION WHERE TO DO SO WOULD CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION OF THE RELEVANT LAWS OR REGULATIONS OF SUCH JURISDICTION.

THIS IS AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF A POSSIBLE OFFER FALLING UNDER RULE 2.4 OF THE CITY CODE ON TAKEOVERS AND MERGERS (THE "CODE"). IT DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF A FIRM INTENTION TO MAKE AN OFFER UNDER RULE 2.7 OF THE CODE. ACCORDINGLY, THERE CAN BE NO CERTAINTY THAT AN OFFER WILL BE MADE.

THIS ANNOUNCEMENT CONTAINS INSIDE INFORMATION.

06 November 2020

Codemasters Group Holdings Plc

("Codemasters" or the "Company")

Statement regarding recent media speculation

Further to the recent media speculation, the Board of Codemasters confirms that it is in discussions with Take-Two Interactive Software, Inc ("Take-Two Interactive") regarding a possible offer for the Company.

The Board of Codemasters has received a non-binding proposal from Take-Two Interactive Software, Inc ("**Take-Two Interactive**") to acquire the entire issued share capital of Codemasters at a price of 485 pence per share (the "**Possible Offer**"), comprising 120 pence per share in cash and 365 pence per share payable in Take-Two Interactive shares. The Possible Offer remains conditional on, amongst other things, the completion of confirmatory due diligence by Take-Two Interactive and the recommendation of the Board of Codemasters. Take-Two Interactive reserves the right to waive any of these requirements.

Having considered the Possible Offer carefully together with its advisers, the Board of Codemasters confirms that should Take-Two Interactive or an entity controlled by Take-Two Interactive announce a firm intention to make an offer pursuant to Rule 2.7 of the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers (the "**Code**") on these terms, it is the current intention of the Board of Codemasters to recommend unanimously that Codemasters' shareholders accept the Possible Offer.

A further announcement will be made as and when appropriate. Codemasters will be announcing its interim results for the six months ended 30 September 2020 on 23 November 2020.

This announcement has been made with the prior consent of Take-Two

Interactive. Whilst discussions are ongoing, there can be no certainty that a firm offer will be made for Codemasters by Take-Two Interactive. For the purposes of Rule 2.5 of the Code, Take-Two Interactive reserves the right to:

- reduce the offer consideration by the amount of any dividend or other distribution or return of capital which is paid or becomes payable by Codemasters after the date of this announcement;
- vary the form of consideration as set out above and/or introduce other forms of consideration such as cash in substitution for all or part of the share consideration; and/or
- make an offer at any time for less than 485 pence per Codemasters share: (i) with the agreement or recommendation of the Board of Codemasters; (ii) if a third party announces a firm intention to make an offer for Codemasters pursuant to Rule 2.7 of the Code, which at that date is valued at a price lower than 485 pence for each Codemasters share; or (iii) following the announcement by Codemasters of a whitewash transaction pursuant to the Code; and
- implement the transaction through or together with a subsidiary of Take-Two Interactive or a company which will become a subsidiary of Take-Two Interactive.

As a result of this announcement, an offer period (as defined in the Code) has now commenced in respect of Codemasters and the attention of shareholders is drawn to the disclosure requirements of Rule 8 of the Code which are summarised below.

In accordance with Rule 2.6(a) of the Code, Take-Two Interactive is required, by not later than 5.00 p.m. on 4 December 2020, either to announce a firm intention to make an offer for Codemasters in accordance with Rule 2.7 of the Code or to 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 may be extended only with the consent of The Panel on Takeovers and Mergers (the "**Takeover Panel**") in accordance with Rule 2.6(c) of the Code.

Enquiries:

Codemasters Group Holdings Plc

Via Alma PR

Frank Sagnier, CEO

Rashid Varachia, CFO

Jefferies International Limited (Sole Financial Adviser and Joint Corporate Broker) +44 (0) 20 7029 8000

Ed Matthews

Raphael Bejarano

Gaurav Kittur

Paul Bundred

Liberum Capital Limited (Nominated Adviser and Joint Corporate Broker) +44 (0) 20 3100 2222

Neil Patel

Cameron Duncan

Ed Phillips
William Hall

Alma PR

+44 (0) 7780 901979

Josh Royston
Rebecca Sanders-Hewett
Helena Bogle
Sam Modlin

The person responsible for arranging for the release of this announcement on behalf of Codemasters is Rashid Varachia

Important

This announcement is not intended to, and does not, constitute, or form any part of, an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to subscribe for or buy, or an invitation to subscribe for or to purchase, any securities, or the solicitation of any vote or approval, in any jurisdiction.

The release, publication or distribution of this announcement in jurisdictions outside the United Kingdom may be restricted by law and therefore persons into whose possession this announcement comes should inform themselves about, and observe, such restrictions. Any failure to comply with such restrictions may constitute a violation of the securities law of any such jurisdiction.

Disclaimer

Jefferies International Limited, which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority in the United Kingdom, is acting exclusively for Codemasters and no one else in connection with the possible offer and will not be responsible to anyone other than Codemasters for providing the protections afforded to clients of Jefferies International Limited nor for providing advice in relation to the possible offer or any other matters referred to in this announcement. Neither Jefferies International Limited nor any of its affiliates owes or accepts any duty, liability or responsibility whatsoever (whether direct or indirect, whether in contract, in tort, under statute or otherwise) to any person who is not a client of Jefferies International Limited in connection with this announcement, any statement contained herein or otherwise.

Liberum Capital Limited, which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority in the United Kingdom, is acting exclusively for Codemasters and no one else in connection with the possible offer and will not be responsible to anyone other than Codemasters for providing the protections afforded to clients of Liberum Capital Limited nor for providing advice in relation to the possible offer or any other matters referred to in this announcement. Neither Liberum Capital Limited nor any of its affiliates owes or accepts any duty, liability or responsibility whatsoever (whether direct or indirect, whether in contract, in tort, under statute or otherwise) to any person who is not a client of Liberum Capital Limited in connection with this announcement, any statement contained herein or otherwise.

Relevant securities in issue

In accordance with Rule 2.9 of the Code, Codemasters confirms that as at the date of this announcement, it has 152,411,266 ordinary shares of 1 pence each in issue and admitted to trading on the AIM market of the London Stock Exchange plc. As at the same date, the Company holds 0 ordinary shares in Treasury. The total number of voting rights in the Company is therefore 152,411,266. The International Securities Identification Number ("ISIN") for Codemasters' ordinary shares is GB00BFWZ2G72.

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(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.

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 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 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.

Publication on a website

In accordance with Rule 26.1 of the Code, a copy of this announcement will be made available, subject to certain restrictions relating to persons resident in restricted jurisdictions, on the Company's website (www.codemasters.com) no later than 12 noon (London time) on 09 November 2020. The content of the website referred to in this announcement is not incorporated into and does not form part of this announcement.

This information is provided by RNS, the news service of the London Stock Exchange. RNS is approved by the Financial Conduct Authority to act as a Primary Information Provider in the United Kingdom. Terms and conditions relating to the use and distribution of this information may apply. For further information, please contact rns@lseg.com or visit www.rns.com.

RNS may use your IP address to confirm compliance with the terms and conditions, to analyse how you engage with the information contained in this communication, and to share such analysis on an anonymised basis with others as part of our commercial services. For further information about how RNS and the London Stock Exchange use the personal data you provide us, please see our [Privacy Policy](#).

END

OFDMZMGMVVFGGZM