#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

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The attached Consent Solicitation Memorandum (the "Consent Solicitation Memorandum") is made available by Sound Energy plc (the "Issuer") to all holders of the Notes (as defined below), subject to each such holder providing a confirmation to the Issuer that such holder is not a U.S. person (as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act), and is not acting for the account or benefit of any U.S. person, and that such holder is not located or resident in the United States. Only holders who have provided such confirmation are authorised to receive or review the Consent Solicitation Memorandum or to participate in the Consent Solicitation (as defined in the Consent Solicitation Memorandum) made thereby.

NOTHING IN THE CONSENT SOLICITATION MEMORANDUM OR THE ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION THEREOF CONSTITUTES OR CONTEMPLATES AN OFFER OF, AN OFFER TO PURCHASE OR THE SOLICITATION OF AN OFFER TO SELL SECURITIES IN THE UNITED STATES OR ANY OTHER JURISDICTION. THE NOTES (AS DEFINED BELOW) HAVE NOT BEEN, AND WILL NOT BE, REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, OR THE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES, AND THE NOTES MAY, NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD OR DELIVERED, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, WITHIN THE UNITED STATES OR TO, OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OR BENEFIT OF, U.S. PERSONS (AS DEFINED IN REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT) EXCEPT PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM, OR IN A TRANSACTION NOT SUBJECT TO, THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT AND APPLICABLE STATE OR LOCAL SECURITIES LAWS.

**IMPORTANT: You must read the following disclaimer before continuing.** The following disclaimer applies to the Consent Solicitation Memorandum, whether received by e-mail or otherwise received as a result of an electronic communication and you are therefore advised to read this disclaimer page carefully before reading, accessing or making any other use of the Consent Solicitation Memorandum. In accessing the Consent Solicitation Memorandum, you agree to be bound by the following terms and conditions, including any modifications to them from time to time, each time you receive any information from the Issuer and Idexis Limited (the "**Information and Tabulation Agent**") as a result of such access.

THE CONSENT SOLICITATION MEMORANDUM MAY NOT BE FORWARDED OR DISTRIBUTED TO ANY OTHER PERSON AND MAY NOT BE REPRODUCED IN ANY MANNER WHATSOEVER. ANY FORWARDING, DISTRIBUTION OR REPRODUCTION OF THE CONSENT SOLICITATION MEMORANDUM IN WHOLE OR IN PART IS UNAUTHORISED. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS DIRECTIVE MAY RESULT IN A VIOLATION OF THE SECURITIES ACT OR THE APPLICABLE LAWS OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS. IF YOU HAVE NOT PROVIDED THE ISSUER WITH THE CONFIRMATION DESCRIBED BELOW OR HAVE GAINED ACCESS TO THE CONSENT SOLICITATION MEMORANDUM CONTRARY TO ANY OF THE FOREGOING RESTRICTIONS, YOU ARE NOT AUTHORISED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONSENT SOLICITATION DESCRIBED IN THE CONSENT SOLICITATION MEMORANDUM.

**Confirmation of your representation**: You have been sent the Consent Solicitation Memorandum at your request and, by accessing the Consent Solicitation Memorandum, you shall be deemed to have represented to the Issuer, the Information and Tabulation Agent and the Trustee that:

- (a) you are a holder or a beneficial owner of the Notes (as defined in the Consent Solicitation Memorandum);
- (b) you shall not pass on the Consent Solicitation Memorandum to third parties or otherwise make the Consent Solicitation Memorandum publicly available;
- (c) you are otherwise a person to whom it is lawful to send the Consent Solicitation Memorandum or to make the Consent Solicitation under applicable laws;

- (d) you are not a U.S. person (as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act), and are not acting for the account or benefit of any U.S. person, and that you are not located or resident in the United States;
- (e) you are not a Sanctions Restricted Person (as defined in the Consent Solicitation Memorandum);
- (f) you consent to delivery of the Consent Solicitation Memorandum to you by electronic transmission; and
- (g) you have understood and agreed to the terms set forth in this disclaimer.

The Consent Solicitation Memorandum has been sent to you in an electronic form. You are reminded that documents transmitted via this medium may be altered or changed during the process of transmission and consequently none of the Issuer, the Information and Tabulation Agent, BNY Mellon Corporate Trustee Services Limited (the "**Trustee**") or any person who controls, or is a director, officer, employee or agent, of any of them, or any affiliate of any such person, accepts any liability or responsibility whatsoever in respect of any difference between the Consent Solicitation Memorandum distributed to you in electronic format and the hard copy version available to you on request from the Information and Tabulation Agent.

You are reminded that the Consent Solicitation Memorandum has been delivered to you on the basis that you are a person into whose possession the Consent Solicitation Memorandum may lawfully be delivered in accordance with the laws of the jurisdiction in which you are located and/or resident and you may not nor are you authorised to deliver the Consent Solicitation Memorandum to any other person.

If you have recently sold or otherwise transferred your entire holding(s) of the Notes referred to below, you should immediately notify the Information and Tabulation Agent.

The Consent Solicitation Memorandum contains important information which should be read carefully before any decision is made with respect to the Consent Solicitation. If any holder of Notes is in any doubt as to the action it should take, it is recommended to seek its own financial advice, including as to any tax consequences, from its stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant, independent financial adviser authorised under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended (the "FSMA") (if in the United Kingdom) or other appropriately authorised financial adviser. Any individual or company whose Notes are held on its behalf by a broker, dealer, bank, custodian, trust company or other nominee must contact such entity if it wishes to participate in the Consent Solicitation.

The communication of the Consent Solicitation Memorandum by the Issuer and any other documents or materials relating to the Consent Solicitation is not being made, and such documents and/or materials have not been approved, by an authorised person for the purposes of section 21 of the FSMA. Accordingly, such documents and/or materials are not being distributed to, and must not be passed on to, the general public in the United Kingdom. Such documents and/or materials are only directed at and may only be communicated to: (1) any person within Article 43(2) or Article 49 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005, which includes a creditor or member of the Issuer; and (2) to any other persons to whom these documents and/or materials may lawfully be communicated in circumstances where section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply.

The materials relating to the Consent Solicitation Memorandum do not constitute, and may not be used in connection with, an offer of, an offer to purchase or the solicitation of an offer to purchase or sell, any securities in any jurisdiction. The distribution of the Consent Solicitation Memorandum in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law, and persons into whose possession the Consent Solicitation Memorandum comes are requested to inform themselves about, and to observe, any such restrictions.

#### **CONSENT SOLICITATION MEMORANDUM DATED 30 MARCH 2021**

#### THIS DOCUMENT IS IMPORTANT AND REQUIRES YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

The distribution of this Consent Solicitation Memorandum in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law, and persons into whose possession this Consent Solicitation Memorandum comes are required to inform themselves about, and to observe, any such restrictions. The Consent Solicitation (as defined below) is being made only outside the United States to persons other than "U.S. persons" (as defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act")). Nothing in this Consent Solicitation Memorandum constitutes or contemplates an offer of, an offer to purchase or the solicitation of an offer to purchase or sell any security in the United States or any other jurisdiction.

Invitation by

## Sound Energy plc

(incorporated under the laws of England and Wales)

(the "Issuer")

#### to eligible holders of its outstanding EUR 28,800,000 5.0 per cent. Senior Secured Notes due 2021 (XS1434582885) (the "Notes")

to consider and, if thought fit, approve the Proposals (as defined herein), being (i) the proposed amendments to clause 2.2 (*Covenant to pay*), clause 6.1 (*Order of payment*), the first paragraph of the preamble to the terms and conditions of the Notes (the "**Conditions**"), Condition 5.1 (*Interest Rate and Interest Payment Dates*), Condition 7.1 (*Redemption at Maturity*) and Condition 10 (*Events of Default*) and the inclusion of a new Condition 5.4 (*Conversion to shares*), Condition 5.5 (*Amortisation payments*) and Condition 7.2A (*Special redemption at the Option of the Issuer*), together with and the definition of "Notes" in the trust deed dated 21 June 2016 between the Issuer and BNY Mellon Corporate Trustee Services Limited (the "**Trustee**") (the "**Trust Deed**"); and (ii) the issue of warrants to each Noteholder to subscribe for up to an aggregate amount of 99,999,936 ordinary shares of 1 penny each (the "**Ordinary Shares**") of the Issuer as more particularly described in the section entitled "*Consent Solicitation-Proposals-Issue of Warrants*" (the "**Warrants**"), by way of extraordinary resolution of the holders of the Notes (the "**Extraordinary Resolution**"), all as further described in this Consent Solicitation Memorandum (such invitation in respect of the Notes, the "**Consent Solicitation**").

A notice (the "**Notice**") convening the Meeting to be held at the offices of Fieldfisher LLP, Riverbank House, 2 Swan Lane, London, EC4R 3TT, at 10.00 a.m. (London Time) on 14 April 2021 (access to which for Noteholders that wish to attend in person or appoint a proxy (other than the Information and Tabulation Agent or the Registrar) will be granted only via a bluejeans video conference meeting ID to be provided by Fieldfisher LLP upon request), has been given to Noteholders in accordance with the relevant Conditions (each as defined herein) on the date of this Consent Solicitation Memorandum. The form of the Notice is set out in the Annex (*Form of Notice of Meeting*) to this Consent Solicitation Memorandum.

The Consent Solicitation is expected to expire at 10.00 a.m. (London time) on 12 April 2021 (such time and date, as the same may be extended, the "Expiration Deadline"). Noteholders may continue to submit Electronic Voting Instructions up to the Expiration Deadline.

The deadlines set by any intermediary or Clearing System (as defined herein) will be earlier than the deadlines set out in this Consent Solicitation Memorandum. Noteholders that do not deliver a valid Electronic Voting Instruction, but who wish to attend and vote at the Meeting in person or to be represented or to otherwise vote at the Meeting, in each case via a bluejeans video conference meeting ID to be provided by Fieldfisher LLP upon request, must make the necessary arrangements by the Expiration Deadline.

In light of the UK Government's response to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Issuer strongly encourages all Noteholders to submit their Electronic Voting Instructions or to make other arrangements to be represented or to vote at the Meeting in accordance with the Meeting Provisions via a bluejeans video conference meeting ID to be provided by Fieldfisher LLP upon request. As a result of the current guidance issued by the UK Government, and in accordance with the provisions of the Trust Deed, the Issuer has requested that the Trustee prescribe appropriate regulations regarding the holding of the meeting via a bluejeans video conference meeting. Noteholders should note that attendance at the physical place of the meeting is not an option.

The Issuer will take appropriate steps to ensure that only those who would otherwise be entitled to attend and vote at a physical meeting will be entitled to attend the bluejeans video conference meeting.

Information and Tabulation Agent

**Idexis Limited** 

This Consent Solicitation Memorandum contains important information which should be read carefully before any decision is made with respect to the Consent Solicitation. If any Noteholder is in any doubt as to the action it should take or is unsure of the impact of the implementation of the Proposals or the passing of the Extraordinary Resolution, it is recommended to seek its own financial and legal advice, including in respect of any tax consequences, immediately from its broker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant or other independent financial, tax or legal adviser. Any individual or company whose Notes are held on its behalf by a broker, dealer, bank, custodian, trust company or other nominee or intermediary must contact such entity if it wishes to participate in the Consent Solicitation or otherwise participate at the meeting (including any adjourned meeting) at which the Extraordinary Resolution is to be considered (the "Meeting").

In accordance with normal practice, the Trustee has not been involved in the formulation of the Proposals outlined in this Consent Solicitation Memorandum and the Trustee expresses no opinion on the merits of the Proposals. The Trustee has not made and will not make any assessment of the merits of the Proposals or of the impact of the Proposals on the interests of the Noteholders either as a class or as individuals. The Trustee recommends that Noteholders who are unsure of the impact of the Proposals should take their own independent financial, legal and tax advice on the merits and on the consequences of voting in favour of or against or taking no action in respect of the Proposals, including any tax consequences. The Trustee has not independently verified, does not make any representation or warranty, express or implied, and is not responsible for the accuracy, completeness, validity or correctness of the statements made in this Consent Solicitation Memorandum or omissions therefrom.

None of: (i) the Issuer; (ii) Idexis Limited (the "Information and Tabulation Agent"); or (iii) BNY Mellon Corporate Trustee Services Limited (the "Trustee") expresses any opinion about the terms of the Consent Solicitation or the Extraordinary Resolution or makes any recommendation whether Noteholders should participate in the relevant Consent Solicitation or otherwise participate at the Meeting.

Capitalised terms used in this Consent Solicitation Memorandum have the meaning given in the section headed "*Definitions*" and any other definitions of such terms are for ease of reference only and shall not affect their interpretation.

All documentation relating to the Consent Solicitation, including all announcements, additional copies of this Consent Solicitation Memorandum and any amendments or supplements to this Consent Solicitation Memorandum, will be available from the Information and Tabulation Agent.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION – FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Some of the statements in this Consent Solicitation Memorandum include forward-looking statements which reflect the Issuer's current views with respect to financial performance, business strategy, plans and objectives of management for future operations.

These forward-looking statements relate to the Issuer and the Group and the sectors and industries in which each of the Issuer and the Group operates. Statements which include the words "expects", "intends", plans", "believes", "projects", "anticipates", "estimates", "will", "targets", "aims", "may", "should", "could", "could", "continue", "budget", "schedule" and similar statements of a future or forward-looking nature identify forward-looking statements.

Forward-looking statements are necessarily based upon a number of estimates and assumptions that, while considered reasonable by the Issuer, are inherently subject to significant business, economic and competitive uncertainties and contingencies.

All forward-looking statements address matters that involve risks and uncertainties. Accordingly, there are or will be important factors that could cause the Issuer's actual financial results to differ materially from those indicated in these statements. These factors include, but are not limited, to those described in "*Risk Factors and Certain Considerations Relating to the Consent Solicitation*", which should be read in conjunction with the other cautionary statements that are included in this Consent Solicitation Memorandum.

Noteholders are cautioned that forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance. Forward-looking statements may, and often do, differ materially from actual results. Any forward-looking statements in this Consent Solicitation Memorandum speak only as of the date of this Consent Solicitation Memorandum, reflect the Issuer's current belief with respect to future events and are subject to risk relating to future events and other risks, uncertainties and assumptions relating to the Issuer's operations, results of operations, growth strategy, capital and leverage ratios and liquidity. Noteholders should specifically consider the factors identified in this Consent Solicitation. All of the forward-looking statements made in this Consent Solicitation Memorandum are qualified by these cautionary statements.

The Issuer undertakes no obligation publicly to update or review any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future developments, events or circumstances or otherwise. All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to the Issuer or individuals acting on behalf of the Issuer are expressly qualified in their entirety by this section.

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#### SOLICITATION AND DISTRIBUTION RESTRICTIONS

This Consent Solicitation Memorandum does not constitute an invitation to participate in a Consent Solicitation in any jurisdiction in which, or to any person to whom, it is unlawful to make such invitation or for there to be such participation under applicable securities laws. The distribution of this Consent Solicitation Memorandum in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law.

Persons into whose possession this Consent Solicitation Memorandum comes are required by the Issuer and the Information and Tabulation Agent to inform themselves about, and to observe, any such restrictions. None of the Issuer, the Information and Tabulation Agent or the Trustee will incur any liability for its own failure or the failure of any other person or persons to comply with the provisions of any such restrictions.

#### **United States**

The Consent Solicitation is only being made outside the United States, to persons other than "**U.S. persons**" (as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act). Any purported participation in the Consent Solicitation resulting directly or indirectly from a violation of these restrictions will be invalid and any participation in the Consent Solicitation by a person that is located or resident in the United States or that is a U.S. person or by any agent, fiduciary or other intermediary acting on a non-discretionary basis for a beneficial owner that is giving instructions from within the United States or that is any U.S. person will not be accepted.

This Consent Solicitation Memorandum is not an offer of securities for sale in the United States or to any U.S. person. Securities may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an exemption from registration. The Notes have not been, and will not be, registered under the Securities Act, or the securities laws of any state or other jurisdiction of the United States, and may not be offered or sold in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons, unless an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act is available.

Each Noteholder participating in the Consent Solicitation will represent that it is located and resident outside the United States and is not a U.S. person (as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act) or a dealer or other professional fiduciary in the United States acting only on a discretionary basis for the benefit or account of non-U.S. persons located outside the United States.

For the purpose of this Consent Solicitation Memorandum, "**United States**" means the United States of America, its territories and possessions, any state of the United States of America and the District of Columbia.

#### **United Kingdom**

The communication of this Consent Solicitation Memorandum and any other documents or materials relating to the Proposals is not being made, and such documents and/or materials have not been approved, by an authorised person for the purposes of section 21 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended (the "**FSMA**"). Accordingly, such documents and/or materials are not being distributed to, and must not be passed on to, the general public in the United Kingdom. The communication of such documents and/or materials is exempt from the restriction on financial promotions under section 21 of the FSMA on the basis that it is only directed at and may only be communicated to: (i) persons who have professional experience in matters relating to investments, being investment professionals as defined in Article 19(5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005 (the "**Financial Promotion Order**"); (ii) persons who fall within Article 43(2) of the Financial Promotion Order, including existing members and creditors of the Issuer; (iii) high net worth companies, and other persons to whom it may lawfully be communicated, falling within Article 49(2)(a) to (d) of the Financial Promotion Order; or (iv) any other persons to whom these documents and/or materials may lawfully be made under the Financial Promotion Order. Any investment or investment activity to which this Consent Solicitation Memorandum relates is available only to such persons and will be engaged in only with such persons and other persons should not rely on it.

#### General

Nothing in this Consent Solicitation Memorandum constitutes or contemplates an offer of, an offer to purchase or the solicitation of an offer to sell any security in any jurisdiction and participation in either Consent Solicitation by a Noteholder in any circumstances in which such participation is unlawful will not be accepted.

Each Noteholder participating in the Consent Solicitation will be required to represent that it is an eligible Noteholder as set out in "Procedures for Participating in the Consent Solicitation". Any Electronic Voting

Instruction from a Noteholder that is unable to make these representations will not be accepted. Each of the Issuer and the Information and Tabulation Agent reserves the right, in its absolute discretion, to investigate, in relation to any submission of Electronic Voting Instructions, whether any such representation given by a Noteholder is correct and, if such investigation is undertaken and as a result the Issuer determines (for any reason) that such representation is not correct, such Electronic Voting Instruction may be rejected.

#### GENERAL

The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Consent Solicitation Memorandum. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Issuer (having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Consent Solicitation Memorandum is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

Each Noteholder is solely responsible for making its own independent appraisal of all matters as such Noteholder deems appropriate (including those relating to the Consent Solicitation and the Extraordinary Resolution and each Noteholder must make its own decision whether to participate in the Consent Solicitation or otherwise participate at the Meeting.

The delivery or distribution of this Consent Solicitation Memorandum shall not under any circumstances create any implication that the information contained in this Consent Solicitation Memorandum is correct as of any time subsequent to the date of this Consent Solicitation Memorandum or that there has been no change in the information set out in this Consent Solicitation Memorandum or in the affairs of the Issuer or that the information in this Consent Solicitation Memorandum or in the affairs of the Issuer or that the information and Tabulation Agent, the Trustee, the Principal Paying Agent, the Registrar or any of their respective agents accepts any responsibility for the information contained in this Consent Solicitation Memorandum.

If any Noteholder is in any doubt as to any aspect of the Proposals in this Consent Solicitation Memorandum and/or the action it should take, it is recommended to seek its own financial advice, including as to any tax consequences, from its stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant, independent financial, tax or legal adviser, authorised under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended (the "**FSMA**") (if in the United Kingdom) or other appropriately authorised financial adviser.

This Consent Solicitation Memorandum does not constitute a solicitation in any circumstances in which such solicitation is unlawful. No person has been authorised to make any recommendation on behalf of the Issuer, the Information and Tabulation Agent or the Trustee in respect of this Consent Solicitation Memorandum, the Consent Solicitation or the Extraordinary Resolution. No person has been authorised to give any information, or to make any representation in connection with the Consent Solicitation or the Extraordinary Resolution. No person has been authorised to give any information, or to make any representation in connection with the Consent Solicitation or the Extraordinary Resolution, other than those contained in this Consent Solicitation Memorandum. If made or given, such recommendation or any such information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorised by any of the Issuer, the Information and Tabulation Agent, the Trustee or any of their respective agents.

None of the Information and Tabulation Agent, the Trustee, the Principal Paying Agent, the Registrar or any of their respective directors, officers, employees, agents or affiliates has verified, or assumes any responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of, any of the information concerning the Consent Solicitation, the Extraordinary Resolution, the Issuer, the Notes or the factual statements contained in, or the effect or effectiveness of, this Consent Solicitation Memorandum, the Annex hereto or any other documents referred to in this Consent Solicitation Memorandum or assumes any responsibility for any failure, acts or omissions by the Issuer, in connection with the Consent Solicitation, to disclose events that may have occurred and may affect the significance or accuracy of such information or the terms of any amendment (if any) to the Consent Solicitation.

The Information and Tabulation Agent, the Registrar and the Principal Paying Agent are the agents of the Issuer and owe no duty to any Noteholder.

This Consent Solicitation Memorandum is only issued to and directed at Noteholders for the purposes of the Consent Solicitation. No other person may rely upon its contents, and it should not be relied upon by any Noteholder for any other purpose.

The applicable provisions of the FSMA must be complied with in respect of anything done in relation to the Consent Solicitation or the Meeting in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

Unless the context otherwise requires, all references in this Consent Solicitation Memorandum to a "**Noteholder**" or "**holder of Notes**" includes:

(a) each person who is shown in the records of Euroclear Bank SA/NV ("**Euroclear**") or Clearstream Banking S.A. ("**Clearstream, Luxembourg**", and together with Euroclear, the "**Clearing Systems**" and each a "**Clearing System**") as a holder of the Notes (also referred to as "**Direct Participants**" and each a "**Direct Participant**"); and

(b) each beneficial owner of the Notes holding such Notes, directly or indirectly, in an account in the name of a Direct Participant acting on such beneficial owner's behalf.

All references in this Consent Solicitation Memorandum to "48 hours" shall have the meaning given to it in the Notice.

This Consent Solicitation Memorandum does not constitute an offer to purchase Notes or the solicitation of an offer to sell Notes. The Consent Solicitation will not apply to Noteholders in any jurisdiction in which such solicitation is unlawful. In those jurisdictions where the securities or other laws require the Consent Solicitation to be made by a licensed broker or dealer, any actions in connection with the Consent Solicitation shall be deemed to be made on behalf of the Issuer by one or more registered brokers or dealers licensed under the laws of such jurisdiction.

The distribution of this Consent Solicitation Memorandum in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. Persons into whose possession this Consent Solicitation Memorandum comes are required by the Issuer and the Information and Tabulation Agent to inform themselves about, and to observe, any such restrictions. None of the Issuer, the Information and Tabulation Agent or the Trustee will incur any liability for its own failure or the failure of any other person or persons to comply with the provisions of any such restrictions.

#### DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION

The following documents (as applicable) are available for distribution upon request: (a) at any time during normal business hours on any weekday (Saturdays, Sundays and bank and other public holidays excepted) prior to and during the Meeting, by emailing the Information and Tabulation Agent at se@idex-is.com; and (b) at the Meeting by emailing Fieldfisher LLP at alex.campbell @fieldfisher.com for 15 minutes before the Meeting:

- this Consent Solicitation Memorandum;
- the Notice;
- the Trust Deed and the supplemental trust deed dated 8 January 2018;
- the Agency Agreement; and
- the current draft of the Supplemental Trust Deed.

A final draft of the Warrant Instrument will also be available on request (a) at any time during normal business hours on any weekday (Saturdays, Sundays and bank and other public holidays excepted) for a period of 7 calendar days prior to the Meeting, by emailing the Information and Tabulation Agent at se@idex-is.com; and (b) at the Meeting by emailing Fieldfisher LLP at alex.campbell@fieldfisher.com 15 minutes before the Meeting.

Any revised version of the draft Supplemental Trust Deed or the draft Warrant Instrument will be made available as described above and marked to indicate changes to the previous draft made available and will supersede the previous drafts of the Supplemental Trust Deed or the Warrant Instrument (as applicable) and Noteholders will be deemed to have notice of any such changes.

A Noteholder will be required to produce evidence satisfactory to the Information and Tabulation Agent or Fieldfisher LLP (as applicable) as to its status as a Noteholder (i.e. Euroclears EUCLID or Clearstream, Luxembourg's Creation Online system) and that it is a person to whom the Proposals are being made (pursuant to the offer and distribution restrictions referred to above) or to whom it is lawful to send the documents available for distribution and to make an invitation pursuant to the Proposals under applicable laws before being sent a copy of any document available for distribution.

#### **INDICATIVE TIMETABLE**

Set out below is an indicative timetable showing one possible outcome for the timing of the Consent Solicitation, which will depend, among other things, on timely receipt (and non-revocation, in the limited circumstances in which revocation is permitted) of instructions, the rights of the Issuer (where applicable) to extend, re-open, waive any condition of, amend and/or terminate the Consent Solicitation (other than the terms of the Extraordinary Resolution) as described in this Consent Solicitation Memorandum and the passing of the Extraordinary Resolution at the initial Meeting. Accordingly, the actual timetable may differ significantly from the timetable below.

#### Event

#### Announcement of Consent Solicitation

Notice delivered to the Clearing Systems for communication to Direct 30 March 2021 Participants and made by publication: (A) on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange; and (B) via regulatory news announcement of the London Stock Exchange ("**RNS**").

Documents referred to under "*Documents available for distribution*" in the Notice are available from the Information and Tabulation Agent.

#### **Expiration Deadline**

Final deadline for receipt by the Information and Tabulation Agent of valid 10.00 a.m. (London Time) on Electronic Voting Instructions from Noteholders for such Noteholders to be 12 April 2021 represented at the relevant Meeting.

# Final deadline for other arrangements to attend or be represented at the Meeting

Deadline for making any other arrangements to attend or be represented at the 10.00 a.m. (London Time) on Meeting via a bluejeans video conference meeting ID to be provided by 12 April 2021 Fieldfisher LLP upon request.

#### Meeting

Meeting to be held at the offices of Fieldfisher LLP at Riverbank House, 2 Swan Lane, London, EC4R 3TT, access to which for Noteholders that wish to attend in person or appoint a proxy (other than the Information and Tabulation Agent or the Registrar) will be granted only via a bluejeans video conference meeting ID to be provided by Fieldfisher LLP upon request. 10.00 a.m. (London time) on 14 April 2021

#### Announcement of results of Meeting

Announcement of the results of the Meeting.

#### **Implementation Date**

The date on which the Supplemental Trust Deed and the Warrant Instrument (together with any related documentation thereto) will be executed if the Proposals are approved by the Noteholders.

#### **Issuance of Ordinary Shares**

As soon as reasonably practicable after the Meeting

As soon as reasonably practicable after the Meeting subject to the passing of the Extraordinary Resolution

As soon as reasonably practicable after the Meeting subject to the passing of the Extraordinary Resolution Noteholders are advised to check with any bank, securities broker or other intermediary through which they hold their Notes when such intermediary would need to receive Electronic Voting Instructions from a Noteholder in order for such Noteholder to participate in, or (in the limited circumstances in which revocation is permitted) to validly revoke their instruction to participate in, the Consent Solicitation and/or the Meeting by the deadlines specified above. The deadlines set by any such intermediary and each Clearing System for the submission and (where permitted) revocation of Electronic Voting Instructions will be earlier than the relevant deadlines above.

## DEFINITIONS

Capitalised terms used but not defined in this Consent Solicitation Memorandum shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the meanings set out in the Conditions.

Agency Agreement	The agency agreement dated 21 June 2016 between, amongst others, the Issuer and The Bank of New York Mellon, London Branch as amended and/or supplemented from time to time
Business Day	A day, other than a Saturday or a Sunday, on which banks generally are open for business in London
Clearing Systems	Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg
Clearstream, Luxembourg	Clearstream Banking S.A.
Competent Authority	The United Kingdom Prudential Regulation Authority or any successor or replacement thereto or such other authority in the United Kingdom (or if the Issuer becomes domiciled in a jurisdiction other than the United Kingdom, such other jurisdiction) having primary responsibility for the prudential oversight and supervision of the Issuer and/or the Group
Conditions	The terms and conditions of the Notes as set out in the Trust Deed
Consent Solicitation	The invitation by the Issuer to Noteholders to consent to the approval of the Extraordinary Resolution on the terms described in this Consent Solicitation Memorandum
Direct Participant	Each person who is shown in the records of the Clearing Systems as a holder of the Notes
Electronic Voting Instructions	The electronic voting and blocking instruction in the form specified in the Notice for submission by Direct Participants to the Information and Tabulation Agent through the relevant Clearing System and in accordance with the requirements of such Clearing System by the relevant deadline in order for Noteholders to be able to consent to, vote against or abstain from the Proposals
Euroclear	Euroclear Bank SA/NV
Expiration Deadline	10.00 a.m. (London time) on 12 April 2021 (subject to the right of the Issuer to extend, re-open and/or terminate the Consent Solicitation)
Extraordinary Resolution	The Extraordinary Resolution set out in the Notice
Group	The Issuer and its subsidiaries taken as a whole
Implementation Date	The date on which the Supplemental Trust Deed and the Warrant Instrument (together with any related documentation thereto) will be executed if the Proposals are approved by the Noteholders
Information and Tabulation Agent	Idexis Limited. The Information and Tabulation Agent is not acting through a U.S. broker-dealer affiliate and, accordingly, will not discuss the Consent Solicitation with any Noteholder who is unable to confirm it is not located or resident in the United States
Issuer	Sound Energy plc
Meeting Provisions	The provisions for meetings of Noteholders as set out in Schedule 3 to the Trust Deed
Meeting	The meeting of Noteholders convened by the Notice (see " <i>Annex – Form of Notice of Meeting</i> "), to be held at the offices of Fieldfisher LLP, Riverbank

	specifi Extrac for No the Inf via a b	, 2 Swan Lane, London, EC4R 3TT on 14 April 2021 at the time ied in the Notice, and to consider and, if thought fit, pass the ordinary Resolution and any such adjourned Meeting (access to which teholders that wish to attend in person or appoint a proxy (other than formation and Tabulation Agent or the Registrar) will be granted only pluejeans video conference meeting ID to be provided by Fieldfisher pon request)
Notes		ssuer's EUR 28,800,000 5.0 per cent. senior secured notes due 2021 34582885)
Notice	The notice dated 30 March 2021 convening the Meeting, as set out in "Annex – Form of Notice of Meetings"	
Ordinary Shares	The or	dinary shares of 1 penny each of the Issuer
Principal Paying Agent	The Bank of New York Mellon, London Branch	
Proposals	The invitation by the Issuer to each Noteholder to consent by adopting the Extraordinary Resolution, to (i) the proposed amendments to clause 2.2 ( <i>Covenant to pay</i> ), clause 6.1 ( <i>Order of payment</i> ), the first paragraph of the preamble to the Conditions, Condition 5.1 ( <i>Interest Rate and Interest Payment Dates</i> ), Condition 7.1 ( <i>Redemption at Maturity</i> ) and Condition 10 ( <i>Events of Default</i> ) and the inclusion of a new Condition 5.4 ( <i>Conversion to shares</i> ), Condition 5.5 ( <i>Amortisation payments</i> ) and Condition 7.2A ( <i>Special redemption at the Option of the Issuer</i> ), together with the definition of "Notes" in the Trust Deed; and (ii) the issue of Warrants to each Noteholder to subscribe for up to an aggregate amount of 99,999,936 Ordinary Shares of the Issuer as more particularly described in the section entitled " <i>Consent Solicitation-Proposals-Issue of Warrants</i> ", as set out in the Notice of Meeting. Such invitation is made on the terms and subject to the conditions set out in this Consent Solicitation Memorandum	
Record Date		5.00 p.m. (London time) on the date of the passing of the ordinary Resolution
Registrar	The B	ank of New York Mellon SA/NV, Luxembourg Branch
Sanctions Authority	Means	X
	(i)	The United Kingdom government;
	(ii)	the United States government;
	(iii)	the United Nations;
	(iv)	the European Union (or any of its member states);
	(v)	any other equivalent governmental or regulatory authority, institution or agency which administers economic, financial or trade sanctions; or
	(vi)	the respective governmental institutions and agencies of any of the foregoing including, without limitation, the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the US Department of the Treasury, the United States Department of State, the United States Department of Commerce and Her Majesty's Treasury
Sanctions Restricted Person	Each p	person or entity (a " <b>Person</b> "):
	(a)	that is, or is directly or indirectly owned or controlled by a Person that is, described or designated in (i) the most current "Specially

	<ul> <li>Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons" list (which as of the date hereof can be found at: https://www.treasury.gov/ofac/downloads/sdnlist.pdf) or (ii) the Foreign Sanctions Evaders List (which as of the date hereof can be found at: http://www.treasury.gov/ofac/downloads/fse/fselist.pdf) or (iii) the most current "Consolidated list of persons, groups and entities subject to EU financial sanctions" (which as of the date hereof can be found at: http://eeas.europa.eu/cfsp/sanctions/consol-list/index_en.htm); or</li> <li>(b) that is otherwise the subject of any sanctions administered or anformed by any Sanctions Authority, other then calculate by written of</li> </ul>	
	enforced by any Sanctions Authority, other than solely by virtue of their inclusion in: (i) the most current "Sectoral Sanctions Identifications" list (which as of the date hereof can be found at: http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/SDN- List/Pages/ssi_list.aspx) (the " <b>SSI List</b> "), (ii) Annexes 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Council Regulation No. 833/2014, as amended by Council Regulation No. 960/2014 (the " <b>EU Annexes</b> "), or (iii) any other list maintained by a Sanctions Authority, with similar effect to the SSI List or the EU Annexes	
Supplemental Trust Deed	The supplemental trust deed to be entered into by the Issuer and the Trustee on the Implementation Date	
Trust Deed	Means the trust deed dated 21 June 2016 between the Issuer and the Trustee, as amended and/or supplemented from time to time	
Trustee	BNY Mellon Corporate Trustee Services Limited	
Warrant Instrument	The warrant agreement or instrument of the Issuer to be dated on the Implementation Date which will constitute or grant the Warrants	
Warrants	The warrants to subscribe for up to 99,999,936 Ordinary Shares to be issued as part of the Proposals and as more particularly described in the section entitled " <i>Consent Solicitation-Proposals-Issue of Warrants</i> "	

#### DETAILS OF THE PROPOSALS

If the Proposals are approved by the Noteholders, (i) the proposed amendments to clause 2.2 (*Covenant to pay*), clause 6.1 (*Order of payment*), the preamble to the Conditions, Condition 5.1 (*Interest Rate and Interest Payment Dates*), Condition 7.1 (*Redemption at Maturity*) and Condition 10 (*Events of Default*) and the inclusion of a new Condition 5.4 (*Conversion to shares*), Condition 5.5 (*Amortisation payments*) and Condition 7.2A (*Special redemption at the Option of the Issuer*), together with the definition of "Notes" in the Trust Deed; and (ii) the grant of 347,222 Warrants for each €100,000 of Notes held with each Warrant having an exercise price of 2.75 pence, such Warrants being exercisable at any time up to the maturity date of the Notes, will take effect on the Implementation Date being the date on which the Issuer and the Trustee will enter into the Supplemental Trust Deed and the Issuer will execute the Warrant Instrument.

Amendments to clause 2.2 (Covenant to pay), clause 6.1 (Order of payment), the first paragraph of the preamble to the Conditions, Condition 5.1 (Interest Rate and Interest Payment Dates), Condition 7.1 (Redemption at Maturity) and Condition 10 (Events of Default) and the inclusion of a new Condition 5.4 (Conversion to shares), Condition 5.5 (Amortisation payments) and Condition 7.2A (Special redemption at the Option of the Issuer), together with the definition of "Notes" in the Trust Deed

It is proposed that clause 2.2 (*Covenant to pay*), clause 6.1 (*Order of payment*), the first paragraph of the preamble to the Conditions, Condition 5.1 (Interest Rate and Interest Payment Dates), Condition 7.1 (Redemption at Maturity) and Condition 10 (Events of Default) and the inclusion of a new Condition 5.4 (Conversion to shares), Condition 5.5 (Amortisation payments) and Condition 7.2A (Special redemption at the Option of the Issuer), together with the definition of "Notes" in the Trust Deed be amended by the Supplemental Trust Deed in order to make the amendments set out in the Extraordinary Resolution. The proposed amendments to clause 2.2 (Covenant to pay), clause 6.1 (Order of payment), the first paragraph of the preamble to the Conditions, Condition 5.1 (Interest Rate and Interest Payment Dates), Condition 7.1 (Redemption at Maturity) and Condition 10 (Events of Default), the inclusion of a new Condition 5.4 (Conversion to shares), Condition 5.5 (Amortisation payments) and Condition 7.2A (Special redemption at the Option of the Issuer), together with the definition of "Notes" in the Trust Deed are set out under "Consent Solicitation – Amendments to clause 2.2 (Covenant to pay), clause 6.1 (Order of payment), the preamble to the Conditions, Condition 5.1 (Interest Rate and Interest Payment Dates), Condition 7.1 (Redemption at Maturity) and Condition 10 (Events of Default) and the inclusion of a new Condition 5.4 (Conversion to shares), Condition 5.5 (Amortisation payments) and Condition 7.2A (Special redemption at the Option of the Issuer), together with the definition of "Notes" in the Trust Deed" and in the Extraordinary Resolution.

#### **Issue of Warrants**

Each Noteholder of record as of the Record Date will be issued with Warrants to subscribe for Ordinary Shares in the Company. 347,222 such Warrants will be issued for each  $\leq 100,000$  of Notes held by a Noteholder of record as of the Record Date. The Warrants will be exercisable up until the maturity date of the Notes, being 21 December 2027. Each Warrant will have an exercise price of 2.75 pence per Ordinary Share. The Warrants will be listed and admitted to trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange. Further details of the Warrant Instrument which constitutes the Warrants are set out in the section entitled "*Consent Solicitation-Proposals-Issue of Warrants*" of this Consent Solicitation Memorandum.

#### CONSENT SOLICITATION

The Issuer is inviting the eligible Noteholders to approve, by Extraordinary Resolution, the Proposals in accordance with the Conditions, as set out in the Notice (as defined herein).

The Consent Solicitation is made on the terms and subject to the conditions contained in this Consent Solicitation Memorandum. Capitalised terms used in this Consent Solicitation Memorandum have the meanings given in the section headed "*Definitions*" and any other definitions of such terms are for ease of reference only and shall not affect their interpretation.

# Before making a decision on whether to participate in the Consent Solicitation or otherwise participate at the Meeting, Noteholders should carefully consider all of the information in this Consent Solicitation Memorandum and, in particular, the considerations described in "Risk Factors and Certain Considerations Relating to the Consent Solicitations" on pages 16 to 18 hereof.

For the avoidance of any doubt, it is hereby confirmed that any payments under the Notes (including any payments of Deferred Interest) are and shall remain the primary obligation of the Issuer, secured by means of an English law share charge over the entire share capital of Sound Energy Morocco South Limited. Pursuant to clause 2.2 of the Trust Deed, the Issuer has covenanted with the Trustee that it shall on any date when any Notes become due to be redeemed, unconditionally pay or procure to be paid to or to the order of the Trustee in euro in same day immediately available, freely transferable and cleared funds the principal amount of the Notes becoming due for redemption on that date, together with the Deferred Interest, and that it shall (subject to the Conditions), until such payment (both before and after judgment or other order of a court of competent jurisdiction), unconditionally so pay or procure to be paid to or to the order by the Trustee, shall make such payment to the Principal Paying Agent) interest (which shall accrue from day to day) on the principal amount of the Notes outstanding as set out in the Conditions.

#### Proposals

#### Rationale for Consent Solicitation

The purpose of the Consent Solicitation is to invite eligible Noteholders to consider and, if thought fit, approve (i) the proposed amendments to clause 2.2 (*Covenant to pay*), clause 6.1 (*Order of payment*), the first paragraph of the preamble to the Conditions, Condition 5.1 (*Interest Rate and Interest Payment Dates*), Condition 7.1 (*Redemption at Maturity*) and the inclusion of a new Condition 5.4 (*Conversion to shares*), Condition 5.5 (*Amortisation payments*) and Condition (*Events of Default*) and Condition 7.2A (*Special redemption at the Option of the Issuer*), together with the definition of "Notes" in the Trust Deed; and (ii) the issue of Warrants to each Noteholder to subscribe for up to an aggregate amount of 99,999,936 Ordinary Shares of the Issuer as more particularly described in the section entitled "*Consent Solicitation-Proposals-Issue of Warrants*", and more specifically, to provide that the Noteholders:

- direct the Trustee to enter into the Supplemental Trust Deed in order to effect the proposed amendments to clause 2.2 (*Covenant to pay*), clause 6.1 (*Order of payment*), the first paragraph of the preamble to the Conditions, Condition 5.1 (*Interest Rate and Interest Payment Dates*), Condition 7.1 (*Redemption at Maturity*) and Condition 10 (*Events of Default*) and the inclusion of a new Condition 5.4 (*Conversion to shares*), Condition 5.5 (*Amortisation payments*) and Condition 7.2A (*Special redemption at the Option of the Issuer*), together with the definition of "Notes" in the Trust Deed;
- (ii) agree to the issue of the Warrants in accordance with the terms of the Warrant Instrument; and
- (iii) acknowledge and accept any other consequential amendments to the Conditions and the Trust Deed,

#### (together, the "**Proposals**").

If these Proposals are approved by the Noteholders, the amendments to clause 2.2 (*Covenant to pay*), clause 6.1 (*Order of payment*), the first paragraph of the preamble to the Conditions, Condition 5.1 (*Interest Rate and Interest Payment Dates*), Condition 7.1 (*Redemption at Maturity*) and Condition 10 (*Events of Default*) and the inclusion of a new Condition 5.4 (*Conversion to shares*), Condition 5.5 (*Amortisation payments*) and Condition 7.2A (*Special redemption at the Option of the Issuer*), together with the definition of "Notes" in the Trust Deed and any other consequential amendments to the Conditions and the Trust Deed will be effected on the Implementation Date, being the date on which the Issuer will enter into the Supplemental Trust Deed and execute the Warrant Instrument.

The deadline for receipt by the Information and Tabulation Agent of Electronic Voting Instructions from Noteholders wishing to vote in respect of the Extraordinary Resolution is 10 a.m. (London time) on 12 April 2021 (such time and date, the "**Expiration Deadline**"). The deadlines set by any intermediary or Clearing System will be earlier than the deadline set out above.

Amendments to clause 2.2 (*Covenant to pay*), clause 6.1 (*Order of payment*), the preamble to the Conditions, Condition 5.1 (*Interest Rate and Interest Payment Dates*), Condition 7.1 (*Redemption at Maturity*) and Condition 10 (*Events of Default*) and the inclusion of a new Condition 5.4 (*Conversion to shares*), Condition 5.5 (*Amortisation payments*) and Condition 7.2A (*Special redemption at the Option of the Issuer*), together with the definition of "Notes" in the Trust Deed

For the convenience of the Noteholders, the amendments to clause 2.2 (*Covenant to pay*), clause 6.1 (*Order of payment*), the preamble to the Conditions, Condition 5.1 (*Interest Rate and Interest Payment Dates*), Condition 7.1 (*Redemption at Maturity*) and Condition 10 (*Events of Default*) and the inclusion of a new Condition 5.4 (*Conversion to shares*), Condition 5.5 (*Amortisation payments*) and Condition 7.2A (*Special redemption at the Option of the Issuer*), together with the definition of "Notes" in the Trust Deed are set out in the table below.

For the purposes of this summary, capitalised terms in the table below and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Trust Deed and the Conditions.

Clause 2.2 (Covenant to nav)	Existing version	Amended version
Clause 2.2 (Covenant to pay)	"The Issuer covenants with the Trustee that it shall on any date when any Notes become due to be redeemed, unconditionally pay or procure to be paid to or to the order of the Trustee in euro in same day immediately available, freely transferable and cleared funds the principal amount of the Notes becoming due for redemption on that date, and that it shall (subject to the Conditions), until such payment (both before and after judgment or other order of a court of competent jurisdiction), unconditionally so pay or procure to be paid to or to the order of the Trustee (and, unless otherwise instructed by the Trustee, shall make such payment to the Principal Paying Agent) interest (which shall accrue from day to day) on the principal amount of the Notes outstanding as set out in the Conditions, provided that:"	"The Issuer covenants with the Trustee that it shall on any date when any Notes become due to be redeemed, unconditionally pay or procure to be paid to or to the order of the Trustee in euro in same day immediately available, freely transferable and cleared funds the principal amount of the Notes becoming due for redemption on that date, together with the Deferred Interest (as defined in the Conditions), and that it shall (subject to the Conditions), until such payment (both before and after judgment or other order of a court of competent jurisdiction), unconditionally so pay or procure to be paid to or to the order of the Trustee (and, unless otherwise instructed by the Trustee, shall make such payment to the Principal Paying Agent) interest (which shall accrue from day to day) on the principal amount of the Notes outstanding as set out in the Conditions, provided that:"
Clause 6.1 (Order of payment)	"(c) <i>thirdly</i> , in or towards payment pari passu and rateably of all arrears of amounts corresponding to principal and interest remaining unpaid in respect of the Notes; and"	"(c) <i>thirdly</i> , in or towards payment pari passu and rateably of all arrears of amounts corresponding to principal and interest, together with the Deferred Interest (as defined in the Conditions) remaining unpaid in respect of the Notes; and"

**Preamble to the Conditions** 

"The EUR 28,800,000 5.0 per cent. Notes due 21 June 2021 (the "Notes", which expression shall in these Conditions, unless the context otherwise requires, include any further notes issued pursuant to Condition 15 and forming a single series with the Notes) of Sound Energy plc (the "Issuer") are constituted by and subject to, and with the benefit of, a Trust Deed dated 21 June 2016 (the "Trust **Deed**") between the Issuer and BNY Mellon Corporate Trustee Services Limited (the "Trustee") as trustee for the holders of the Notes (the "Noteholders") issued subject to and with the benefit of an Agency Agreement dated 21 June 2016 (such agreement as amended supplemented and/or and/or restated from time to time, the "Agency Agreement") made between the Issuer, the Trustee, The Bank of New York Mellon (Luxembourg) S.A. as registrar (the "Registrar"), The Bank of New York Mellon, London Branch as principal paying agent (the "Principal Paying Agent") and the other initial paying agents named in the Agency Agreement (together with the Principal Paying Agent, the "Paying Agents") and the other agents named therein (together with the Registrar and the other Paying Agents, the "Agents")."

"The Notes bear interest from and Condition 5.1 (Interest Rate and including 21 June 2016 (the "Issue Interest Payment Dates) Date") at the rate of 5.0 per cent. per annum, payable quarterly in arrears on 21 March, 21 June, 21 September and 21 December, in each year (each an "Interest Payment Date"), beginning on 21 September 2016, subject as Condition provided in 6 (Payments). Each period beginning on (and including) the Issue Date or any Interest Payment Date and ending on (but excluding) the next Interest Payment Date is herein called an "Interest Period")."

"The EUR 28,800,000 5.0 per cent. Notes due 21 December 2027 (the "Notes", which expression shall in these Conditions, unless the context otherwise requires, include any further notes issued pursuant to Condition 15 and forming a single series with the Notes) of Sound Energy plc (the "Issuer") are constituted by and subject to, and with the benefit of, a Trust Deed dated 21 June 2016 (the "Trust **Deed**") between the Issuer and BNY Mellon Corporate Trustee Services Limited (the "**Trustee**") as trustee for the holders of the Notes (the "Noteholders") issued subject to and with the benefit of an Agency Agreement dated 21 June 2016 (such agreement as amended supplemented and/or and/or restated from time to time, the "Agency Agreement") made between the Issuer, the Trustee, The Bank of New York Mellon (Luxembourg) S.A. as registrar (the "Registrar"), The Bank of New York Mellon, London Branch as principal paying agent (the "Principal Paying Agent") and the other initial paying agents named in the Agency Agreement (together with the Principal Paying Agent, the "Paving Agents") and the other agents named therein (together with the Registrar and the other Paying Agents, the "Agents")."

"The Notes bear interest from and including 21 June 2016 (the "Issue **Date**") at the rate of (i) 5.0 per cent. per annum with respect to the Interest Periods beginning on 21 June 2016 and ending on (but excluding) 21 June 2021; and (ii) 5.0 per cent. per annum with respect to the Interest Periods beginning on 21 June 2021 and ending on (but excluding) 21 December 2027, of which 40.0 per cent. will be payable quarterly in arrears on 21 March, 21 June, 21 September and 21 December, in each year (each an "Interest Payment Date"), beginning on 21 June 2021, and 60.0 per cent. shall be rolled-up (the "Deferred Interest") and payable on the

Condition 5.4 (Conversion of shares)

redemption of the Notes, subject as provided in Condition 6 (Payments). The accrued Deferred Interest shall not accrue interest, be included in any calculations for the purposes of this Condition 5.1 (Interest Rate and Interest Payment Dates) or Condition 5.5 (Amortisation payments) or be added to the principal amount of the Notes. Each period beginning on (and including) the Issue Date or any Interest Payment Date and ending on (but excluding) the next Interest Payment Date is herein called an "Interest Period")."

"On [the Implementation Date<sup>1</sup>], a principal amount of €3,479,999.44 of the Notes on a pro-rata basis will be converted into a total of 141,176,448 Ordinary Shares applying an exchange rate of £1 to €1.16 Ordinary Shares and issued at a conversion price of 2.125 pence per Ordinary Share so that each €100,000 principal amount of Notes will be converted into 490,196 Ordinary Shares and the principal amount outstanding of such Notes after the [the Implementation Date] will be €25,320,000.56. The Ordinary Shares will be delivered by the Issuer to the relevant Clearing System and by such Clearing System through their CREST account to the relevant Direct Participant as soon as practicable after [the Implementation Date]. The delivery of Ordinary Shares by the Issuer to such Clearing System and by such Clearing System to such Direct Participant will discharge the respective obligations of the Issuer and such Clearing System to all eligible Noteholders in respect of the conversion of the relevant Notes to Ordinary Shares. Neither the Trustee nor any of the Agents are responsible for the delivery of Ordinary Shares to any Clearing System, Direct Participant or Noteholder.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "Implementation Date" means the date on which the Issuer and the Trustee will enter into the Supplemental Trust Deed and the Issuer will execute the Warrant Instrument.

Condition	5.5	(Amortisation
payments)		

Condition 7.1 (*Redemption at Maturity*)

Unless previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled as provided below, the Issuer will redeem the Notes at their principal amount on 21 June 2021. IN **RESPECT TO** THE **ORDINARY SHARES ISSUED** TO **NOTEHOLDERS** PURSUANT то THIS CONDITION 5.4 (CONVERSION TO SHARES), 50.0 PER CENT. OF THE **ORDINARY SHARES ISSUED** TO EACH NOTEHOLDER SHALL NOT BE TRADEABLE FOR A PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS FROM THE **IMPLEMENTATION** DATE] AND THE OTHER 50.0 PER CENT OF THE ORDINARY SHARES ISSUED TO EACH NOTEHOLDER SHALL NOT TRADEABLE FOR A BE PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS FROM [THE **IMPLEMENTATION DATE**]. A FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS TRADING **RESTRICTION SHALL BE A BREACH OF THE TERMS** AND CONDITIONS OF THE NOTES.

"**CREST**" means Certificateless Registry for Electronic Share Transfer.

"Ordinary Shares" means shares of the Issuer of one penny each, having the rights set out in the Issuer's constitutional documents."

"The Issuer shall repay the principal amount of each of the Notes by instalments as follows:

(a) 5.0 per cent. of the principal amount of the Notes on 21 December 2023; and

(b) from 22 December 2023 until the redemption of the Notes, 5.0 per cent. of the principal amount outstanding of the Notes on 21 June and 5.0 per cent. of the principal amount outstanding of the Notes on 21 December of each year."

Unless previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled as provided below, the Issuer will redeem the Notes at their principal amount, together with the Deferred Interest, on 21 December 2027. Condition 7.2A (Special Redemption at the Option of the Issuer)

Condition 10 (Events of Default)

The Issuer may, at any time for the period from [*the Implementation Date*] up to and including 21 December 2024, having given:

(a) not less than 15 nor more than 30 days' notice to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 12 (*Notices*); and

(b) not less than seven days before the giving of the notice referred to in (a) above notice to the Trustee and to the Principal Paving Agent: (which notices shall be irrevocable and shall specify the date fixed for redemption), redeem the Notes in whole in an amount equal to 70 per cent. of their principal amount outstanding and all of the Deferred Interest, together with interest accrued to the date of redemption. Upon the expiry of any such notice, the Issuer shall be bound to redeem the Notes to which the notice refers in accordance with the terms of this Condition.

The Issuer shall cancel any Notes redeemed and shall not reissue them.

"The Trustee at its discretion may, and if so requested in writing by the holders of at least 25 per cent. in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding or if so directed by an Extraordinary Resolution shall, (subject in each case to being indemnified and/or secured and/or prefunded to its satisfaction), give written notice to the Issuer that the Notes are, and they shall accordingly become, immediately due and payable at their principal amount, together with interest, if any, accrued to but excluding the date of repayment as provided in the Trust Deed and any Deferred Interest, if any of the following events ("Events of Default") shall have occurred and be continuing:"

Definition of "Notes" in the<br/>Trust Deed"Notes" means the notes in<br/>registered form, without interest<br/>coupons attached, comprising the<br/>said EUR 28,800,000 5.0 per cent."Notes"<br/>registered form, without interest<br/>coupons attached, comprising the<br/>said EUR 28,800,000 5.0 per cent.

"**Notes**" means the notes in registered form, without interest coupons attached, comprising the said EUR 28,800,000 5.0 per cent.

# **Default**") shall have occurred and be continuing:"

"The Trustee at its discretion may,

and if so requested in writing by

the holders of at least 25 per cent.

in aggregate principal amount of

the Notes then outstanding or if so

directed by an Extraordinary

Resolution shall, (subject in each

case to being indemnified and/or

secured and/or prefunded to its

satisfaction), give written notice to

the Issuer that the Notes are, and

they shall accordingly become,

immediately due and payable at

their principal amount, together

with interest, if any, accrued to but

excluding the date of repayment as

provided in the Trust Deed, if any

of the following events ("Events of

Senior Secured Notes due 2021 of the Issuer constituted by this Trust Deed and for the time being outstanding or, as the context may require, a specific number of them and includes any further Notes issued pursuant to Condition 15 (Further Issues) and replacement Notes issued pursuant to Condition 11 (Replacement of Certificates) and (except for the purposes of Clause 3.1 (The Global *Certificates*)) the Certificate;

Senior Secured Notes due 2027 of the Issuer constituted by this Trust Deed and for the time being outstanding or, as the context may require, a specific number of them and includes any further Notes issued pursuant to Condition 15 (Further Issues) and replacement Notes issued pursuant to Condition 11 (Replacement of Certificates) and (except for the purposes of Clause 3.1 (The Global Global *Certificates*)) the Global Certificate:

#### **Issue of Warrants**

As part of the Proposals each Noteholder of record as of the Record Date will be issued with Warrants to subscribe for Ordinary Shares in the Company. 347,222 such Warrants will be issued for each  $\in$  100,000 of Notes held by a Noteholder of record as of the Record Date. The Warrants will be exercisable up until the earlier of the date of redemption and the maturity date of the Notes, being 21 December 2027. Each Warrant will have an exercise price of 2.75 pence per Ordinary Share.

The Warrant Instrument contains provisions relating to the transfer of the warrants, the exercise of subscription rights and any adjustment to be made to the Warrants in the event of certain alterations to the Issuer's share capital.

The Warrants will be freely transferable and will be listed and admitted to trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange.

A final draft of the Warrant Instrument will be available on request (a) at any time during normal business hours on any weekday (Saturdays, Sundays and bank and other public holidays excepted) for a period of 7 calendar days prior to the Meeting, by emailing the Information and Tabulation Agent at se@idex-is.com; and (b) at the Meeting by emailing Fieldfisher LLP at alex.campbell@fieldfisher.com 15 minutes before the Meeting.

#### Key Terms and Conditions of the Consent Solicitation

The Consent Solicitation commences on the date of this Consent Solicitation Memorandum.

The implementation of the Proposals will be conditional on the passing of the Extraordinary Resolution.

The Issuer will announce: (i) the results of the Meeting; and (ii) if the Extraordinary Resolution is passed, the implementation of the Proposals, as soon as reasonably practicable after the Meeting.

Further information in relation to the Consent Solicitation is set out under "Further Terms of the Consent Solicitation".

#### Meeting

The notice convening the relevant Meeting (the "**Notice**") to be held at the offices of Fieldfisher LLP, Riverbank House, 2 Swan Lane, London, EC4R 3TT on 14 April 2021 (the "**Meeting Date**") (access to which for Noteholders that wish to attend in person or appoint a proxy (other than the Information and Tabulation Agent or the Registrar) will be granted only via a bluejeans video conference meeting ID to be provided by Fieldfisher LLP upon request), has been given to Noteholders in accordance with the Conditions on the date of this Consent Solicitation Memorandum. The form of the Notice is set out in the Annex (*Form of Notice of Meeting*) to this Consent Solicitation Memorandum.

The Meeting will commence at 10.00 a.m. (London time) on the Meeting Date.

At the Meeting, Noteholders will be invited to consider and, if thought fit, vote in favour of the Extraordinary Resolution, all as more fully described in the Notice. See "*Annex – Form of Notice of Meeting*".

The quorum required to pass the Extraordinary Resolution is one or more persons present holding or representing not less than 75 per cent in principal amount of the outstanding Notes.

To be passed at the Meeting, the Extraordinary Resolution requires a majority in favour consisting of not less than three-quarters of the votes cast at such Meeting.

Noteholders should refer to the Notice for full details of the procedures in relation to the Meeting. See "Annex – Form of Notice of Meeting".

#### **Adjourned Meeting**

In the event the Meeting is required to be adjourned, the Meeting will be adjourned for not less than 13 clear days and not more than 42 clear days and the Issuer may, in its sole discretion (but subject to applicable law), extend the Expiration Deadline.

At the adjourned Meeting, one or more persons present and holding or representing not less than 25 per cent of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes will form a quorum. Electronic Voting Instructions which are submitted in accordance with the procedures set out in this Consent Solicitation Memorandum and which have not been subsequently revoked (in the limited circumstances in which such revocation is permitted) shall remain valid for such adjourned Meeting.

To be passed at the relevant adjourned Meeting, an Extraordinary Resolution requires a majority in favour consisting of not less than three-quarters of the votes cast at such adjourned Meeting.

#### **Electronic Voting Instructions**

By submitting an Electronic Voting Instruction by the Expiration Deadline, a Noteholder will instruct the Registrar to appoint the Information and Tabulation Agent as its proxy under a block voting instruction to attend the Meeting (and any adjourned Meeting) and vote in the manner specified or identified in such Electronic Voting Instruction in respect of such Extraordinary Resolution. It will not be possible to submit an Electronic Voting Instruction without at the same time giving such instructions to the Registrar.

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It is a term of the Consent Solicitation that Electronic Voting Instructions shall be irrevocable (save in certain limited circumstances as provided in "*Amendment and Termination*").

The above provisions relating to Electronic Voting Instructions do not affect the rights of eligible Noteholders to attend and vote at the Meeting in person or to make other arrangements to be represented or to vote at the Meeting in accordance with the Meeting Provisions, in each case only via a bluejeans video conference meeting ID to be provided by Fieldfisher LLP upon request. Noteholders should note that attendance at the physical place of the meeting is not an option.

The Issuer may, at its option and in its sole discretion, extend, or waive any condition of, the Consent Solicitation at any time and may amend or terminate the Consent Solicitation at any time before the Expiration Deadline (or, where there is an adjourned Meeting, 48 hours before the time set for such adjourned Meeting) (subject in each case to applicable law and the Meeting Provisions and as provided in this Consent Solicitation Memorandum, and provided that no amendment may be made to the terms of the Extraordinary Resolution). Details of any such extension, waiver, amendment or termination will be announced as provided in this Consent Solicitation Memorandum as promptly as practicable after the relevant decision is made. If the Issuer amends the Consent Solicitation in any way that, in the opinion of the Issuer (in consultation with the Trustee), is materially prejudicial to the interests of Noteholders that have already submitted Electronic Voting Instructions in respect of the Consent Solicitation before the announcement of such amendment, then such Electronic Voting Instructions may be revoked at any time from the date and time of such announcement until no earlier than 4.00 p.m. (London Time) on the second Business Day immediately following such announcement. For full details, please see "Amendment and Termination".

The Trustee has no responsibility or liability for monitoring, tabulating or verifying compliance with deadlines or other formalities in connection with the delivery of Electronic Voting Instructions with respect to any Notes and will be relying on the Issuer and the Information and Tabulation Agent, as applicable.

Noteholders are advised to check with any bank, securities broker or other intermediary through which they hold their Notes when such intermediary would need to receive instructions from a Noteholder in order for such Noteholder to participate in, or (in the limited circumstances in which revocation is permitted) to validly revoke their instruction to participate in, the Consent Solicitation by the deadlines specified in this Consent Solicitation Memorandum. The deadlines set by any such intermediary and each Clearing System for the submission and (where permitted) revocation of Electronic Voting Instructions will be earlier than the relevant deadlines specified in this Consent Solicitation Memorandum. See "Procedures for Participating in the Consent Solicitation".

In light of the UK Government's response to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Issuer strongly encourages all Noteholders to submit their Electronic Voting Instructions or to make other arrangements to be represented or to vote at the Meeting in accordance with the Meeting Provisions via a bluejeans video conference meeting ID to be provided by Fieldfisher LLP upon request. Noteholders should note that attendance at the physical place of the meeting is not an option.

Questions and requests for assistance in connection with (i) the Consent Solicitation and (ii) the delivery of Electronic Voting Instructions, may be directed to the Information and Tabulation Agent, the contact details for which are on the last page of this Consent Solicitation Memorandum.

#### FURTHER TERMS OF THE CONSENT SOLICITATION

#### General conditions of the Consent Solicitation

The Issuer expressly reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to refuse to accept, or to delay acceptance of, Electronic Voting Instructions pursuant to the Consent Solicitation in order to comply with applicable laws. In all cases, an Electronic Voting Instruction will only be deemed to have been validly submitted once submitted in accordance with the procedures described in "*Procedures for Participating in the Consent Solicitation*", which include the blocking of the relevant Notes in the relevant account in the Clearing Systems, as described in "*Certain Considerations Relating to the Consent Solicitations – Blocking of Notes and Restrictions on Transfer*" below.

# The Issuer may reject Electronic Voting Instructions which it considers in its reasonable judgment not to have been validly submitted in the Consent Solicitation. For example, Electronic Voting Instructions may be rejected and not accepted and may be treated as not having been validly submitted if any such instruction does not comply with the requirements of a particular jurisdiction.

The failure of any eligible person to receive a copy of this Consent Solicitation Memorandum, the Notice or any other notice issued by the Issuer or any other person in connection with the Consent Solicitation and/or the Meeting shall not invalidate any aspect of the Consent Solicitation or Meeting. No acknowledgement of receipt of any Electronic Voting Instruction and/or any other documents will be given by the Issuer, the Information and Tabulation Agent, the Trustee, the Registrar or the Principal Paying Agent.

#### Announcements

Unless stated otherwise, all announcements in connection with the Consent Solicitation will be made by the Issuer by delivery of a notice to the Clearing Systems for communication to Direct Participants. Such announcements may also be made by publication on the: (A) Luxembourg Stock Exchange's website at www.bourse.lu; or (B) via RNS. Copies of all announcements, notices and press releases can also be obtained by emailing the Information and Tabulation Agent at se@idex-is.com. Significant delays may be experienced where notices are delivered to the Clearing Systems and Noteholders are urged to contact the Information and Tabulation Agent for the relevant announcements during the course of the Consent Solicitation. In addition, Noteholders may contact the Information and Tabulation Agent for information using the contact details on the last page of this Consent Solicitation Memorandum.

#### Governing law

The Consent Solicitation, each Electronic Voting Instruction and any non-contractual obligations or matters arising from or connected with any of the foregoing, shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of England.

By submitting an Electronic Voting Instruction the relevant Noteholder will unconditionally and irrevocably agree for the benefit of the Issuer, the Information and Tabulation Agent, the Trustee, the Registrar and the Principal Paying Agent that the courts of England are to have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any disputes that may arise out of or in connection with the Consent Solicitation, the Meeting and such Electronic Voting Instruction and that accordingly any suit, action or proceedings arising out of or in connection with the foregoing may be brought in such courts.

# RISK FACTORS AND CERTAIN CONSIDERATIONS RELATING TO THE CONSENT SOLICITATION

Before making a decision with respect to the Consent Solicitation, Noteholders should carefully consider, in addition to the other information contained in this Consent Solicitation Memorandum, the following:

#### 1. Risks relating to the Notes following implementation of the Proposals

1.1 Amendments to clause 2.2 (Covenant to pay), clause 6.1 (Order of payment), the first paragraph of the preamble to the Conditions, Condition 5.1 (Interest Rate and Interest Payment Date), Condition 7.1 (Redemption at Maturity) and Condition 10 (Events of Default) and the inclusion of a new Condition 5.4 (Conversion to shares), Condition 5.5 (Amortisation payments) and Condition 7.2A (Special redemption at the Option of the Issuer), together with the definition of "Notes" in the Trust Deed

There are a significant amendments to clause 2.2 (*Covenant to pay*), clause 6.1 (*Order of payment*), the first paragraph of the preamble to the Conditions, Condition 5.1 (*Interest Rate and Interest Payment Date*), Condition 7.1 (*Redemption at Maturity*) and Condition 10 (*Events of Default*) and the inclusion of a new Condition 5.4 (*Conversion to shares*), Condition 5.5 (*Amortisation payments*) and Condition 7.2A (*Special redemption at the Option of the Issuer*), together with the definition of "Notes" in the Trust Deed. The text of the new clause 2.2 (*Covenant to pay*), clause 6.1 (*Order of payment*), first paragraph of the preamble to the Conditions, Condition 5.1 (*Interest Rate and Interest Payment Date*), Condition 5.4 (*Conversion to shares*), and Condition 7.2A (*Special redemption at the Option of the Issuer*), and Condition 7.1 (*Redemption at Maturity*) and Condition 10 (*Events of Default*) and the inclusion of a new Condition 5.4 (*Conversion to shares*), Condition 10 (*Events of Default*) and the inclusion of a new Condition 5.4 (*Conversion to shares*), Condition 10 (*Events of Default*) and the inclusion of a new Condition 5.4 (*Conversion to shares*), Condition 5.5 (*Amortisation payments*) and Condition 7.2A (*Special redemption at the Option of the Issuer*), together with the definition of "Notes" in the Trust Deed is set out in the Extraordinary Resolution and in the Supplemental Trust Deed. Without prejudice to the foregoing, Noteholders should review the text of the new Conditions, the Supplemental Trust Deed and the documents available for distribution (see "*Documents Available for Distribution*"), in each case in their entirety, together with the contents of this Consent Solicitation Memorandum, before making a decision whether to vote in favour or against the Proposals.

#### 2. Considerations relating to the Consent Solicitation

#### 2.1 Procedures for participating in the Consent Solicitation

Noteholders are responsible for complying with all of the procedures for participating in the Consent Solicitation. None of the Issuer, the Information and Tabulation Agent, the Trustee, the Registrar or the Principal Paying Agent assumes any responsibility for informing Noteholders of irregularities with respect to compliance with such procedures.

Noteholders are advised to check with any Clearing System, bank, securities broker or other intermediary through which they hold Notes when such Clearing System or intermediary would need to receive instructions from a Noteholder in order for that Noteholder to be able to participate in, or (in the limited circumstances in which revocation is permitted) revoke their instruction to participate in, the Consent Solicitation by the deadlines specified in this Consent Solicitation Memorandum.

In relation to the delivery or revocation of Electronic Voting Instructions or obtaining voting certificates or forms of proxy or otherwise making arrangements for the giving of voting instructions, in each case through the Clearing Systems, Noteholders should note the particular practice and policy of the relevant Clearing System, including any earlier deadlines set by such Clearing System.

#### 2.2 Sanctions Restricted Persons

A Noteholder who is a Sanctions Restricted Person (as defined herein) may not participate in the Consent Solicitation.

### 2.3 Irrevocability of Electronic Voting Instructions

Each Electronic Voting Instruction will be irrevocable except in the limited circumstances described in "Amendment and Termination".

#### 2.4 Blocking of Notes and Restrictions on Transfer

When considering whether to participate in the Consent Solicitation, Noteholders should take into account that, where applicable, restrictions on the transfer of the Notes will apply from the time of submission of Electronic Voting Instructions.

A Noteholder will, on submitting an Electronic Voting Instruction in respect of the Notes, agree that its Notes will be blocked, from the date the relevant Electronic Voting Instruction is submitted, in the relevant account in the relevant Clearing System until the earlier of: (i) the date on which the relevant Electronic Voting Instruction is validly revoked, in the limited circumstances in which such revocation is permitted (including their automatic revocation on the termination of the Consent Solicitation), in accordance with the terms of the Consent Solicitation; (ii) the conclusion of the Meeting (or, if applicable, the adjourned Meeting); and (iii) the termination of the Consent Solicitation.

By blocking its Notes in the relevant Clearing System, each Direct Participant (who holds Notes either directly or on behalf of a beneficial owner) will be deemed to consent to the relevant Clearing System providing details concerning such Direct Participant's identity to the Issuer, the Information and Tabulation Agent, the Trustee, the Registrar, the Principal Paying Agent and their respective legal advisers.

#### 2.5 Amendment of the Consent Solicitation

Subject to applicable laws and the Meeting Provisions, and as provided in this Consent Solicitation Memorandum the Issuer may, at its option and in its sole discretion, amend, terminate, extend, or waive any condition of, the Consent Solicitation (provided that no amendment may be made to the terms of the Extraordinary Resolution) at any time before the Expiration Deadline (or, where there is an adjourned Meeting, 48 hours before the time set for any such adjourned Meeting).

In the case of any such amendment that, in the opinion of the Issuer (in consultation with the Trustee), is materially prejudicial to the interests of Noteholders that have already submitted Electronic Voting Instructions in respect of the Consent Solicitation before the announcement of such amendment (which announcement shall include a statement that, in the opinion of the Issuer, such amendment is materially prejudicial to such Noteholders), (subject to no such materially prejudicial amendment being permissible at any time after 10.00 a.m. (London Time) on the second Business Day immediately preceding the Expiration Deadline) then such Electronic Voting Instructions may be revoked at any time from the date and time of such announcement until 10.00 a.m. (London Time) on the second Business Day immediately following such announcement (subject to the earlier deadlines required by the relevant Clearing Systems and any intermediary through which Noteholders hold their Notes). See "Amendment".

#### 2.6 No assurance that the Proposals will take effect

No assurance can be given that the Proposals will take effect. In particular, subject to applicable law, the Issuer may extend, amend or terminate the Consent Solicitation at any time before the Expiration Deadline (or, where there is an adjourned Meeting, 48 hours before the time set for any such adjourned Meeting), as described in "*Amendment and Termination*" below.

#### 2.7 All Noteholders are bound by the Extraordinary Resolution

Noteholders should note that if the Extraordinary Resolution is passed it will be binding on all Noteholders, whether or not they chose to participate in the Consent Solicitation or otherwise vote at the Meeting. Noteholders who do not submit an Electronic Voting Instruction will still be bound by the terms of the Extraordinary Resolution (if passed).

#### 2.8 **Responsibility to consult advisers**

Each Noteholder is solely responsible for making its own independent appraisal of all matters as such Noteholder deems appropriate (including those relating to the Consent Solicitation and the Extraordinary Resolution) and each Noteholder must make its own decision whether to participate in the Consent Solicitation or otherwise participate at the Meeting.

Noteholders should consult their own tax, accounting, financial and legal advisers regarding the suitability to themselves of the tax or accounting consequences of participating in the Consent Solicitation and regarding the impact on them of the Extraordinary Resolution if passed at the Meeting.

None of the Issuer, the Information and Tabulation Agent, the Trustee, the Registrar or the Principal Paying Agent or any director, officer, employee, agent or affiliate of any such person is acting for any Noteholder, or will be responsible to any Noteholder for providing any protections which would be afforded to its clients or for providing advice in relation to the Consent Solicitation or Extraordinary Resolution, and accordingly none of the Issuer, the Information and Tabulation Agent, the Trustee, the Registrar or the Principal Paying Agent or any director, officer, employee, agent or affiliate of any such person, makes any recommendation as to whether or not or how Noteholders should participate in the Consent Solicitation or otherwise participate at the Meeting.

#### 2.9 Further actions in respect of the Notes

The Issuer reserves the right to take one or more future actions at any time in respect of the Notes. This includes, without limitation, the purchase or exchange from time to time of Notes in the open market or future consent solicitations, in privately negotiated transactions, through tender offers, exchange offers, consent solicitations or otherwise and at any price. Any future purchases, exchanges or consents by the Issuer will depend on various factors existing at that time. There can be no assurance as to which, if any, of those alternatives (or combinations thereof) the Issuer will choose to pursue in the future and when such alternatives might be pursued.

#### TAX CONSEQUENCES

In view of the number of different jurisdictions where tax laws may apply to a Noteholder, this Consent Solicitation Memorandum does not discuss the tax consequences for Noteholders arising from the Consent Solicitation or the Extraordinary Resolution. Noteholders are urged to consult their own professional advisers regarding the possible tax consequences of these transactions under the laws of the jurisdictions that apply to them, as well as the possible tax consequences of holding the Notes after they are modified pursuant to the Extraordinary Resolution (which could differ, potentially materially, from the tax consequences of holding the Notes before they are modified). Noteholders are liable for their own taxes and have no recourse to the Issuer, the Information and Tabulation Agent, the Trustee, the Registrar or the Principal Paying Agent with respect to any taxes arising in connection with the Consent Solicitation and/or the Extraordinary Resolution.

Noteholders should consult their own tax, accounting, financial and legal advisers regarding the suitability to themselves of the tax or accounting consequences of participating in the Consent Solicitation and regarding the impact on them of the implementation of the Extraordinary Resolution.

#### PROCEDURES FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE CONSENT SOLICITATION

Noteholders who need assistance with respect to the procedures for participating in the Consent Solicitation should contact the Information and Tabulation Agent, the contact details for which are on the last page of this Consent Solicitation Memorandum.

#### Summary of action to be taken

Noteholders may only participate in the Consent Solicitation in accordance with the procedures set out in this section "*Procedures for Participating in the Consent Solicitation*".

Eligible Noteholders are advised to check with any bank, securities broker or other intermediary through which they hold their Notes when such intermediary would need to receive instructions from an eligible Noteholder in order for such eligible Noteholder to participate in, or (in the limited circumstances in which revocation is permitted) to validly revoke their instruction to participate in, the Consent Solicitation by the deadlines specified in this Consent Solicitation Memorandum. The deadlines set by any such intermediary, Direct Participant and/or each Clearing System for the submission and (where permitted) revocation of Electronic Voting Instructions will be earlier than the relevant deadlines in this Consent Solicitation Memorandum.

#### **Electronic Voting Instructions**

Where an eligible Noteholder wishes to vote, by way of an Electronic Voting Instruction, in respect of the Extraordinary Resolution at the Meeting, the eligible Noteholder must deliver, or arrange to have delivered on its behalf, through the relevant Clearing System and in accordance with the requirements of such Clearing System, a valid Electronic Voting Instruction that is received by the Information and Tabulation Agent by the Expiration Deadline.

Only Direct Participants may submit Electronic Voting Instructions. Each Noteholder that is not a Direct Participant must arrange for the Direct Participant through which such Noteholder holds its Notes to submit an Electronic Voting Instruction on its behalf to the relevant Clearing System before the deadlines specified by the relevant Clearing System.

#### Attending or being represented and voting at a Meeting other than pursuant to Electronic Voting Instructions

Noteholders who do not wish to participate in the Consent Solicitation can obtain a voting certificate or a form of proxy to attend or be represented and vote at the Meeting, via a bluejeans video conference meeting ID to be provided by Fieldfisher LLP upon request, by following the procedures outlined in the Notice.

In light of the UK Government's response to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Issuer strongly encourages all Noteholders to submit their Electronic Voting Instructions or to make other arrangements to be represented or to vote at the Meeting in accordance with the Meeting Provisions via a bluejeans video conference meeting ID to be provided by Fieldfisher LLP upon request. As a result of the current guidance issued by the UK Government, and in accordance with the provisions of the Trust Deed, the Issuer has requested that the Trustee prescribe appropriate regulations regarding the holding of the meeting via a bluejeans video conference meeting. Noteholders should note that attendance at the physical place of the meeting is not an option.

The Issuer will take appropriate steps to ensure that only those who would otherwise be entitled to attend and vote at a physical meeting will be entitled to attend the bluejeans video conference meeting.

#### **Electronic Voting Procedures**

The procedures below relate to the submission of Electronic Voting Instructions in respect of the Notes.

The submission of Electronic Voting Instructions will be deemed to have occurred upon receipt by the Information and Tabulation Agent from the relevant Clearing System of a valid Electronic Voting Instruction submitted in accordance with the requirements of the Clearing Systems. Each Electronic Voting Instruction must specify, among other things, the aggregate principal amount of the Notes which are subject to the Electronic Voting Instruction and by submitting an Electronic Voting Instruction, a Noteholder will instruct the Registrar to appoint the Information and Tabulation Agent as its proxy under a block voting instruction to attend the Meeting (and any adjourned Meeting) and vote in the manner specified or identified in such Electronic Voting Instruction in respect of the Extraordinary Resolution. It will not be possible to submit an Electronic Voting Instruction without at the same time giving such instructions to the Registrar.

The receipt of such Electronic Voting Instruction by the relevant Clearing System will be acknowledged in accordance with the standard practices of the relevant Clearing System and will result in the blocking of the relevant Notes in the relevant Noteholder's account with the relevant Clearing System so that no transfers may be effected in relation to such Notes.

Noteholders must take the appropriate steps through the Clearing Systems so that no transfers may be effected in relation to such blocked Notes at any time after the date of submission of such Electronic Voting Instruction, in accordance with the requirements of the Clearing Systems and the deadlines required by the Clearing Systems. By blocking such Notes in the relevant Clearing System, each Noteholder will be deemed to consent to have the relevant Clearing System provide details concerning the relevant Direct Participant's identity to the Information and Tabulation Agent (and for the Information and Tabulation Agent to provide such details to the Issuer, the Trustee, the Registrar, the Principal Paying Agent and their respective legal advisors).

It is a term of the Consent Solicitation that each Electronic Voting Instruction is irrevocable except in the limited circumstances described in "*Amendment and Termination*". In the limited circumstances in which revocation is permitted, Electronic Voting Instructions may be revoked by a Noteholder, or the relevant Direct Participant on its behalf, by submitting a valid electronic revocation instruction to the relevant Clearing System. To be valid, such instruction must specify the Notes to which the original Electronic Voting Instruction related and any other information required by the Clearing Systems.

#### Agreements, acknowledgements, representations, warranties and undertakings

By submitting an Electronic Voting Instruction to the relevant Clearing System in accordance with the procedures of such Clearing System, each Noteholder whose Notes are the subject of such Electronic Voting Instruction shall, and any Direct Participant submitting such Electronic Voting Instruction on behalf of such Noteholder(s) shall in respect of itself and each such Noteholder, be deemed to agree, and acknowledge, represent, warrant and undertake, to the Issuer, the Information and Tabulation Agent, the Trustee, the Registrar and the Principal Paying Agent, the following at: (i) the time of submission of such Electronic Voting Instruction; (ii) the Expiration Deadline; and (iii) the time of the Meeting and the time of any adjourned Meeting (and if a Noteholder or Direct Participant on behalf of any Noteholder is unable to make any such agreement or acknowledgement or give any such representation, warranty or undertaking, such Noteholder or Direct Participant should contact the Information Agent immediately):

- (a) it has received this Consent Solicitation Memorandum, and has reviewed, agrees to be bound by and accepts the terms, conditions and other considerations of the Consent Solicitation, all as described in this Consent Solicitation Memorandum;
- (a) it is assuming all the risks inherent in participating in the Consent Solicitation and has undertaken all the appropriate analyses of the implications of such Consent Solicitation without reliance on the Issuer, the Information and Tabulation Agent, the Trustee, the Registrar or the Principal Paying Agent;
- (b) it has full power and authority to vote in the Meeting (or any adjourned Meeting);
- (c) each Electronic Voting Instruction is made on the terms and conditions set out in this Consent Solicitation Memorandum;
- (d) by blocking the relevant Notes in the relevant Clearing System, each Noteholder consents to the relevant Clearing System providing details concerning the relevant Direct Participant's identity to the Information and Tabulation Agent (and for the Information and Tabulation Agent to provide such details to the Issuer, the Trustee, the Registrar, the Principal Paying Agent and their respective legal advisors);
- (e) it gives instructions for the appointment of the Information and Tabulation Agent as its proxy under a block voting instruction to vote in respect of the Extraordinary Resolution at the Meeting and any adjourned Meeting in the manner specified in the Electronic Voting Instruction in respect of all of the Notes in its account blocked in the relevant Clearing System;
- (f) all authority conferred or agreed to be conferred pursuant to its acknowledgements, agreements, representations, warranties and undertakings, and all of its obligations, shall be binding upon its

successors, assigns, heirs, executors, trustees in bankruptcy and legal representatives, and shall not be affected by, and shall survive, its death or incapacity;

- (g) none of the Issuer, the Information and Tabulation Agent, the Trustee, the Registrar and the Principal Paying Agent or any of their respective directors or employees has given it any information with respect to the Consent Solicitation or the Extraordinary Resolution save as expressly set out in this Consent Solicitation Memorandum and the Notice nor has any of them expressed any opinion about the terms of the Consent Solicitation or the Extraordinary Resolution or made any recommendation to it as to whether it should participate in the Consent Solicitation or otherwise participate at the Meeting or whether to vote in favour of or against (or how to vote in respect of) the Extraordinary Resolution and it has made its own decision with regard to participating in the Consent Solicitation based on financial, tax or legal advice it has deemed necessary to seek and is assuming all the risks inherent in participating in the Consent Solicitation;
- (h) no information has been provided to it by the Issuer, the Information and Tabulation Agent, the Trustee, the Registrar or the Principal Paying Agent, or any of their respective directors or employees, with regard to the tax consequences for Noteholders arising from the participation in the Consent Solicitation or the implementation of the Extraordinary Resolution, and it acknowledges that it is solely liable for any taxes and similar or related payments imposed on it under the laws of any applicable jurisdiction as a result of its participation in the Consent Solicitation, and agrees that it will not and does not have any right of recourse (whether by way of reimbursement, indemnity or otherwise) against the Issuer, the Information and Tabulation Agent, the Trustee, the Registrar or the Principal Paying Agent, or any of their respective directors or employees, or any other person in respect of such taxes and payments;
- the Notes have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act, or the securities laws of any state or other jurisdiction of the United States, and may not be offered or sold in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons, unless an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act is available (terms used in this and the following paragraph that are, unless otherwise specified, defined in Regulation S are used as defined in Regulation S);
- (j) it is not a U.S. person (as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act), and is not acting for the account or benefit of any U.S. person, and it is not located or resident in the United States;
- (k) each Electronic Voting Instruction is being submitted in compliance with the applicable laws or regulations of the jurisdiction in which the Direct Participant or beneficial owner of Notes is located or in which it is resident, it is otherwise a person to whom the Consent Solicitation can be lawfully made and that may lawfully participate in the Consent Solicitation and it has not taken or omitted to take any action in breach of the representations or which will or may result in the Issuer, the Information and Tabulation Agent, the Trustee, the Registrar, the Principal Paying Agent or any other person acting in breach of the legal or regulatory requirements of any such jurisdiction in connection with any votes in favour of or votes against the Extraordinary Resolution;
- (1) it is not a Sanctions Restricted Person;
- (m) it has not received nor is aware of any claim, action, suit, proceeding or investigation against it with respect to sanctions by a Sanctions Authority;
- (n) it agrees to do all such acts and things as shall be necessary and execute any additional documents deemed by the Issuer to be desirable, in each case, to effect delivery of the Electronic Voting Instructions related to such Notes or to evidence such power and authority;
- (o) it unconditionally and irrevocably agrees for the benefit of the Issuer, the Information and Tabulation Agent, the Trustee, the Registrar and the Principal Paying Agent that the courts of England are to have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any disputes that may arise out of or in connection with the Consent Solicitation, the Meeting and such Electronic Voting Instruction and that accordingly any suit, action or proceedings arising out of or in connection with the foregoing may be brought in such courts; and
- (p) it holds and will hold, until the earlier of: (i) the date on which its Electronic Voting Instruction is validly revoked, in the limited circumstances in which such revocation is permitted (including the automatic revocation of such Electronic Voting Instruction on the termination of the Consent Solicitation), in accordance with the terms of the Consent Solicitation; and (ii) the conclusion of the Meeting (or, if

applicable, the adjourned Meeting); the relevant Notes blocked in the relevant Clearing System and, in accordance with the requirements of, and by the deadline required by, the relevant Clearing System, it has submitted, or has caused to be submitted, an Electronic Voting Instruction to the relevant Clearing System to authorise the blocking of such Notes with effect on and from the date of such submission so that no transfers of such Notes may be effected until the occurrence of any of the events listed in (i) or (ii) above. By blocking its Notes in the relevant Clearing System, each Direct Participant (who holds Notes either directly or on behalf of a beneficial owner) will be deemed to consent to the relevant Clearing System providing details concerning such Direct Participant's identity to the Issuer, the Information and Tabulation Agent, the Trustee, the Registrar, the Principal Paying Agent and their respective legal advisers.

In addition, by submitting a Electronic Voting Instruction as described above, each Noteholder shall be deemed to agree, acknowledge, represent, warrant and undertake, that, in the event the Extraordinary Resolution is passed and beginning at the time that the amendments to the Notes become effective, until the expiry of the period of 40 days thereafter, sales may not be made in the United States or to U.S. persons unless made outside the United States pursuant to Rule 903 and 904 of Regulation S, such agreements, acknowledgements, representations, warranties and undertakings in each case being made to the Issuer and the Information and Tabulation Agent at: (i) the time of submission of such Electronic Voting Instruction; (ii) the Expiration Deadline; and (iii) the time of the Meeting and the time of any adjourned Meeting.

#### General

# Electronic Voting Instructions other than in accordance with the procedures set out in this section will not be accepted

Noteholders may only participate in the Consent Solicitation by way of the submission of valid Electronic Voting Instructions in accordance with the procedures set out in this section "*Procedures for Participating in the Consent Solicitation*". Noteholders should not send Electronic Voting Instructions to the Issuer.

A Noteholder should not make any direct arrangements with or give any form of instructions directly to the Registrar in connection with the Consent Solicitation and/or the Meeting unless the relevant Noteholder wishes to attend or be represented at the Meeting other than pursuant to Electronic Voting Instructions.

#### Appointment of the Information and Tabulation Agent as proxy

By submitting a valid Electronic Voting Instruction, a Noteholder will give instructions for the appointment of the Information and Tabulation Agent as their proxy to vote in the manner specified in its Electronic Voting Instruction in respect of the Extraordinary Resolution at the Meeting and at any adjourned Meeting.

#### Irrevocability

The submission, in accordance with the procedures set out in this section "*Procedures for Participating in the Consent Solicitation*", of an Electronic Voting Instruction will be irrevocable (except in the limited circumstances described in "*Amendment and Termination*").

In the limited circumstances in which their revocation is permitted, Electronic Voting Instructions may be revoked by, or on behalf of, the relevant Noteholder, by submitting a valid electronic revocation instruction that is received by the Information and Tabulation Agent by the relevant deadline in accordance with the procedures of the relevant Clearing System.

#### *Irregularities*

All questions as to the validity, form, eligibility and (in the limited circumstances in which revocation is permitted) valid revocation (including times of receipt) of any Electronic Voting Instruction will be determined by the Issuer in its sole discretion, which determination shall be final and binding.

The Issuer reserves the absolute right to reject any and all Electronic Voting Instructions or revocation instructions not in proper form or the acceptance of which would, in the opinion of the Issuer and its legal advisers, be unlawful. The Issuer also reserves the absolute right to waive any defects, irregularities or delay in the submission of any or all Electronic Voting Instructions or revocation instructions. The Issuer also reserves the absolute right to waive any such defect, irregularity or delay in respect of a particular Electronic Voting Instruction whether or not the Issuer elects to waive similar defects, irregularities or any delay in respect of other Notes.

Any defect, irregularity or delay must be cured within such time as the Issuer determines, unless waived by it. Electronic Voting Instructions will be deemed not to have been made until such defects, irregularities or delays have been cured or waived. None of the Issuer, the Information and Tabulation Agent, the Trustee, the Registrar and the Principal Paying Agent shall be under any duty to give notice to a Noteholder of any defects, irregularities or delays in any Electronic Voting Instruction or revocation instruction, nor shall any of them incur any liability for failure to give such notice.

# AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION

#### **Amendment and Termination**

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Consent Solicitation, the Issuer may, subject to applicable laws and the Meeting Provisions, at its option and in its sole discretion at any time before the Expiration Deadline (or, where there is an adjourned Meeting, 48 hours before the time set for any such adjourned Meeting):

- (a) extend the Expiration Deadline in respect of the Consent Solicitation for any purpose (in which case all references to the "**Expiration Deadline**" in this Consent Solicitation Memorandum are, in respect of such Consent Solicitation, to the Expiration Deadline for the Consent Solicitation as it may be extended);
- (b) terminate the Consent Solicitation at any time (including with respect to Electronic Voting Instructions submitted in respect of the Consent Solicitation before the time of such termination) and not implement the Proposals pursuant to the Consent Solicitation; and
- (c) otherwise amend or modify at any time the terms of the Consent Solicitation (other than the terms of the Extraordinary Resolution) in any respect (including, but not limited to, by waiving, where possible, any conditions to completion of the Consent Solicitation).

The Issuer will promptly give oral or written notice (with any oral notice to be promptly confirmed in writing) of any extension, amendment, termination or waiver to the Information and Tabulation Agent, followed by an announcement thereof as promptly as practicable, to the extent required by this Consent Solicitation Memorandum or by law. See "*Further Terms of the Consent Solicitations - Announcements*".

In the event the Consent Solicitation is terminated, if not already held, the Meeting will still be held and, as specified in the paragraph below, the Extraordinary Resolution will still be considered and voted on at the Meeting. However, notwithstanding the irrevocability of all Electronic Voting Instructions, on such termination of the Consent Solicitation, all Electronic Voting Instructions relating to the Consent Solicitation will be deemed to be revoked automatically.

In the event the Consent Solicitation is terminated, all Notes in respect of which Electronic Voting Instructions had been submitted prior to the time of such termination will be unblocked promptly in the relevant account in the Clearing Systems.

# **Revocation Rights**

(A) If the Issuer amends the Consent Solicitation (other than the terms of the Extraordinary Resolution, which may not be amended) in any way (including by way of the making of any announcement, or the issue of any supplement or other form of update to this Consent Solicitation Memorandum, in which any material development is disclosed) that, in the opinion of the Issuer (in consultation with the Trustee), is materially prejudicial to the interests of Noteholders that have already submitted Electronic Voting Instructions in respect of the Consent Solicitation before the announcement of such amendment (which announcement shall include a statement that, in the opinion of the Issuer, such amendment is materially prejudicial to such Noteholders), (subject to no such materially prejudicial amendment being permissible at any time after 10.00 a.m. (London Time) on the second Business Day immediately preceding the Expiration Deadline), then such Electronic Voting Instructions may be revoked at any time from the date and time of such announcement (subject to the earlier deadlines required by the Clearing Systems and any intermediary or Direct Participants through which Noteholders hold their Notes).

For the avoidance of doubt, any extension of the Consent Solicitation (or any deadline thereof) in accordance with the terms of the Consent Solicitation as described in this section "*Amendment and Termination*" (whether or not in connection with the convening of an adjourned Meeting) shall not be considered to be so materially prejudicial.

Noteholders wishing to exercise any such rights of revocation should do so in accordance with the procedures set out in "*Procedures for Participating in the Consent Solicitation*". Beneficial owners of Notes that are held through an intermediary are advised to check with such entity when it would require to receive instructions to revoke an Electronic Voting Instruction in order to meet the above deadlines. For the avoidance of doubt, any Noteholder who does not exercise any such right of revocation in the circumstances and in the manner specified above shall be deemed to have waived such right of revocation and its original Electronic Voting Instruction will remain effective. The exercise of any such right of revocation in respect of an Electronic Voting Instruction will be effective for the purposes of revoking the instruction given by the relevant Noteholder for the appointment of the Information and Tabulation Agent by the Registrar as the relevant proxy to vote at the Meeting on such Noteholder's behalf only if a valid revocation instruction is received by the Information and Tabulation Agent no later than the Expiration Deadline or (if applicable) 48 hours before the adjourned Meeting.

# INFORMATION AND TABULATION AGENT

The Issuer has retained Idexis Limited to act as Information and Tabulation Agent for the Consent Solicitation.

The Information and Tabulation Agent will assist Noteholders that require assistance in connection with the Consent Solicitation. The Issuer has entered into an engagement letter with the Information and Tabulation Agent which contains certain provisions regarding payment of fees, expenses, reimbursements and indemnity arrangements relating to the Consent Solicitation.

The Information and Tabulation Agent is not acting through a U.S. broker-dealer affiliate and, accordingly, will not discuss the Consent Solicitation with any Noteholder who is unable to confirm it is not located or resident in the United States.

The Information and Tabulation Agent is the agent of the Issuer and owes no duty to any Noteholder.

The Information and Tabulation Agent, and its respective affiliates, may contact Noteholders regarding the Consent Solicitation and may request brokerage houses, custodians, nominees, fiduciaries and others to forward this Consent Solicitation Memorandum, the Notice and related materials to beneficial owners of the Notes.

Neither the Information and Tabulation Agent nor any of its respective directors, employees and affiliates assumes any responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of the information concerning the Consent Solicitation, the Extraordinary Resolution, the Issuer or any of its affiliates or the Notes in this Consent Solicitation Memorandum or for any failure by any of them to disclose events that may have occurred and may affect the significance or accuracy of such information and the terms of any amendment to the Consent Solicitation.

None of the Issuer, the Information and Tabulation Agent or any director, officer, employee, agent or affiliate of any such person is acting for any Noteholder, or will be responsible to any Noteholder for providing any protections which would be afforded to its clients or for providing advice in relation to the Consent Solicitation or the Extraordinary Resolution, and accordingly none of the Issuer, the Information and Tabulation Agent or any director, officer, employee, agent or affiliate of any such person, makes any recommendation whether Noteholders should participate in the Consent Solicitation or otherwise participate at the Meeting and neither the Information and Tabulation Agent nor any director, officer, employee, agent or affiliate of such person, makes any representation whatsoever regarding the Consent Solicitation or the Proposals.

# ANNEX FORM OF NOTICE OF MEETING

THIS NOTICE IS IMPORTANT AND REQUIRES THE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF NOTEHOLDERS. IF NOTEHOLDERS ARE IN ANY DOUBT AS TO THE ACTION THEY SHOULD TAKE, THEY SHOULD SEEK THEIR OWN FINANCIAL AND LEGAL ADVICE, INCLUDING IN RESPECT OF ANY TAX CONSEQUENCES, IMMEDIATELY FROM THEIR BROKER, BANK MANAGER, SOLICITOR, ACCOUNTANT OR OTHER INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL, TAX OR LEGAL ADVISER.

# **Sound Energy plc**

(incorporated under the laws of England and Wales)

(the "Issuer")

# NOTICE OF MEETING

### to eligible holders of its outstanding EUR 28,800,000 5.0 per cent. Senior Secured Notes due 2021 (XS1434582885) (the ''Notes'')

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a meeting (the "**Meeting**") of the holders of the Notes (the "**Noteholders**") convened by the Issuer will be held at the offices of Fieldfisher LLP at Riverbank House, 2 Swan Lane, London, EC4R 3TT on 14 April 2021 (the "**Meeting Date**"), access to which for Noteholders that wish to attend in person or appoint a proxy (other than the Information and Tabulation Agent or the Registrar) will be granted only via a bluejeans video conference meeting ID to be provided by Fieldfisher LLP upon request, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the resolutions set out below, which will be proposed as an Extraordinary Resolution at the Meeting in accordance with the provisions of the conditions and the trust deed dated 21 June 2016, as amended and/or supplemented from time to time (the "**Trust Deed**"), made between the Issuer and BNY Mellon Corporate Trustee Services Limited as trustee (the "**Trustee**").

The Meeting will commence at 10.00 a.m. (London time) on the Meeting Date.

Unless the context otherwise requires, capitalised terms used but not defined in this Notice shall have the meaning given in the Trust Deed, the terms and conditions of the Notes (the "**Conditions**") or the Extraordinary Resolution, as applicable.

# EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTION IN RESPECT OF THE EUR 28,800,000 5.0 PER CENT. SENIOR SECURED NOTES DUE 2021 (ISIN: XS1614175567)

"THAT this Meeting of the holders (together, the "**Noteholders**") of the presently outstanding EUR 28,800,000 5.0 per cent. Senior Secured Notes due 2021 (the "**Notes**") of Sound Energy plc (the "**Issuer**"), issued with the benefit of a trust deed dated 21 June 2016 (the "**Trust Deed**") and made between the Issuer and BNY Mellon Corporate Trustee Services Limited as trustee (the "**Trustee**"):

assents to, and sanctions, and directs and empowers the Trustee to agree to, the following modifications of clause 2.2 (*Covenant to pay*), clause 6.1 (*Order of payment*), the first paragraph of the preamble to the Conditions, Condition 5.1 (*Interest Rate and Interest Payment Dates*), Condition 7.1 (*Redemption at Maturity*) and Condition 10 (*Events of Default*) and the inclusion of a new Condition 5.4 (*Conversion to shares*), Condition 5.5 (*Amortisation payments*) and Condition 7.2A (*Special redemption at the Option of the Issuer*), together with the definition of "Notes" as set out in the Trust Deed by way of a supplemental trust deed which, subject to the terms hereof, will be entered into by the Issuer and the Trustee (the "Supplemental Trust Deed"):

The first paragraph of clause 2.2 (*Covenant to pay*) is replaced in its entirety as follows:

"The Issuer covenants with the Trustee that it shall on any date when any Notes become due to be redeemed, unconditionally pay or procure to be paid to or to the order of the Trustee in euro in same day immediately available, freely transferable and cleared funds the principal amount of the Notes becoming

due for redemption on that date, together with the Deferred Interest (as defined in the Conditions), and that it shall (subject to the Conditions), until such payment (both before and after judgment or other order of a court of competent jurisdiction), unconditionally so pay or procure to be paid to or to the order of the

Trustee (and, unless otherwise instructed by the Trustee, shall make such payment to the Principal Paying Agent) interest (which shall accrue from day to day) on the principal amount of the Notes outstanding as set out in the Conditions, provided that:"

Paragraph (c) of clause 6.1 (Order of payment) is replaced in its entirety as follows:

"(c) *thirdly*, in or towards payment *pari passu* and rateably of all arrears of amounts corresponding to principal and interest, together with the Deferred Interest (as defined in the Conditions) remaining unpaid in respect of the Notes; and"

The first paragraph of the preamble to the Conditions is replaced in its entirety as follows:

"The EUR 28,800,000 5.0 per cent. Notes due 21 December 2027 (the "**Notes**", which expression shall in these Conditions, unless the context otherwise requires, include any further notes issued pursuant to Condition 15 and forming a single series with the Notes) of Sound Energy plc (the "**Issuer**") are constituted by and subject to, and with the benefit of, a Trust Deed dated 21 June 2016 (the "**Trust Deed**") between the Issuer and BNY Mellon Corporate Trustee Services Limited (the "**Trustee**") as trustee for the holders of the Notes (the "**Noteholders**") issued subject to and with the benefit of an Agency Agreement dated 21 June 2016 (such agreement as amended and/or supplemented and/or restated from time to time, the "**Agency Agreement**") made between the Issuer, the Trustee, The Bank of New York Mellon (Luxembourg) S.A. as registrar (the "**Registrar**"), The Bank of New York Mellon, London Branch as principal paying agent (the "**Principal Paying Agent**") and the other initial paying agents named in the Agency Agreement (together with the Principal Paying Agent, the "**Paying Agents**") and the other agents named therein (together with the Registrar and the other Paying Agents, the "**Agents**")."

Condition 5.1 (Interest Rate and Interest Payment Dates) is replaced in its entirety as follows:

"The Notes bear interest from and including 21 June 2016 (the "**Issue Date**") at the rate of (i) 5.0 per cent. per annum with respect to the Interest Periods beginning on 21 June 2016 and ending on (but excluding) 21 June 2021; and (ii) 5.0 per cent. per annum with respect to the Interest Periods beginning on 21 June 2021 and ending on (but excluding) 21 December 2027, of which 40.0 per cent. will be payable quarterly in arrears on 21 March, 21 June, 21 September and 21 December, in each year (each an "**Interest Payment Date**"), beginning on 21 June 2021, and 60.0 per cent. shall be rolled-up (the "**Deferred Interest**") and payable on the redemption of the Notes, subject as provided in Condition 6 (*Payments*). The accrued Deferred Interest shall not accrue interest, be included in any calculations for the purposes of this Condition 5.1 (*Interest Rate and Interest Payment Dates*) or Condition 5.5 (*Amortisation payments*) or be added to the principal amount of the Notes. Each period beginning on (and including) the Issue Date or any Interest Payment Date and ending on (but excluding) the next Interest Payment Date is herein called an "**Interest Period**")."

A new Condition 5.4 (Conversion to shares) shall be inserted as follows:

On [*the Implementation Date2*], a principal amount of 3,479,999.44 of the Notes on a pro-rata basis will be converted into a total of 141,176,448 Ordinary Shares applying an exchange rate of £1 to 1.16 Ordinary Shares and issued at a conversion price of 2.125 pence per Ordinary Share so that each 100,000 principal amount of Notes will be converted into 490,196 Ordinary Shares and the principal amount outstanding of such Notes after the [*the Implementation Date*] will be 25,320,000.56. The Ordinary Shares will be delivered by the Issuer to the relevant Clearing System and by such Clearing System through their CREST account to the relevant Direct Participant as soon as practicable after [*the Implementation Date*]. The delivery of Ordinary Shares by the Issuer to such Clearing System and by such Clearing System to such Direct Participant will discharge the respective obligations of the Issuer and such Clearing System to all eligible Noteholders in respect of the conversion of the relevant Notes

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> "Implementation Date" means the date on which the Issuer and the Trustee will enter into the Supplemental Trust Deed and the Issuer will execute the Warrant Instrument.

to Ordinary Shares. Neither the Trustee nor any of the Agents are responsible for the delivery of Ordinary Shares to any Clearing System, Direct Participant or Noteholder.

IN RESPECT TO THE ORDINARY SHARES ISSUED TO NOTEHOLDERS PURSUANT TO THIS CONDITION 5.4 (*CONVERSION TO SHARES*), 50.0 PER CENT. OF THE ORDINARY SHARES ISSUED TO EACH NOTEHOLDER SHALL NOT BE TRADEABLE FOR A PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS FROM [*THE IMPLEMENTATION DATE*] AND THE OTHER 50.0 PER CENT OF THE ORDINARY SHARES ISSUED TO EACH NOTEHOLDER SHALL NOT BE TRADEABLE FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS FROM [*THE IMPLEMENTATION DATE*]. A FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS TRADING RESTRICTION SHALL BE A BREACH OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NOTES.

"CREST" means Certificateless Registry for Electronic Share Transfer.

"Ordinary Shares" means shares of the Issuer of one penny each, having the rights set out in the Issuer's constitutional documents.

A new Condition 5.5 (Amortisation payments) shall be inserted as follows:

"The Issuer shall repay the principal amount of each of the Notes by instalments as follows:

(a) 5.0 per cent. of the principal amount of the Notes on 21 December 2023; and

(b) from 22 December 2023 until the redemption of the Notes, 5.0 per cent. of the principal amount outstanding of the Notes on 21 June and 5.0 per cent. of the principal amount outstanding of the Notes on 21 December of each year."

Condition 7.1 (Redemption at Maturity) is replaced in its entirety as follows:

"Unless previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled as provided below, the Issuer will redeem the Notes at their principal amount, together with the Deferred Interest, on 21 December 2027."

Condition 7.2A (Special Redemption at the Option of the Issuer) shall be added as follows:

"The Issuer may, at any time for the period from [*the Implementation Date*] up to and including 21 December 2024, having given:

(a) not less than 15 nor more than 30 days' notice to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 12 (Notices); and

(b) not less than seven days before the giving of the notice referred to in (a) above notice to the Trustee and to the Principal Paying Agent;

(which notices shall be irrevocable and shall specify the date fixed for redemption), redeem the Notes in whole in an amount equal to 70 per cent. of their principal amount outstanding and all of the Deferred Interest, together with interest accrued to the date of redemption. Upon the expiry of any such notice, the Issuer shall be bound to redeem the Notes to which the notice refers in accordance with the terms of this Condition.

The Issuer shall cancel any Notes redeemed and shall not reissue them."

The first paragraph of Condition 10 (Events of Default) is replaced in its entirety as follows:

"The Trustee at its discretion may, and if so requested in writing by the holders of at least 25 per cent. in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding or if so directed by an Extraordinary Resolution shall, (subject in each case to being indemnified and/or secured and/or prefunded to its satisfaction), give written notice to the Issuer that the Notes are, and they shall accordingly become, immediately due and payable at their principal amount, together with interest, if any, accrued to but excluding the date of repayment as provided in the Trust Deed and any Deferred Interest, if any of the following events ("**Events of Default**") shall have occurred and be continuing:"

The definition of "Notes" in the Trust Deed is replaced in its entirety as follows:

""Notes" means the notes in registered form, without interest coupons attached, comprising the said EUR 28,800,000 5.0 per cent. Senior Secured Notes due 2027 of the Issuer constituted by this Trust Deed and for the time being outstanding or, as the context may require, a specific number of them and includes any further Notes issued pursuant to Condition 15 (*Further Issues*) and replacement Notes issued pursuant to Condition 11 (*Replacement of Certificates*) and (except for the purposes of Clause 3.1 (*The Global Certificates*)) the Global Certificate;"

- 2. assents to the execution by the Issuer of the Warrant Instrument;
- 3. authorises, directs, requests and empowers the Issuer and the Trustee to execute, deliver (if applicable) and to do all such other deeds, instruments, acts and things as may be necessary, desirable or expedient in their sole opinion to carry out and to give effect to this Extraordinary Resolution and the implementation of the modifications and arrangements referred to in this Extraordinary Resolution, including but not limited to making any consequential amendments necessary or desirable to any document in respect of the Notes or terminate any such document, agreement or arrangement to provide for such modifications and arrangements;
- 4. sanctions every abrogation, modification, amendment, compromise or arrangement in respect of the rights of the Noteholders appertaining to the Notes against the Issuer, whether or not such rights arise under the Conditions, the Trust Deed, the Agency Agreement or the global certificate relating to the Notes or otherwise, in each case involved in, resulting from or to be effected by the amendments to clause 2.2 (*Covenant to pay*), clause 6.1 (*Order of payment*), the first paragraph of the preamble to the Conditions, Condition 5.1 (*Interest Rate and Interest Payment Dates*), Condition 7.1 (*Redemption at Maturity*) and Condition 10 (*Events of Default*) and the inclusion of a new Condition 5.4 (*Conversion to shares*), Condition 5.5 (*Amortisation payments*) and Condition 7.2A (*Special redemption at the Option of the Issuer*), together with the definition of "Notes" in the Trust Deed as set out in paragraphs 1 and 3 of this Extraordinary Resolution;
- 5. discharges and exonerates the Trustee from any and all liability for which it may have become or may become liable under the Trust Deed or otherwise in respect of any act or omission including, without limitation, in connection with this Extraordinary Resolution or its implementation and any act or omission taken in connection with this Extraordinary Resolution or its implementation;
- 6. agrees and undertakes fully and effectively to indemnify and hold harmless the Trustee from and against all liability which may be suffered or incurred by the Trustee as a result of any claims, actions, demands or proceedings brought or established (including legal fees) which the Trustee may suffer or incur which in any case arise as a result of the Trustee acting in accordance with this Extraordinary Resolution and the Trust Deed;
- 7. waives irrevocably any claim Noteholders may have against the Trustee as a result of any liability they may suffer or incur as a result of acting upon this Extraordinary Resolution (including but not limited to circumstances where it is subsequently found that this Extraordinary Resolution is not valid or binding);
- 8. confirms that the Noteholders have formed their own view in relation to the actions contemplated under the Supplemental Trust Deed and the Warrant Instrument without any reliance on the Trustee; and
- 9. acknowledges that the following terms, as used in this Extraordinary Resolution, shall have the meanings given below:

"Conditions" means the terms and conditions of the Notes;

"**Consent Solicitation**" means the invitation by the Issuer to all Noteholders to consent to this Extraordinary Resolution;

"**Consent Solicitation Memorandum**" means the consent solicitation memorandum dated 30 March 2021 prepared by the Issuer in relation to, among other things, the Consent Solicitation; and

"**Warrant Instrument**" means the warrant agreement or instrument of the Issuer in the form available for distribution to the Noteholders.

#### **DETAILS OF THE PROPOSALS**

If the Proposals are approved by the Noteholders, (i) the proposed amendments to clause 2.2 (*Covenant to pay*), clause 6.1 (*Order of payment*), the first paragraph of the preamble to the terms and conditions of the Notes (the "**Conditions**"), Condition 5.1 (*Interest Rate and Interest Payment Dates*), Condition 7.1 (*Redemption at Maturity*) and Condition 10 (*Events of Default*) and the inclusion of a new Condition 5.4 (*Conversion to shares*), Condition 5.5 (*Amortisation payments*) and Condition 7.2A (*Special redemption at the Option of the Issuer*), together with the definition of "Notes" in the Trust Deed; and (ii) the issue of warrants to each Noteholder to subscribe for up to an aggregate amount of 99,999,936 ordinary shares of 1 penny each (the "**Ordinary Shares**") of the Issuer as more particularly described in the section entitled "*Consent Solicitation-Proposals-Issue of Warrants*" (the "**Warrants**") will take effect on the Implementation Date being the date on which the Issuer and the Trustee will enter into the Supplemental Trust Deed and the Issuer will execute the Warrant Instrument.

Amendments to clause 2.2 (Covenant to pay), clause 6.1 (Order of payment), the first paragraph of the preamble to the Conditions, Condition 5.1 (Interest Rate and Interest Payment Dates), Condition 7.1 (Redemption at Maturity) and Condition 10 (Events of Default) and the inclusion of a new Condition 5.4 (Conversion to shares), Condition 5.5 (Amortisation payments) and Condition 7.2A (Special redemption at the Option of the Issuer), together with the definition of "Notes" in the Trust Deed

It is proposed that clause 2.2 (Covenant to pay), clause 6.1 (Order of payment), the first paragraph of the preamble to the Conditions, Condition 5.1 (Interest Rate and Interest Payment Dates), Condition 7.1 (Redemption at Maturity) and Condition 10 (Events of Default) and the inclusion of a new Condition 5.4 (Conversion to shares), Condition 5.5 (Amortisation payments) and Condition 7.2A (Special redemption at the Option of the Issuer), together with the definition of "Notes" in the Trust Deed be amended by the Supplemental Trust Deed in order to make the amendments set out in the Extraordinary Resolution. The proposed amendments to clause 2.2 (Covenant to pay), clause 6.1 (Order of payment), the first paragraph of the preamble to the Conditions, Condition 5.1 (Interest Rate and Interest Payment Dates), Condition 7.1 (Redemption at Maturity) and Condition 10 (Events of Default) and the inclusion of a new Condition 5.4 (Conversion to shares), Condition 5.5 (Amortisation payments) and Condition 7.2A (Special redemption at the Option of the Issuer), together with the definition of "Notes" in the Trust Deed are set out under "Consent Solicitation - Amendments to clause 2.2 (Covenant to pay), clause 6.1 (Order of payment), the preamble to the Conditions, Condition 5.1 (Interest Rate and Interest Payment Dates), Condition 7.1 (Redemption at Maturity) and Condition 10 (Events of Default) and the inclusion of a new Condition 5.4 (Conversion to shares), Condition 5.5 (Amortisation payments) and Condition 7.2A (Special redemption at the Option of the Issuer), together with the definition of "Notes" in the Trust Deed" and in the Extraordinary Resolution.

# **Issue of Warrants**

Each Noteholder of record as of the Record Date will be issued with Warrants to subscribe for Ordinary Shares in the Company. 347,222 such Warrants will be issued for each €100,000 of Notes held by a Noteholder of record as of the Record Date. The Warrants will be exercisable for a period up to the 21 December 2027 (the new maturity date of the Notes) and will have an exercise price of 2.75 pence per Ordinary Share. The Warrants will be transferable in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Warrant Instrument. The Warrants will be listed and admitted to trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange.

#### DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION

The following documents (as applicable) are available for distribution: (a) at any time during normal business hours on any weekday (Saturdays, Sundays and bank and other public holidays excepted) prior to and during the Meeting, by emailing the Information and Tabulation Agent at se@idex-is.com; and (b) at the Meeting by emailing Fieldfisher LLP at alex.campbell@fieldfisher.com for 15 minutes before the Meeting:

- the Consent Solicitation Memorandum;
- the Notice;

- the Trust Deed and supplemental trust deed dated 8 January 2018;
- the Agency Agreement; and
- the current draft of the Supplemental Trust Deed.

A final draft of the Warrant Instrument will also be available on request (a) at any time during normal business hours on any weekday (Saturdays, Sundays and bank and other public holidays excepted) for a period of 7 calendar days prior to the Meeting, by emailing the Information and Tabulation Agent at se@idex-is.com; and (b) at the Meeting by emailing Fieldfisher LLP at alex.campbell@fieldfisher.com 15 minutes before the Meeting.

Any revised version of the draft Supplemental Trust Deed or the draft Warrant Instrument will be made available as described above and marked to indicate changes to the previous draft made available and will supersede the previous drafts of the Supplemental Trust Deed or the Warrant Instrument (as applicable) and Noteholders will be deemed to have notice of any such changes.

A Noteholder will be required to produce evidence satisfactory to the Information and Tabulation Agent or Fieldfisher LLP (as applicable) as to its status as a Noteholder (i.e. Euroclears EUCLID or Clearstream, Luxembourg's Creation Online system) and that it is a person to whom the Proposals are being made (pursuant to the offer and distribution restrictions referred to above) or to whom it is lawful to send the documents available for distribution and to make an invitation pursuant to the Proposals under applicable laws before being sent a copy of any document available for distribution.

### CONSENT SOLICITATION

Subject to the offer and distribution restrictions set out in the Consent Solicitation Memorandum, Noteholders may obtain, from the date of this Notice, a copy of the Consent Solicitation Memorandum from the Information and Tabulation Agent, the contact details for whom are set out below. A Noteholder will be required to produce evidence satisfactory to the Information and Tabulation Agent as to its status as a Noteholder and that it is a person to whom the Proposals are being made (pursuant to the offer and distribution restrictions referred to above) or to whom it is lawful to send the Consent Solicitation Memorandum and to make an invitation pursuant to the Proposals under applicable laws before being sent a copy of the Consent Solicitation Memorandum.

# SELLING RESTRICTIONS

If the Extraordinary Resolution is passed and implemented in respect of the Notes, until the expiry of the period of 40 days after the date of the Supplemental Trust Deed and the Warrant Instrument, sales of the Notes may not be made in the United States or to U.S. persons unless made outside the United States pursuant to Rule 903 and 904 of Regulation S.

#### GENERAL

The attention of Noteholders is particularly drawn to the procedures for voting, quorum and other requirements for the passing of the Extraordinary Resolution at the Meeting or any meeting held following any adjournment of the Meeting, which are set out in "Voting and Quorum" below. Having regard to such requirements, Noteholders are strongly urged either to attend the Meeting via a bluejeans video conference meeting ID to be provided by Fieldfisher LLP upon request or to take steps to be represented at the Meeting (including by way of submitting Electronic Voting Instructions) as soon as possible.

In light of the UK Government's response to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Issuer strongly encourages all Noteholders to submit their Electronic Voting Instructions or to make other arrangements to be represented or to vote at the Meeting in accordance with the Meeting Provisions via a bluejeans video conference meeting ID to be provided by Fieldfisher LLP upon request. Noteholders should note that attendance at the physical place of the meeting is not an option.

#### **VOTING AND QUORUM**

Noteholders who have submitted and not revoked (in the limited circumstances in which revocation is permitted) a valid Electronic Voting Instruction in respect of the Extraordinary Resolution by 10.00 a.m. (London Time) on 12 April 2021 (the "Expiration Deadline"), by which they will have given instructions for the appointment of the Information and Tabulation Agent by the Registrar as their proxy under a block voting instruction to vote in favour of or against (as specified in the relevant Electronic Voting Instruction) the Extraordinary Resolution at

the Meeting (or any adjourned Meeting) need take no further action to be represented at the Meeting (or any such adjourned Meeting). Noteholders are advised to read the Consent Solicitation Memorandum for details of the process when submitting Electronic Voting Instructions.

Noteholders who have not submitted or have submitted and subsequently revoked (in the limited circumstances in which such revocation is permitted) an Electronic Voting Instruction in respect of the Extraordinary Resolution should take note of the provisions set out below detailing how such Noteholders can attend or take steps to be represented at the Meeting via a bluejeans video conference meeting ID to be provided by Fieldfisher LLP upon request (references to which, for the purpose of such provisions, include, unless the context otherwise requires, any adjourned Meeting).

- 1. Subject as set out below, the provisions governing the convening and holding of each Meeting are set out in schedule 3 (*Provisions for Noteholder Meetings*) to the Trust Deed, copies of which are available for inspection from the date of this Notice to the conclusion of the Meeting (or any adjourned Meeting) as referred to above. For the purposes of the Meeting, a "**Noteholder**" means a Direct Participant.
- 2. The Notes are represented by a global certificate registered in the name of a nominee of a common depositary for Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg. For the purposes of this Notice, a "**Direct Participant**" means each person who is for the time being shown in the records of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg as the holder of a particular principal amount of the Notes.

A Direct Participant or beneficial owner of Notes wishing to attend the Meeting in person via a bluejeans video conference meeting ID to be provided by Fieldfisher LLP upon request must produce (i) at the time of requesting the aforementioned bluejeans video conference meeting ID; and (ii) at the Meeting, a valid voting certificate issued by the Registrar relating to the Notes in respect of which it wishes to vote. Requests for a bluejeans video conference meeting ID can be made by emailing Fieldfisher LLP at alex.campbell@fieldfisher.com. Noteholders should note that attendance at the physical place of the meeting is not an option.

A Direct Participant or beneficial owner of the Notes not wishing to attend and vote at the relevant Meeting in person via a bluejeans video conference meeting ID may either appoint as a proxy the person that it wishes to attend on its behalf via a bluejeans video conference meeting ID to be provided by Fieldfisher LLP upon request or the Direct Participant may (or the beneficial owner of the Notes may arrange for the relevant Direct Participant on its behalf to) give a voting instruction (by giving voting and blocking instructions to Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg (a "Euroclear/Clearstream Instruction") in accordance with the procedures of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as applicable) requiring the Registrar to include the votes attributable to its Notes in a block voting instruction issued by the Registrar for the Meeting or any adjourned Meeting, in which case the Registrar shall appoint the Information and Tabulation Agent as proxy to attend and vote at such Meeting in accordance with such Direct Participant or beneficial owner's instructions. A proxy (other than the Information and Tabulation Agent) wishing to attend the Meeting in person via a bluejeans video conference meeting ID to be provided by Fieldfisher LLP upon request must produce (i) at the time of requesting the aforementioned bluejeans video conference meeting ID; and (ii) at the Meeting, a valid form of proxy issued by the Registrar relating to the Notes in respect of which it wishes to vote. Requests for a bluejeans video conference meeting ID can be made by emailing Fieldfisher LLP at alex.campbell@fieldfisher.com. Noteholders should note that attendance at the physical place of the meeting is not an option.

A Direct Participant must request the relevant clearing system to block the relevant Notes in its account not later than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the Meeting in order to obtain voting certificates, appoint a proxy or give voting instructions in respect of the Meeting. In the case of Euroclear/Clearstream Instructions, such blocking instructions are part of the electronic instructions that must be given. Notes so blocked will not be released until the earlier of:

- (a) the conclusion of the Meeting (or, if applicable, any adjourned Meeting); and
- (b)
- (i) in respect of voting certificate(s) or forms of proxy, not less than 48 hours before the time for which the Meeting (or, if applicable, any adjourned Meeting) is convened, the surrender to the Registrar of such voting certificate(s) or forms of proxy and notification

by the Registrar to the relevant clearing system of such surrender or the compliance in such any other manner with the rules of the relevant clearing system relating to such surrender; or

(ii) in respect of block voting instructions, not less than 48 hours before the time for which the Meeting (or, if applicable, any adjourned Meeting) is convened, the notification in writing of any revocation of a Direct Participant's previous instructions to the Registrar, in which case such Notes shall, in accordance with the procedures of the relevant clearing system and with the agreement of the Registrar, cease to be held to its order or under its control.

Noteholders should note that voting instructions (unless validly revoked) given and voting certificates obtained or forms of proxy or block voting instructions issued in respect of the Meeting shall remain valid for any adjourned Meeting.

3. Quorum for Meeting

The quorum required to pass the Extraordinary Resolution is one or more persons present holding or representing not less than 75% of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes (such quorum being a "**Reserved Matter**" as defined in the Conditions).

- 4. If a quorum is not present within half an hour after the time appointed for the Meeting, the Meeting will be adjourned for: (i) not less than 13 clear days and not more than 42 clear days, and in each case at a place appointed by the Chairman and the Extraordinary Resolution will be considered at such adjourned Meeting (notice of which will be given to the Noteholders in accordance with the Conditions and the Trust Deed). At the adjourned Meeting, one or more persons present and holding or representing not less than 25 per cent of the aggregate principal amount outstanding of the Notes will form a quorum. Notice of any adjourned Meeting shall be given in the same manner as notice of the original Meeting, save that ten clear days' notice (exclusive of the day on which the notice is given and of the day on which the Meeting is to be resumed), shall be sufficient and such notice shall contain the quorum requirements which will apply when the Meeting resumes.
- 5. Every question submitted to the Meeting shall be decided in the first instance by a show of hands. In case of equality of votes the Chairman shall have a casting vote. Unless a poll is (before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands) demanded by the chairman, the Issuer, the Trustee or any Noteholder (whatever the principal amount of the Notes so held or represented by him), a declaration by the chairman that a resolution has been carried or carried by a particular majority or lost or not carried by a particular majority shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against the Extraordinary Resolution.

At the Meeting: (i) on a show of hands every Noteholder who (being an individual) is present in person or (being a corporation) is present by a representative or is a proxy shall have one vote; and (ii) on a poll every Noteholder who is so present in person or by proxy shall have one vote in respect of each EUR 100,000 or such other amount as the Trustee may in its absolute discretion stipulate, in principal amount of the Notes held or represented by such Noteholder.

- 6. To be passed at the Meeting, the Extraordinary Resolution requires a majority in favour consisting of not less than three-quarters of the votes cast. If passed, the Extraordinary Resolution will be binding on all Noteholders, whether or not present at the Meeting and whether or not voting.
- 7. The Issuer shall give notice of the passing of the Extraordinary Resolution to Noteholders within 14 days but failure to do so shall not invalidate the Extraordinary Resolution.

This Notice is given by Sound Energy plc. Noteholders should contact the following for further information:

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The Information and Tabulation Agent is not acting through a U.S. broker-dealer affiliate and, accordingly, will not discuss the Consent Solicitation or the contents of this Notice with any Noteholder who is unable to confirm it is not located or resident in the United States.

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