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**Playtech plc**

**("Playtech" or "the Company")**

**Statement re: media speculation**

Playtech notes the recent media speculation in relation to a possible offer for the Company. The Board of Directors of Playtech (the "Board") confirms that on 21 October 2021 the Company received a preliminary approach from Gopher Investments ("Gopher") seeking access to certain due diligence information, in order to explore terms on which a possible offer for all of the issued and to be issued share capital of Playtech might be made. Consistent with its fiduciary duties, and in accordance with Rule 21.3 of the Code, the Board further confirms that Gopher has been provided access to due diligence information for this purpose. Discussions with Gopher are at an early stage and ongoing. As such, there can be no certainty that Gopher's approach will result in an offer for the Company, nor as to the terms on which any offer might be made.

On 17 October 2021, Playtech and Aristocrat (UK) Holdings Limited, a company formed on behalf of Aristocrat Leisure Limited ("Aristocrat"), announced under Rule 2.7 of the Code that an agreement had been reached on terms pursuant to which Aristocrat will acquire the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Playtech for 680p per share in cash, subject to the satisfaction of customary and other conditions, including shareholder approval of the sale of Finalto. A further announcement will be made in due course to update on timing of the Aristocrat offer.

This announcement is being made under Rule 2.4 of the Code and does not comprise, and should not be construed as, an announcement by Gopher of a firm intention to make an offer under Rule 2.7 of the Code.

In accordance with Paragraph 4(c) of Appendix 7 of the Code, the Panel will announce the deadline by which Gopher must clarify its intentions in relation to Playtech.

This announcement has been made without the prior consent of Gopher or Aristocrat.

A further announcement will be made as and when appropriate.

The persons responsible for making this announcement are Chris McGinnis, Director of Investor Relations & Strategic Analysis, and James Newman, Director of Corporate Affairs.

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In accordance with Rule 2.9 of the Code, the Company confirms that as at close of business on 5 November 2021 (being the business day prior to the date of this announcement), its issued share capital consisted of 306,356,693 ordinary shares of no par value. This figure excludes 2,937,550 ordinary shares that are held in treasury. The International Securities Identification Number (ISIN) of the ordinary shares is IM00B7S9G985.

**Disclosure Requirements of the Code**

Under Rule 8.3(a) of the Code, any person who is interested in 1% or more of any class of relevant securities of an offeree company or of any securities exchange offeror (being any offeror other than an offeror in respect of which it has been announced that its offer is, or is likely to be, solely in cash) must make an Opening Position Disclosure following the commencement of the offer period and, if later, following the announcement in which any securities exchange offeror is first identified. An Opening Position Disclosure must contain details of the person's interests and short positions in, and rights to subscribe for, any relevant securities of each of (i) the offeree company and (ii) any securities exchange offeror(s). An Opening Position Disclosure by a person to whom Rule 8.3(a) of the Code applies must be made by no later than 3.30 pm (London time) on the 10th business day following the commencement of the offer period and, if appropriate, by no later than 3.30 pm (London time) on the 10th business day following the announcement in which any securities exchange offeror is first identified. Relevant persons who deal in the relevant securities of the offeree company or of a securities exchange offeror prior to the deadline for making an Opening Position Disclosure must instead make a Dealing Disclosure.

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Rule 8 of the Code. A Dealing Disclosure by a person to whom Rule 8.3(b) of the Code applies must be made by no later than 3.30 pm (London time) on the business day following the date of the relevant dealing.

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

Opening Position Disclosures must also be made by the offeree company and by any offeror and Dealing Disclosures must also be made by the offeree company, by any offeror and by any persons acting in concert with any of them (see Rules 8.1, 8.2 and 8.4 of the Code).

Details of the offeree and offeror companies in respect of whose relevant securities Opening Position Disclosures and Dealing Disclosures must be made can be found in the Disclosure Table on the Takeover Panel's website at [www.thetakeoverpanel.org.uk](http://www.thetakeoverpanel.org.uk), including details of the number of relevant securities in issue, when the offer period commenced and when any offeror was first identified. You should contact the Panel's Market Surveillance Unit on +44 (0)207 638 0129 if you are in any doubt as to whether you are required to make an Opening Position Disclosure or a Dealing Disclosure.

**Publication of this Announcement**

In accordance with Rule 26.1 of the Code, a copy of this announcement will be made available on the Company's website ([www.playtech.com](http://www.playtech.com)) by no later than 12 noon (London time) on 8 November 2021. The content of the website referred to in this announcement is not incorporated into and does not form part of this announcement.

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