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**10 November 2020**

**RECOMMENDED CASH AND SHARE ACQUISITION**

**of**

**CODEMASTERS GROUP HOLDINGS PLC (“CODEMASTERS”)**

**by**

**TAKE-TWO INTERACTIVE SOFTWARE, INC. (“TAKE-TWO”)**

**to be effected by means of a Scheme of Arrangement  
under Part 26 of the Companies Act 2006**

**Summary**

- The board of directors of Codemasters and the board of directors of Take-Two are pleased to announce that they have reached agreement on the terms of a recommended cash and shares offer to be made by Take-Two for the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Codemasters (the “**Acquisition**”). It is intended that the Acquisition is to be effected by means of a court-sanctioned scheme of arrangement under Part 26 of the Companies Act (or, if Take-Two elects, with the consent of the Panel, a takeover offer under Part 28 of the Companies Act).

- Under the terms of the Acquisition, Codemasters Shareholders will be entitled to receive:

**for each Codemasters Share held:                      120 pence in cash**

**and**

**0.02834 New Take-Two Shares**

- Based on Take-Two’s closing share price of US\$168.68 and the exchange rate of US\$1.31:£1 on 5 November 2020 (being the day prior to media speculation of Take-Two’s possible interest in an offer for Codemasters (the “**Pre-Announcement Date**”)), the terms of the Acquisition value each Codemasters Share at 485 pence per share and the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Codemasters at approximately £759 million (US\$994 million) on a fully diluted basis. Based on Take-Two’s closing share price of US\$159.99 and the exchange rate of US\$1.32:£1 on 9 November 2020 (being the last Business Day prior to the date of this announcement (the “**Latest Practicable Date**”)) the terms of the Acquisition value each Codemasters Share at 464 pence per share and the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Codemasters at approximately £726 million (US\$956 million) on a fully diluted basis.

- As at the Pre-Announcement Date, the terms of the Acquisition represent:
  - a premium of approximately 38.6 per cent. to the closing share price per Codemasters Share of 350 pence on 22 September 2020, being the date of Take-Two's initial proposal to Codemasters;
  - a premium of approximately 25.1 per cent. to the volume weighted average price per Codemasters Share of 388 pence in the 90 days ending on the Pre-Announcement Date;
  - a premium of approximately 33.7 per cent. to the volume weighted average price per Codemasters Share of 363 pence in the 180 days ending on the Pre-Announcement Date;
  - a premium of approximately 11.5 per cent. to the closing share price per Codemasters Share of 435 pence on the Pre-Announcement Date; and
  - an enterprise value multiple of approximately 40.5 times Codemasters' adjusted EBITDA for the 12 months ending 31 March 2020.
- Take-Two is a leading developer, publisher, and marketer of interactive entertainment for consumers around the world. Through its labels, Rockstar Games, 2K, Private Division, and Social Point, Take-Two develops and publishes a diverse portfolio of industry-leading interactive entertainment products, including *Grand Theft Auto*, *Red Dead Redemption*, and *NBA 2K*. Take-Two is listed on NASDAQ with a market capitalisation of approximately US\$18.4 billion (£14.0 billion) (as at the Latest Practicable Date). Further information in relation to Take-Two is set out in paragraph 8 of this Announcement.
- Take-Two believes that the combination of Take-Two and Codemasters would bring together two world-class interactive entertainment portfolios, with a highly complementary fit between Take-Two's 2K label and Codemasters. Take-Two believes that it can bring benefits to Codemasters' performance by leveraging Take-Two's global distribution and marketing infrastructure, together with Take-Two's core operating expertise in live operations, analytics, product development, and brand and performance marketing.
- The Take-Two Board believes there is a compelling strategic and financial rationale for the Acquisition because it:
  - creates a global leader in interactive entertainment publishing through the combination of Take-Two and Codemasters' complementary and critically-acclaimed sports and racing franchises and world-class creative teams;
  - enhances diversity and revenue visibility of the Take-Two IP portfolio through the addition of Codemasters' regular title release cadence and high-quality racing titles;
  - delivers compelling financial benefits for the Enlarged Group – growth, earnings and operating margin accretive; and
  - provides enhanced revenue opportunity and cost synergy potential.
- The combination is expected to be accretive to Take-Two's pro forma adjusted net income per share (excluding Take-Two's customary adjustments used by its management and the Take-Two Board to adjust Take-Two's US GAAP financial results) from the first full Fiscal Year following completion of the Acquisition. This is anticipated to be the Fiscal Year ending 31 March 2022.

- Frank Sagnier, Chief Executive Officer of Codemasters, and Rashid Varachia, Chief Financial Officer of Codemasters, along with the senior executive management team of Codemasters intend to remain with Codemasters following completion of the Acquisition and will continue to lead the Codemasters business within Take-Two's organisation and its 2K label.
- **The Codemasters Directors, who have been so advised by Jefferies as to the financial terms of the Acquisition, consider the terms of the Acquisition to be fair and reasonable. In providing advice to the Codemasters Directors, Jefferies has taken into account the commercial assessment of the Codemasters Directors. Jefferies is providing independent financial advice to the Codemasters Directors for the purposes of Rule 3 of the Code.**
- **Accordingly, the Codemasters Directors intend to recommend unanimously that Codemasters Shareholders vote in favour of the Scheme at the Court Meeting and the resolution to be proposed at the Codemasters General Meeting as the Codemasters Directors who hold, or are otherwise beneficially interested in, Codemasters Shares have irrevocably undertaken to do in respect of the beneficial holdings which are under their control of, in aggregate, 6,614,250 Codemasters Shares and representing approximately 4.34 per cent. of the ordinary share capital of Codemasters in issue on the Latest Practicable Date.**
- It is anticipated that the Acquisition will complete in the first quarter of 2021.

Commenting on the Acquisition, Strauss Zelnick, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Take-Two, said:

*"We are exceedingly pleased to announce this recommended transaction with the Board of Codemasters. Codemasters has a renowned history of creating some of our industry's most beloved and commercially successful racing franchises, and we believe that their offerings will be highly complementary to our sports portfolio and enhance further our organization's long-term growth. Moreover, we look forward to welcoming Codemasters' senior management and development teams into our Take-Two family, and sharing in our vision to deliver the highest quality entertainment experiences and aim to be the most innovative, creative and efficient company in our industry."*

Commenting on the Acquisition, Gerhard Florin, Chairman of Codemasters, said:

*"With a leading position in sports gaming, the Board of Codemasters firmly believes the Company will benefit from Take-Two's broad capabilities which will help propel the long term success of Codemasters. In recommending this Offer to shareholders, the Board of Codemasters believes it is in the best interests of all stakeholders in the Company. Take-Two's offer reflects the great work the management team has done since listing on AIM in 2018 at 200p and delivers an excellent return for shareholders in just two and a half years."*

The Scheme will also be subject to the Conditions and further terms set out in Appendix I to this Announcement and to be set out in the Scheme Document.

Further details of the Scheme, including an indicative timetable for its implementation, will be set out in the Scheme Document, which is expected to be dispatched to Codemasters Shareholders as soon as reasonably practicable and, in any event, within 28 days of the date of this Announcement (unless agreed otherwise with the Panel).

Goldman Sachs International ("**Goldman Sachs International**") is acting as financial adviser to Take-Two and Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP and Harbottle & Lewis LLP are acting as the legal advisers to Take-Two. Axinn, Veltrop & Harkrider LLP and Van Bael & Bellis are acting as antitrust legal advisers to Take-Two.

Jefferies International Limited (“**Jefferies**”) is acting as financial adviser and joint-broker, and Liberum Capital Limited (“**Liberum**”) is acting as nominated adviser and joint-broker to Codemasters, in respect of the Acquisition. Gowling WLG (UK) LLP (as to English law) and Reed Smith LLP (as to US law) are acting as the legal advisers to Codemasters.

*This summary should be read in conjunction with, and is subject to, the full text of this Announcement (including the Appendices). The Acquisition will be subject to the Conditions and further terms set out in Appendix I to this Announcement and to the full terms and conditions which will be set out in the Scheme Document. Appendix II to this Announcement contains the sources of information and bases of calculations of certain information contained in this Announcement, Appendix III contains a summary of the irrevocable undertakings received in relation to the Acquisition, Appendix IV contains the confirmation by the directors of Take-Two in relation to the Take-Two Statement, and Appendix V contains definitions of certain expressions used in this summary and in this Announcement.*

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### **IMPORTANT NOTES**

*Goldman Sachs International, which is authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority in the United Kingdom, is acting exclusively for Take-Two and no one else in connection with the matters referred to in this Announcement and will not be responsible to anyone other than Take-Two for providing the protections afforded to clients of Goldman Sachs International, or for providing advice in connection with the matters referred to in this Announcement.*

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

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*This Announcement is for information purposes only and is not intended to and does not constitute, or form any part of, an offer to sell or subscribe for or any invitation to purchase or subscribe for any securities or the solicitation of any vote or approval in any jurisdiction pursuant to the Acquisition or otherwise. The Acquisition will be made solely pursuant to the terms of the Scheme Document (or, if the Acquisition is to be implemented by way of a Takeover Offer, the offer document) and the accompanying Forms of Proxy, which will contain the full terms and conditions of the Acquisition and the Scheme, including details of how to vote in respect of the Acquisition and the Scheme. Any approval, decision or other response to the Acquisition and/or the Scheme should be made only on the basis of the information in the Scheme Document (or, if the Acquisition is to be implemented by way of a Takeover Offer, the offer document). Scheme Shareholders are strongly advised to read the formal documentation in relation to the Acquisition and the Scheme once it has been dispatched.*

*The Scheme Document (including notices of the Court Meeting and Codemasters General Meeting), together with the relevant Forms of Proxy, will be posted to Codemasters Shareholders as soon as practicable and in any event within 28 days of the date of this Announcement (unless agreed otherwise with the Panel).*

*This Announcement does not constitute a prospectus or prospectus exempted document.*

*This Announcement has been prepared for the purpose of complying with English law, the Code and the AIM Rules and the information disclosed may not be the same as that which would have been disclosed if*

*this Announcement had been prepared in accordance with the laws of jurisdictions outside the United Kingdom.*

*The statements contained in this Announcement are made as at the date of this Announcement, unless some other time is specified in relation to them, and service of this Announcement shall not give rise to any implication that there has been no change in the facts set out in this Announcement since such date.*

*The Acquisition shall be subject to the applicable requirements of the Code, the Panel, the London Stock Exchange, AIM and the Financial Conduct Authority.*

### ***Overseas jurisdictions***

*The release, publication or distribution of this Announcement in, and the availability of the Acquisition to persons who are residents, citizens or nationals of, jurisdictions other than the United Kingdom may be restricted by laws and/or regulations of those jurisdictions. Therefore any persons who are subject to the laws and regulations of any jurisdiction other than the United Kingdom should inform themselves about and observe any applicable requirements in their jurisdiction. Any failure to comply with the applicable requirements may constitute a violation of the laws and/or regulations of any such jurisdiction. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the companies and persons involved in the Acquisition disclaim any responsibility and liability for the violation of such restrictions by any person.*

*In particular, the ability of Overseas Shareholders to vote their Codemasters Shares at the Court Meeting and/or the Codemasters General Meeting, or to execute and deliver Forms of Proxy appointing another to vote their Codemasters Shares in respect of the Court Meeting and/or the Codemasters General Meeting on their behalf, may be affected by the laws of the relevant jurisdiction in which they are located. Copies of this Announcement, the Scheme Document, the accompanying Forms of Proxy and any other formal documentation relating to the Acquisition and the Scheme are not being, and must not be, directly or indirectly, mailed or otherwise forwarded, distributed or sent in or into or from any Restricted Jurisdiction and persons receiving such documents (including custodians, nominees and trustees) must not mail or otherwise forward, distribute or send it in or into or from any Restricted Jurisdiction.*

*Unless otherwise permitted by applicable law and regulation, the Acquisition may not be made, directly or indirectly, in or into, or by the use of mails or any means or instrumentality (including, but not limited to, facsimile, e-mail or other electronic transmission, telex or telephone) of interstate or foreign commerce of, or of any facility of a national, state or other securities exchange of any Restricted Jurisdiction and the Acquisition may not be capable of acceptance by any such use, means, instrumentality or facilities.*

### ***Additional information for US investors***

*The Acquisition relates to the shares of an English incorporated company and is proposed to be made by means of a scheme of arrangement provided for under the laws of England and Wales. A transaction effected by means of a scheme of arrangement is not subject to the proxy solicitation or tender offer rules under the US Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “**Exchange Act**”). Accordingly, the Acquisition will be subject to the disclosure requirements and practices applicable in the United Kingdom and under the Code to schemes of arrangement, which differ from the disclosure requirements and practices of the US proxy solicitation and tender offer rules. Neither the US Securities and Exchange Commission (the “**SEC**”), nor any securities commission of any state of the United States, has approved the Acquisition, passed upon the fairness of the Acquisition or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this Announcement. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offence in the United States.*

*US Codemasters Shareholders are urged to consult with legal, tax and financial advisers in connection with making a decision regarding the Acquisition.*

*Financial information relating to Codemasters included in this Announcement and the Scheme Document has been or shall have been prepared in accordance with accounting standards applicable in the United Kingdom and may not be comparable to financial information of US companies or companies whose financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States.*

*It may be difficult for US holders of Codemasters Shares to enforce their rights and any claims they may have arising under US federal securities laws in connection with the Acquisition, since Codemasters is organised under the laws of a country other than the United States, and some or all of its officers and directors may be residents of countries other than the United States, and most of the assets of Codemasters are located outside of the United States. US holders of Codemasters Shares may not be able to sue a non-US company or its officers or directors in a non-US court for violations of US securities laws. Further, it may be difficult to compel a non-US company and its affiliates to subject themselves to a US court's jurisdiction or judgment.*

*The Acquisition may, in the circumstances provided for in this Announcement, instead be carried out by way of a Takeover Offer under the laws of England and Wales. If Take-Two exercises its right to implement the Acquisition by way of a Takeover Offer, such Takeover Offer will be made in compliance with applicable US tender offer and securities laws and regulations, including the exemptions therefrom. Such a Takeover Offer would be made in the United States by Take-Two and no one else. In addition to any such Takeover Offer, in accordance with normal UK practice, Take-Two, certain affiliated companies, or its nominees, or its brokers (acting as agents), may from time to time make certain purchases of, or arrangements to purchase, Codemasters Shares outside of the US, other than pursuant to such Takeover Offer, until the date on which such Takeover Offer would become effective, lapses or is otherwise withdrawn. These purchases may occur either in the open market at prevailing prices or in private transactions at negotiated prices. Any information about such purchases will be disclosed, as required in the United Kingdom, will be reported to a Regulatory Information Service and will be available on the London Stock Exchange website at [www.londonstockexchange.com](http://www.londonstockexchange.com). If such purchases or arrangements to purchase are made they would be made outside the United States in compliance with applicable law, including the Exchange Act.*

*The New Take-Two Shares have not been and will not be registered under the US Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act") or under the securities laws of any state or other jurisdiction of the United States and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an available exemption or safe harbour from registration under the Securities Act. To the extent Take-Two effects the acquisition of Codemasters as a scheme of arrangement under the laws of England and Wales, the New Take-Two Shares to be issued in the Acquisition will be issued in reliance on the exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act provided by Section 3(a)(10) thereof. Codemasters will advise the Court that its sanction of the scheme of arrangement will be relied upon by Take-Two as an approval of the scheme of arrangement following a hearing on its fairness to Codemasters Shareholders at which hearing all such shareholders are entitled to attend in person or through counsel to support or oppose the sanctioning of the scheme of arrangement and with respect to which notification has been given to all Codemasters Shareholders. The New Take-Two Shares to be issued to Codemasters Shareholders in the Acquisition pursuant to a scheme of arrangement under the laws of England and Wales generally should not be treated as "restricted securities" within the meaning of Rule 144(a)(3) under the Securities Act and persons who receive securities in the Acquisition pursuant to such a scheme of arrangement (other than "affiliates" of Take-Two as described in the paragraph below) may resell them without restriction under the Securities Act.*

*Under US federal securities laws, a Codemasters Shareholder who is an "affiliate" of Take-Two within 90 days prior to, or at any time following, the date upon which the Scheme Court Order is filed at Companies House will be subject to certain US transfer restrictions relating to the New Take-Two Shares received in connection with the Acquisition pursuant to a scheme of arrangement under the laws of*

*England and Wales. The New Take-Two Shares held by such affiliates may not be sold without registration under the Securities Act, except pursuant to the applicable resale provisions of Rule 144 under the Securities Act or another available exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act, including transactions conducted pursuant to Regulation S under the Securities Act. Whether a person is an “affiliate” of a company for such purposes depends upon the circumstances, but affiliates of a company can include certain officers, directors and significant shareholders. A person who believes that he or she may be an affiliate of Take-Two should consult his, her or its own legal advisers prior to any sale of any New Take-Two Shares.*

*In the event that Take-Two determines to effect the Acquisition pursuant to a Takeover Offer or otherwise in a manner that is not exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act, it will file a registration statement with the SEC containing a prospectus with respect to the New Take-Two Shares that would be issued in the Acquisition. In this event, Codemasters Shareholders are urged to read these documents and any other relevant documents filed with the SEC, as well as any amendments or supplements to those documents, because they will contain important information, and such documents will be available free of charge at the SEC’s website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) or by directing a request to Take-Two’s contact for enquiries identified above.*

*Neither the SEC nor any US state securities commission has approved or disapproved of the New Take-Two Shares to be issued in connection with the Acquisition or determined if this Announcement is accurate or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offence in the United States.*

*The receipt of New Take-Two Shares pursuant to the Acquisition by a Codemasters Shareholder may be a taxable transaction for US federal income tax purposes and under applicable state and local, as well as foreign and other, tax laws. Each Codemasters Shareholder is urged to consult his independent professional tax adviser immediately regarding the tax consequences of the Acquisition.*

#### **Notes regarding the New Take-Two Shares**

*The New Take-Two Shares to be issued pursuant to the Acquisition have not been and will not be registered under the relevant securities laws of Japan and the relevant clearances have not been, and will not be, obtained from the securities commission of any province of Canada. No prospectus in relation to the New Take-Two Shares has been, or will be, lodged with, or registered by, the Australian Securities and Investments Commission. Accordingly, the New Take-Two Shares are not being, and may not be, offered, sold, resold, delivered or distributed, directly or indirectly in or into Australia, Canada or Japan or any other jurisdiction if to do so would constitute a violation of relevant laws of, or require registration thereof in, such jurisdiction (except pursuant to an exemption, if available, from any applicable registration requirements or otherwise in compliance with all applicable laws).*

#### **Forward-looking statements**

*This Announcement, including the information included in this Announcement, contains certain forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements contained herein include statements about Codemasters, the Codemasters Group, Take-Two and the Take-Two Group, the expected effects of the Acquisition on the Codemasters Group, strategic options, the expected timing and scope of the Acquisition, and all other statements in this Announcement other than those containing historical facts may be forward-looking statements. These statements are based on the current expectations and are naturally subject to uncertainty and changes in circumstances. Forward-looking statements often use words such as “anticipate”, “target”, “expect”, “estimate”, “intend”, “plan”, “budget”, “schedule”, “forecast”, “project”, “goal”, “believe”, “hope”, “aims”, “continue”, “will”, “may”, “should”, “would”, “could”, “subject to”, or other words of similar meaning. By their nature, forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties, because they relate to events and depend on circumstances that will occur in the future. Forward-looking statements may include statements relating to the following: future capital expenditures, expenses, revenues, earnings, synergies, economic*



*performance, indebtedness, financial condition, dividend policy, losses and future prospects. There are a number of factors that could cause actual results, outcomes and developments to differ materially from those expressed in, or implied by, such forward-looking statements and such statements are therefore qualified in their entirety by the risks and uncertainties surrounding these future expectations. Many of these risks and uncertainties relate to factors that are beyond the entities' ability to control or estimate precisely, such as, but not limited to, general business and market conditions both globally and locally, political, economic and regulatory forces, industry trends and competition, future exchange and interest rates, changes in government and regulation including in relation to health and safety, the environment, labour relations and tax rates and future business combinations or dispositions. For a discussion of important factors which could cause actual results to differ from forward-looking statements in relation to the Codemasters Group, refer to the annual report and accounts for Codemasters Group for the Fiscal Year ending 31 March 2020. The Form 10-K of Take-Two for the Fiscal Year ending 31 March 2020 and the Form 10-Q for the six months ending 30 September 2020 contain additional information regarding forward-looking statements with respect to Take-Two.*

*Although it is believed that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, none of Codemasters, any member of the Codemasters Group, Take-Two, any member of the Take-Two Group, nor any of their respective associates or directors, officers or advisers provides any representation, assurance or guarantee that the occurrence of the events expressed or implied in any forward-looking statements in this Announcement shall actually occur. Given the risks and uncertainties, potential investors should not place any reliance on forward-looking statements.*

*Specifically, statements of estimated cost savings and synergies relate to future actions and circumstances which by their nature involve risks, uncertainties and contingencies. As a result, the cost savings and synergies referred to may not be achieved, may be achieved later or sooner than estimated, or those achieved may be materially different from those estimated. Due to the scale of the Enlarged Group, there may be additional changes to the Enlarged Group's operations. As a result and given the fact that the changes relate to the future, the resulting cost synergies may be materially greater or less than those estimated.*

*The forward-looking statements speak only at the date of this Announcement. All subsequent oral or written forward-looking statements attributable to Codemasters, any member of the Codemasters Group, Take-Two, any member of the Take-Two Group or any of their respective associates, directors, officers, employees or advisers, are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statement above.*

*Codemasters, each member of the Codemasters Group, Take-Two and each member of the Take-Two Group expressly disclaim any obligation to update or correct such statements or the information contained in this Announcement (whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise), except as required by applicable law or regulation.*

*No forward-looking or other statements have been reviewed by the auditors of the Codemasters Group or the Take-Two Group.*

#### ***Profit forecasts or estimates***

*The Take-Two Statement is a profit forecast for the purposes of Rule 28 of the Code. The Take-Two Statement, the assumptions and basis of preparation on which the Take-Two Statement is based and the Take-Two Directors' confirmation, as required by Rule 28.1 of the Code, are set out in Appendix IV.*

*Other than in respect of the Take-Two Statement, no statement in this Announcement is intended as a profit forecast or estimate for any period and no statement in this Announcement should be interpreted to mean that earnings or earnings per ordinary share for Codemasters or Take-Two for the current or future financial years would necessarily match or exceed the historical published earnings or earnings per ordinary share for Codemasters or Take-Two.*

### ***Right to switch to a Takeover Offer***

*Take-Two reserves the right to elect, with the consent of the Panel, to implement the Acquisition by way of a Takeover Offer for the entire issued and to be issued ordinary share capital of Codemasters as an alternative to the Scheme. In such an event, the Takeover Offer will be implemented on the same terms or, if Take-Two so decides (with the consent of the Panel), on such other terms being no less favourable (subject to appropriate amendments), so far as applicable, than those which would apply to the Scheme and subject to the amendment referred to in Appendix I to this Announcement.*

### **Publication on website and availability of hard copies**

*In accordance with Rule 26.1 of the Code, a copy of this Announcement will be available (subject to certain restrictions relating to persons resident in Restricted Jurisdictions) at <https://www.take2games.com/codemasters-group> and <https://www.codemasters.com/investors/#take-two-interactive> by no later than 12.00 noon (London time) on the Business Day following this Announcement.*

*Neither the contents of these websites nor the content of any other website accessible from hyperlinks on such websites is incorporated into, or forms part of, this Announcement.*

*In accordance with Rule 30.3 of the Code, a person so entitled may request a hard copy of this Announcement, free of charge, by contacting Link Market Services Limited, The Registry, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4TU or by calling Link Market Services Limited on +44 (0) 371 664 0300. Calls are charged at the standard geographic rate and will vary by provider. Calls outside the United Kingdom will be charged at the applicable international rate. Lines outside the United Kingdom will be charged at the applicable international rate. Lines are open 9.00 a.m. – 5.30 p.m. (London time), Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays in England and Wales). For persons who receive a copy of this Announcement in electronic form or via a website notification, a hard copy of this Announcement will not be sent unless so requested. In accordance with Rule 30.3 of the Code, a person so entitled may also request that all future documents, announcements and information be sent to them in relation to the Acquisition should be in hard copy form.*

### ***Information relating to Codemasters Shareholders***

*Please be aware that addresses, electronic addresses and certain information provided by Codemasters Shareholders and other relevant persons for the receipt of communications from Codemasters may be provided to Take-Two during the Offer Period as required under Section 4 of Appendix 4 of the Code to comply with Rule 2.11(c) of the Code.*

### ***Rounding***

*Certain figures included in this Announcement have been subjected to rounding adjustments. Accordingly, figures shown for the same category presented in different tables may vary slightly and figures shown as totals in certain tables may not be an arithmetic aggregation of the figures that precede them.*

### ***Dealing disclosure requirements***

*Under Rule 8.3(a) of the Code, any person who is interested in 1 per cent. or more of any class of relevant securities of an offeree company or of any securities exchange offeror (being any offeror other than an offeror in respect of which it has been announced that its offer is, or is likely to be, solely in cash) must make an Opening Position Disclosure following the commencement of the offer period and, if later, following the announcement in which any securities exchange offeror is first identified. An Opening Position Disclosure must contain details of the person's interests and short positions in, and rights to subscribe for, any relevant securities of each of (i) the offeree company and (ii) any securities exchange*

*offeror(s). An Opening Position Disclosure by a person to whom Rule 8.3(a) applies must be made by no later than 3.30 pm (London time) on the 10th Business Day following the commencement of the offer period and, if appropriate, by no later than 3.30 pm (London time) on the 10th Business Day following the announcement in which any securities exchange offeror is first identified. Relevant persons who deal in the relevant securities of the offeree company or of a securities exchange offeror prior to the deadline for making an Opening Position Disclosure must instead make a Dealing Disclosure.*

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**10 November 2020**

**RECOMMENDED CASH AND SHARE ACQUISITION**

**of**

**CODEMASTERS GROUP HOLDINGS PLC (“CODEMASTERS”)**

**by**

**TAKE-TWO INTERACTIVE SOFTWARE, INC. (“TAKE-TWO”)**

**to be effected by means of a Scheme of Arrangement  
under Part 26 of the Companies Act 2006**

**1. Introduction**

The board of directors of Codemasters and the board of directors of Take-Two are pleased to announce that they have reached agreement on the terms of a recommended cash and share offer pursuant to which Take-Two will acquire the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Codemasters (the “**Acquisition**”). The Acquisition is to be effected by means of a scheme of arrangement under Part 26 of the Companies Act (although Take-Two reserves the right to effect the Acquisition by way of a Takeover Offer, subject to the consent of the Panel).

**2. The Acquisition**

Under the terms of the Acquisition, which will be subject to the Conditions and further terms set out in Appendix I to this Announcement and to be set out in the Scheme Document, Codemasters Shareholders will be entitled to receive:

**for each Codemasters Share held:                    120 pence in cash**  
**and**  
**0.02834 New Take-Two Shares**

Based on Take-Two’s closing share price of US\$168.68 and the exchange rate of US\$1.31:£1 on 5 November 2020 (being the day prior to media speculation of Take-Two’s possible interest in an offer for Codemasters (the “**Pre-Announcement Date**”)), the terms of the Acquisition value each Codemasters Share at 485 pence per share and the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Codemasters at approximately £759 million (US\$994 million) on a fully diluted basis. Based on Take-Two’s closing share price of US\$159.99 and the exchange rate of US\$1.32:£1 on 9 November 2020 (being the last Business Day prior to the date of this announcement (the “**Latest Practicable Date**”)) the terms of the

Acquisition value each Codemasters Share at 464 pence per share and the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Codemasters at approximately £726 million (US\$956 million) on a fully diluted basis.

As at the Pre-Announcement Date, the terms of the Acquisition represent:

- a premium of approximately 38.6 per cent. to the closing share price per Codemasters Share of 350 pence on 22 September 2020, being the date of Take-Two's initial proposal to Codemasters;
- a premium of approximately 25.1 per cent. to the volume weighted average price per Codemasters Share of 388 pence in the 90 days ending on the Pre-Announcement Date;
- a premium of approximately 33.7 per cent. to the volume weighted average price per Codemasters Share of 363 pence in the 180 days ending on the Pre-Announcement Date;
- a premium of approximately 11.5 per cent. to the closing share price per Codemasters Share of 435 pence on the Pre-Announcement Date; and
- an enterprise value multiple of approximately 40.5 times Codemasters' adjusted EBITDA for the 12 months ending 31 March 2020.

The Codemasters Shares will be acquired by Take-Two fully paid and free from all liens, equitable interests, charges, encumbrances, rights of pre-emption and any other third party rights or interests whatsoever and together with all rights existing at the date of this Announcement or thereafter attaching thereto, including (without limitation) the right to receive and retain, in full, all dividends and other distributions (if any) declared, made or paid or any other return of capital (whether by way of reduction of share capital or share premium account or otherwise) made on or after the date of this Announcement in respect of the Codemasters Shares.

If any dividend or other distribution in respect of the Codemasters Shares is declared, paid or made on or after the date of this Announcement, Take-Two reserves the right to reduce the consideration payable for each Codemasters Share under the terms of the Acquisition by the amount per Codemasters Share of such dividend or distribution. If Take-Two exercises this right or makes such a reduction in respect of a dividend or other distribution, Codemasters Shareholders will be entitled to receive and retain that dividend or other distribution. Any exercise by Take-Two of its rights referred to in this paragraph shall be subject to an announcement and, for the avoidance of doubt, shall not constitute a revision or variation of the terms of the Acquisition.

It is currently expected that the Scheme Document will be published shortly, that the Court Meeting and the Codemasters General Meeting will be held in December 2020 and that the Scheme will become Effective in the first quarter of 2021.

### **3. Recommendation**

**The Codemasters Directors, who have been so advised by Jefferies as to the financial terms of the Acquisition, consider the terms of the Acquisition to be fair and reasonable. In providing advice to the Codemasters Directors, Jefferies has taken into account the commercial assessments of the Codemasters Directors. Jefferies is providing independent financial advice to the Codemasters Directors for the purposes of Rule 3 of the Code.**

**Accordingly, the Codemasters Directors intend to recommend unanimously that Codemasters Shareholders vote in favour of the Scheme at the Court Meeting and the resolution to be proposed at the Codemasters General Meeting as the Codemasters Directors who hold, or are otherwise beneficially interested in, Codemasters Shares have irrevocably undertaken to do in respect of the**

**beneficial holdings which are under their control of, in aggregate, 6,614,250 Codemasters Shares and representing approximately 4.34 per cent. of the ordinary share capital of Codemasters in issue on the Latest Practicable Date.**

#### **4. Background to and reasons for the Acquisition**

The Take-Two Board believes that the combination of Take-Two and Codemasters would bring together two world-class interactive entertainment portfolios, with a highly complementary fit between Take-Two's 2K label and Codemasters. Given this complementary fit, Take-Two believes that there is a compelling strategic and financial rationale for the Acquisition and expects the combination of Take-Two and Codemasters to deliver a number of benefits to its shareholders.

##### ***Creates a global leader in interactive entertainment publishing through the combination of Take-Two and Codemasters' complementary and critically-acclaimed sports and racing franchises***

- Take-Two publishes a variety of world-class sports franchises across platforms. Key titles include the *NBA 2K* series, which continues to be the top-ranked NBA basketball video game, the *WWE 2K* professional wrestling series, and the *PGA Tour 2K* golf title. In March 2020, Take-Two announced a multi-year partnership with the National Football League encompassing multiple future non-simulation American football video games that will launch starting in Take-Two's Fiscal Year ending 31 March 2022.
- Take-Two's publishing capabilities have grown *NBA 2K* into the top-selling NBA simulation video game. Take-Two's strategy is to scale these capabilities to a diversified portfolio of sports franchises. Codemasters' portfolio has clear alignment with Take-Two's strengths and ambitions: (i) a category leader in racing; (ii) annualised / biennial releases; (iii) in-game live services; and (iv) broad international appeal.
- Codemasters will further complement Take-Two's portfolio with its leading racing simulation game franchises such as the official *Formula One* racing games, *DiRT*, *DiRT Rally*, *GRID*, and *Project Cars*. *Formula One*, *NBA 2K*, *WWE 2K*, and *PGA Tour 2K* will together offer users four of the world's strongest and fastest growing game franchises, with broad international appeal and a large combined global audience. These franchises will be highly complementary given each company's respective success and expertise in their sports specialties.

##### ***Enhanced diversity and revenue visibility of Take-Two portfolio through Codemasters' high-quality, regular title release cadence and predictable monetisation***

- Through Codemasters' history of annual and biennial title releases, the combination will contribute a stable cadence of revenue for Take-Two, increasing overall revenue visibility within the combined group. Codemasters has a highly engaged and loyal player base which enhances the ability to develop stable / recurring revenue.
- Codemasters has demonstrated an ability to improve the monetisation of its *Formula One* franchise, while also achieving consistent performance in *DiRT* and *GRID* titles. The Acquisition would grow Take-Two's core sports properties in number from 4 to 9, and the monetisation of Codemasters' franchises will reinforce the robustness of Take-Two's sports portfolio.

##### ***Delivers compelling financial benefits for the Enlarged Group – growth, earnings and operating margin accretive***

- The combination is expected to be accretive to Take-Two's pro forma adjusted net income per share (excluding Take-Two's customary adjustments used by its management and the Take-Two

Board to adjust Take-Two's US GAAP financial results) from the first full Fiscal Year following completion of the Acquisition. This is anticipated to be the Fiscal Year ending 31 March 2022.

- Combining the strong margin profile and efficient cost structure of Codemasters with efficiencies from Take-Two's operating scale is expected to enhance operating margin expansion at Take-Two through the benefits of greater operating leverage. Take-Two expects that margin accretion will allow it to generate greater free cash flow to reinvest in growth initiatives.
- Take-Two expects Codemasters to deliver strong growth in its *Formula One* franchise. Take-Two believes that this growth will be accelerated through integration of live services, enhanced global distribution and marketing and improved accessibility of racing sims.

***Significantly enhanced revenue opportunity and cost synergy potential***

- *Increase investment in the publishing and development of major franchises:* Take-Two intends to invest in developing best-in-class features in Codemasters' titles with the goal of expanding the accessibility and appeal of its titles to a broader audience.
- *Integrate live services and expand licensing of game content:* Take-Two has developed significant expertise in product development, analytics, and live operations, particularly in the context of global sports franchises. Take-Two's relationships with brand partners and expertise in partnerships, licensing, and brand marketing will be utilised to expand the scale of and user engagement with Codemasters' existing and forthcoming franchises.
- *Integrate Codemasters into Take-Two's network of development services and studios:* The ability to leverage Take-Two's creative, technical and commercial knowledge base across studios, along with its centralised asset base will help to enhance Codemasters' development and publishing capabilities.
- *Deliver cost synergies while maintaining Codemasters' operational independence:* Take-Two intends to continue to leverage the creative capabilities of Codemasters' existing employees and expects to deliver cost synergies from overlapping administrative functions and unnecessary expenses such as costs associated with maintaining a publicly listed company.

**5. Background to and reasons for the Recommendation**

Since its initial public offering in 2018, the Codemasters Group has continued its track record of developing and publishing best-in-class games across the racing category. This has not only underpinned a robust financial performance, but also been a key driver behind the significant share price increase, up 139 per cent. since the initial public offering. Over the two years prior to release of this Announcement Codemasters has:

- successfully released seven new titles;
- delivered on bringing post-launch services to all of its new titles;
- signed a new five year deal with Formula One Management to continue developing and publishing the highly successful F1 franchise until 2025 with an extension to 2027 based on performance metrics;
- entered into new partnerships in China, including a co-development mobile title with NetEase;

- established itself as a pioneering ‘must-have’ developer on the new emerging platforms with launch titles on Xbox Series X, PlayStation 5, Microsoft XCloud, Google Stadia and Amazon Luna;
- delivered the highly complementary acquisition of Slightly Mad Studios, consolidating Codemasters’ strong sub sector positioning in the racing category;
- partnered with F1 to establish the leading racing Esports Series in addition to the award winning and record breaking Virtual Grand Prix in 2020;
- signed a five year exclusive licence for the FIA World Rally Championship commencing 2023; and
- increased its digital sales from 41 per cent. in Fiscal Year 2018 to 67.7 per cent. in Fiscal Year 2020.

Whilst many sectors have struggled during the extraordinary ‘one-off’ circumstances presented by COVID-19, the gaming sector has seen significant resilience. For Codemasters, this not only accelerated the shift to digital delivery, resulting in an improved gross margin, but also created a buoyant market in which to release F1 2020. Reflected in the Codemasters’ H1 2021 performance, the Company delivered £80.5 million revenue, the strongest H1 performance on record, an increase of 102.3 per cent. when compared to H1 2020. Despite Codemasters benefiting from these tailwinds, the Company’s valuation has consistently traded at a discount to UK and European listed peers since its initial public offering. Whilst the sector has benefitted from restrictive ‘stay at home’ measures applied by governments globally, there remains uncertainty around the medium-term impact on the global economic environment and consumer behaviours.

To strengthen the position that Codemasters has built within the racing category there is an increasing necessity for additional investment in both resources and skills across its portfolio. Take-Two’s leading position in sports gaming combined with their publishing and distribution scale, their state of the art live services, and their analytics capabilities is expected to fuel Codemasters’ growth and provide greater certainty over the Company’s long-term success.

The Codemasters Directors remain confident that Codemasters’ existing strategy would deliver significant value over time for Codemasters Shareholders as an independent company as it continues to successfully execute its strategy of growing and enhancing its position in the racing category of the gaming sector. Whilst confident in the existing strategy, the Codemasters Directors also believe that the terms of the Acquisition acknowledge the quality of Codemasters’ platform, portfolio, and future prospects. The Acquisition also provides shareholders with the ability to both monetise their holding and share in the potential benefit of being part of the Enlarged Group. As such, the Directors intend unanimously to recommend the Acquisition to Codemasters Shareholders.

The Codemasters Directors note that:

- the terms of the Acquisition represent a significant premium of 25.1 per cent. to the volume weighted average price per Codemasters Share of 388 pence in the 90 days ending on the Pre-Announcement Date;
- the Offer Price provides an opportunity for Codemasters Shareholders to partially crystallise, in cash, the value of their holdings;
- the Offer Price provides an opportunity for Codemasters Shareholders to benefit from being part of the Enlarged Group by receiving New Take-Two Shares as partial consideration for their holdings;



- the Acquisition reflects the value created by Codemasters' strategy to date and the future value that the strategy is expected to create;
- the Acquisition is expected to deliver a number of strategic benefits to Codemasters' business, including:
  - the opportunity to benefit from significant experience from the leading sports gaming company globally;
  - best-in-class expertise including live services and analytics;
  - strong publishing and global distribution capabilities; and
- Take-Two Shares are highly liquid which will enable Codemasters shareholders to monetise the New Take-Two Shares to be received as partial consideration at completion of the Acquisition.

## **6. Interests in Codemasters Shares, irrevocable undertakings**

Take-Two has received irrevocable undertakings from each of the Codemasters Directors who hold, or are otherwise beneficially interested in, Codemasters Shares to vote in favour of the Scheme at the Court Meeting and the Codemasters General Meeting, in respect of 6,614,250 Codemasters Shares, representing, in aggregate, approximately 4.34 per cent. of the ordinary share capital of Codemasters in issue on the Latest Practicable Date.

Further details of these irrevocable undertakings are set out in Appendix III to this Announcement.

## **7. Information relating to Codemasters**

Codemasters is a public limited company incorporated in England and Wales and is the holding company of the Codemasters Group. The Codemasters Shares are admitted to trading on AIM (AIM: CDM). Codemasters has a market capitalisation of approximately £748 million based upon the Closing Price of 478 pence per Codemasters Share on AIM on the Latest Practicable Date.

Codemasters is an award-winning British developer of high quality racing games across console, PC and mobile. Its renowned franchises include DiRT, GRID, Project CARS and the Bafta award-winning official F1® series of videogames. Headquartered in Southam, Warwickshire, the Codemasters Group is one of the most recognised British game developers and publishers, with a 34 year track-record of producing successful titles.

Codemasters has approximately 765 employees, and operates across three UK locations, Southam, Birmingham, and Cheshire (Runcorn), as well as Kuala Lumpur, where the Codemasters Group's art production facility sits. Codemasters' games are largely developed internally at its UK studios, leveraging its proprietary EGO and Madness game development engines.

Codemasters' strategy has focused on strengthening its overall leadership position in racing, growing its audience and increasing average revenue per user. Significant strides have been made across each of these pillars, through organic and acquisitive growth. Codemasters' proven expertise in the racing category, supported by its AAA franchises, key partnerships, ongoing strength of its back catalogue and growing portfolio has positioned the Codemasters Group well to take advantage of the significant market opportunity and continued shift to digital distribution and post launch services. Next Gen consoles and streaming platforms also provide another avenue of growth.

Following on from the Codemasters Group's successful renewal of its licencing agreement with the FIA Formula One World Championship in 2019, the Codemasters Group recently signed the rights to develop videogames based on the prestigious FIA World Rally Championship further reinforcing Codemasters' position as the preferred destination for some of the world's most successful racing licenses. Additionally, in January 2019, the Codemasters Group entered into a joint development agreement with Netease Inc., one of China's leading internet and online game services providers, to develop a new mobile game for the global market. This is on track to deliver a new mobile IP to the market in Fiscal Year 2022.

#### *Slightly Mad Studios ("SMS")*

In November 2019, Codemasters announced the acquisition of SMS. Founded in 2009, SMS is an award winning multi-platform video game developer renowned for developing critically acclaimed and commercially successful racing franchises and games including Project CARS, and Need For Speed™ Shift, and more recently Fast & Furious Crossroads. Previously, many of the SMS team worked together at SimBin and Blimey! Games where they were responsible for the highly respected GT Legends and GTR series of racing games. The acquisition of SMS brought over 150 highly-skilled product developers into the Codemasters family.

### **8. Information relating to Take-Two**

#### *Overview of Take-Two*

Take-Two is a leading developer, publisher, and marketer of interactive entertainment for consumers around the world. Through its labels Rockstar Games, 2K, Private Division, and Social Point, Take-Two develops and publishes a diverse portfolio of industry-leading interactive entertainment products, including *Grand Theft Auto*, *Red Dead Redemption*, and *NBA 2K*.

Take-Two develops and publishes titles across a wide range of genres, including action, adventure, family/casual, role-playing, shooter, sports, and strategy. Take-Two focuses on building compelling entertainment franchises by publishing a select number of titles for which it can create sequels and incremental revenue opportunities through virtual currency, add-on content, and in-game purchases.

Take-Two has nearly 4,500 employees working in game development in studios around the world and nearly 6,000 employees in total.

Take-Two prioritises producing the highest quality entertainment experiences through expanding its portfolio of franchises, launching new intellectual property, and providing innovative ways for audiences to remain captivated and engaged. Take-Two focuses on talent retention and acquisition and its label structure enables Take-Two to target distinct market segments and opportunities. The creative teams at Rockstar Games and 2K are renowned for their consistent ability to deliver games that set new benchmarks for excellence. In addition, Take-Two's Private Division label is dedicated to bringing titles from top independent developers to market, and its Social Point studio further enhances Take-Two's development capabilities with a track record of producing multiple successes in the free-to-play mobile sector.

#### *Rockstar Games*

Rockstar Games ("**Rockstar**") is a leader in AAA game development, specialising in the creation of complex living worlds and focusing on internally owned and developed intellectual property. Rockstar is home to 10 internal studios and recently acquired Ruffian Games, a development studio based in Dundee, Scotland. Key franchises include *Grand Theft Auto*, *Red Dead Redemption*, *Max Payne*, *Bully*, *L.A. Noire*, and the *Midnight Club*.

## 2K

2K was founded by Take-Two in 2005 and is home to 12 internal studios which develop high-quality titles for a range of users across platforms. 2K has published a variety of popular entertainment properties across genres, including shooter, action, role-playing, strategy, sports, and family/casual. 2K has experienced significant growth, primarily driven by its innovative content, live services expertise, and particular strength in the sports genre over the last decade, with *NBA 2K*, its basketball franchise selling over 90 million lifetime units. Other key franchises include *BioShock*, *Mafia*, *Borderlands*, *WWE 2K*, and *PGA 2K*.

### *Private Division*

Private Division is a publishing label dedicated to bringing titles from top independent developers to market and was founded by Take-Two in 2017. Private Division funds and publishes indie titles developed by small to mid-sized studios, and has announced contracts to publish three titles to add to its existing portfolio based on new intellectual property from Obsidian Entertainment, Pinnacle Entertainment Group, and V1 Interactive. Key franchises include *Kerbal Space Program*, *The Outer Worlds*, and *Ancestors: The Humankind Odyssey*.

### *Social Point*

Social Point was founded in 2008 and acquired by Take-Two in January 2017. Social Point is focused on developing deeply-engaging, “mid-core” free-to-play mobile games. Key franchises include *Dragon City* and *Monster Legends*.

In the Fiscal Year ending 31 March 2020, Take-Two generated US GAAP net revenue of US\$3.089 billion, US GAAP gross profit of US\$1.547 billion and US GAAP net income of US\$405 million. Take-Two is listed on NASDAQ with a market capitalisation of approximately US\$18.4 billion (£14.0 billion) (as at the Latest Practicable Date).

### **Current Trading**

On 5 November 2020, Take-Two announced its results for the three months ending 30 September 2020. In this period Take-Two generated US GAAP net revenue of US\$841.1 million, US GAAP gross profit of US\$408.6 million and US GAAP net income of US\$99.3 million. Key highlights from the performance of Take-Two in the period included:

- positive momentum continued with operating results that significantly exceeded Take-Two’s expectations;
- outperformance of *NBA 2K*, *PGA TOUR 2K21*, and the *Mafia: Definitive Editions* and *Mafia: Trilogy*; and
- strong development pipeline and ongoing investment in emerging markets, platforms and business models.

Take-Two believes that it is well positioned to capitalise on the many positive trends in its industry and to generate growth and margin expansion over the long-term.

As part of the announcement, Take-Two announced the following outlook for its third quarter ending 31 December 2020:

- US GAAP net revenue is expected to range from US\$760 to US\$810 million;

- US GAAP net income is expected to range from US\$128 to US\$140 million;
- US GAAP diluted net income per share is expected to range from US\$1.10 to \$1.21;
- share count used to calculate both US GAAP and management reporting diluted net income per share is expected to be 115.9 million; and
- Net Bookings (operational metric) are expected to range from US\$675 to US\$725 million.

Take-Two also announced the following outlook for the financial year ending 31 March 2021:

- US GAAP net revenue is expected to range from US\$3.05 to US\$3.15 billion;
- US GAAP net income is expected to range from US\$372 to US\$403 million;
- US GAAP diluted net income per share is expected to range from US\$3.22 to US\$3.49;
- share count used to calculate both US GAAP and management reporting diluted net income per share is expected to be 115.5 million;
- Net cash provided by operating activities is expected to be over US\$690 million;
- Adjusted Unrestricted Operating Cash Flow (Non-GAAP) is expected to be over \$650 million;
- Capital expenditures are expected to be approximately US\$75 million; and
- Net Bookings (operational metric) are expected to range from US\$3.15 to US\$3.25 billion.

## **9. Employees, management and locations**

### *Take-Two's strategic plans for Codemasters*

Take-Two believes that it is the ideal partner for Codemasters and the combination of Take-Two and Codemasters will bring together two world-class interactive entertainment portfolios, with a highly complementary fit with its business. Consistent with its current strategy of building compelling entertainment franchises, Take-Two will support the management team of Codemasters in executing and refining Codemasters' current strategy, including the review of strategic priorities, options and opportunities.

Take-Two believes that the benefits from the Acquisition will be delivered from leveraging Take-Two's capabilities and operating expertise to enhance Codemasters' performance and growth potential. In order to deliver this growth potential, Codemasters will be integrated with 2K, a key label within Take-Two's label and studio organisational structure that has a particular strength in releasing annual and bi-annual titles. As part of this process, Take-Two intends to:

- increase the investment in the publishing and development of major franchises;
- integrate live services and expand licensing of game content; and
- integrate Codemasters into Take-Two's network of development services and studios.

Given the complementary nature of Codemasters and Take-Two's 2K label in terms of their areas of focus, franchises and capabilities, it is anticipated that there will be limited impact from the Acquisition on employees and customers of Take-Two's products. Upon completion of the Acquisition, the management teams of 2K and Codemasters will initiate a detailed review of the operations of both businesses to assess how they can work most effectively and efficiently together. The management teams will also carry out a review of Codemasters' products in the context of Codemasters' strategic objectives within the wider Take-Two Group and to understand how to leverage Take-Two's publishing and commercial knowledge to enhance Codemasters' product performance. These reviews, which are expected to take up to twelve months following completion of the Acquisition, will consider the current operating and organisational structures of both businesses and provide the basis for the development of a programme designed to integrate Codemasters with 2K in a way which minimises disruption to employees whilst delivering the expected opportunities and benefits of the Acquisition.

Given the complementary nature of Take-Two and Codemasters and the limited areas of overlap, it is anticipated that there will be minimal, if any, consolidation of the existing studios and operational centres of Codemasters. In respect of Codemasters' head office and corporate functions, where overlap and duplication does exist, it is intended that, following a review of the options available, activities will be consolidated and rationalised to allow for the better integration of Codemasters into Take-Two (see Employees paragraph below). The review of options is expected to take up to twelve months following completion of the Acquisition.

#### *Employees*

Take-Two attaches great importance to the skills and experience of the existing management and employees of Codemasters. Take-Two believes that the existing employees of Codemasters will continue to be an integral part of the success of Codemasters within Take-Two and that they will benefit from greater opportunities within the broader Take-Two organisation following the completion of the Acquisition. Frank Sagnier, Chief Executive Officer of Codemasters, and Rashid Varachia, Chief Financial Officer of Codemasters, along with the senior executive management team of Codemasters intend to remain with Codemasters following completion of the Acquisition and will continue to lead the Codemasters business within Take-Two's organization and its 2K label.

Take-Two confirms that, following the completion of the Acquisition, the existing contractual and statutory employment rights, including in relation to pensions, of all management and employees of the Codemasters Group will be fully safeguarded in accordance with applicable law. Take-Two does not intend to make any material change to the conditions of employment or in the balance of skills and functions of the employees and management of the Codemasters Group.

Take-Two recognises that in order to achieve the expected benefits of the Acquisition, it will be necessary to perform a detailed review of how best to integrate overlapping administrative functions of the two businesses. Take-Two believes that there is the potential to generate selected cost savings through restructuring of certain administrative functions and initial analysis has identified that there is likely to be an opportunity to rationalise certain corporate overheads and support functions, in particular related to Codemasters' current status as a listed company. Subject to the outcome of the detailed review of the integration options, it is anticipated that there will not be a material reduction in the combined headcount of Take-Two and Codemasters. At this stage, Take-Two has not yet developed a proposal as to how such integration and restructuring would be implemented and will only be able to develop and implement such proposals once its review has been completed, which is expected to take up to twelve months following completion of the Acquisition.

It is intended that, following the completion of Acquisition, each of the chairman and non-executive directors of Codemasters will resign from office as directors of Codemasters.

### *Management and employee incentivisation arrangements*

Following the Effective Date, Take-Two intends to review the management, governance and incentive structure of Codemasters and proposals regarding incentivisation arrangements for certain management and employees of Codemasters will be considered as part of such review. Except as described below, Take-Two has not entered into and has not had discussions on proposals to enter into, any new incentivisation arrangements with members of Codemasters' management or any of its employees.

Following the Effective Date, Take-Two will grant Take-Two RSUs to certain members of management and employees of Codemasters as follows:

- Frank Sagnier will be awarded such number of Take-Two RSUs as have a value equivalent to 186,667 Codemasters Shares at the implied offer price of 485 pence per Codemasters Share;
- Rashid Varachia will be awarded such number of Take-Two RSUs as have a value equivalent to 140,000 Codemasters Shares at the implied offer price of 485 pence per Codemasters Share;
- Jonathan Bunney will be awarded such number of Take-Two RSUs as have a value equivalent to 210,000 Codemasters Shares at the implied offer price of 485 pence per Codemasters Share;
- Clive Moody will be awarded such number of Take-Two RSUs as have a value equivalent to 210,000 Codemasters Shares at the implied offer price of 485 pence per Codemasters Share; and
- other specified employees of Codemasters will, in aggregate, be awarded such number of Take-Two RSUs as is equivalent in value to a total of 489,886 Codemasters Shares at the implied offer price of 485 pence per Codemasters Share.

The Take-Two RSUs to be awarded to Jonathan Bunney, Clive Moody and the other specified Codemasters' employees would vest as to 50% over three years and as to 50% based on a profit contribution made by Codemasters to the Enlarged Group.

In addition to the above, Take-Two intends to incentivise Codemasters' employees (other than senior management) with Take-Two RSUs that have a value equivalent to a total of 483,573 Codemasters Shares at the implied offer price of 485 pence per Codemasters Share. These RSUs will vest as to 50% over three years and as to 50% based on achievement of targets for growth in the profit contribution made by the Codemasters business to the Enlarged Group. The Codemasters' employees who receive these awards have not been determined and Take-Two does not intend to make all of these awards within 12 months of the Effective Date.

For the purposes of Rule 16.2(a) of the Code, Jefferies has confirmed that, in its opinion, the award of Take-Two RSUs to Frank Sagnier, Rashid Varachia and the two members of Codemasters' senior management are fair and reasonable so far as the Codemasters Shareholders are concerned.

### *Headquarters, locations, fixed assets and research & development*

Beyond the potential changes identified above in relation to certain corporate overheads and support functions of Codemasters, Take-Two does not intend to initiate any material changes in the location or functions of Codemasters' operations and places of business, including its head office, or redeploy the fixed assets of Codemasters, as a result of the Acquisition.

Take-Two does not expect the Acquisition to have a material impact on the research and development activities of either Codemasters or Take-Two.

### *Pensions*

Following completion of the Acquisition, Take-Two does not intend to make any changes with regard to the agreed employer contributions into Codemasters' existing defined contribution pension scheme(s) or other pension schemes. The Codemasters Group does not participate in any defined benefit pension scheme.

### *Listing locations*

Prior to the Scheme becoming effective, it is intended that applications will be made to the London Stock Exchange to cancel trading in the Codemasters Shares on AIM, with effect from or shortly following the Effective Date and to re-register it as a private company.

Take-Two intends prior to completion of the Acquisition to establish a depository interest dealing facility for the benefit of Codemasters Shareholders so as to facilitate the trading of Take-Two Shares from outside the United States of America.

### *Other*

The statements in this paragraph 9 which constitute "post-offer intention statements" for the purposes of Rule 19.6 of the Code, will apply for 12 months from completion of the Acquisition.

No statements in this paragraph 9 are "post-offer undertakings" for the purposes of Rule 19.5 of the Code.

### *Views of the Board of Codemasters*

In considering the recommendation of the Acquisition to Codemasters Shareholders, the Board of Codemasters has given due consideration to the confirmations that Take-Two has given in relation to its employees. The Board of Codemasters' welcomes the Take-Two's intentions with respect to the future operations of the business and its employees as part of Take-Two, in particular, Take-Two's confirmation of its intention to safeguard fully the existing statutory and contractual employment and pension rights of Codemasters' employees and management and to make no change to the balance of skills and functions of employees across Codemasters.

## **10. Financing**

The Cash Consideration payable by Take-Two under the terms of the Acquisition will be funded by Take-Two's existing cash resources. As of 30 September 2020, Take-Two had cash and cash equivalents of US\$1.3 billion.

Goldman Sachs International, financial adviser to Take-Two, is satisfied that sufficient cash resources are available to Take-Two to enable it to satisfy in full the Cash Consideration payable to Codemasters Shareholders by Take-Two under the terms of the Acquisition.

## **11. Codemasters share option agreements**

The Acquisition shall extend to any Codemasters Shares which are unconditionally allotted or issued and fully paid pursuant to the exercise of any existing options which are vested and exercisable under the Codemasters Share Option Schemes prior to the Scheme Record Time.

On or after the date of this Announcement, it is expected that the Codemasters Board will grant:

- options under the Codemasters ESOP over a total of 149,581 Codemasters Shares;
- nominal-cost options under the Codemasters LTIP over a total of 91,464 Codemasters Shares; and
- an option to acquire 210,000 Codemasters Shares to Lisa Thomas, with such option not being made under any existing Codemasters Share Option Scheme but being on terms substantially similar to those of the Codemasters NED Plan, save as to exercise price.

It is anticipated that all of such options will vest and be exercisable as a result of the Court having sanctioned the Scheme. The consent of both the Panel and Take-Two has been obtained in relation to these proposed grants.

Following publication of the Scheme Document, participants in the Codemasters Share Option Schemes will be contacted separately regarding the effect of the Acquisition on their rights under the Codemasters Share Option Schemes. In accordance with Rule 15 of the Code, Take-Two will make appropriate proposals to participants in the Codemasters Share Option Schemes in due course and details of these proposals will be set out in the Scheme Document.

## **12. Acquisition related arrangements**

### *Confidentiality Agreement*

Codemasters entered into a confidentiality agreement with Take-Two dated 25 August 2020 (the “**Confidentiality Agreement**”) pursuant to which each of the parties thereto undertakes to keep confidential information relating to the Acquisition and the other party and not to disclose it to third parties (other than to permitted recipients) unless required by law or regulation. These obligations will cease to have effect on completion of the Acquisition. If the Acquisition does not complete, the confidentiality obligations shall remain in force for a period of two years from the date of the Confidentiality Agreement.

The Confidentiality Agreement also includes customary standstill and non-solicitation obligations on Take-Two.

### *Co-operation Agreement*

Pursuant to a co-operation agreement dated 10 November 2020 (the “**Co-operation Agreement**”): (i) Codemasters has agreed to co-operate with Take-Two to ensure the satisfaction of certain regulatory conditions, and Take-Two has entered into commitments in relation to obtaining regulatory clearances; (ii) Take-Two has agreed to provide Codemasters with certain information for the purposes of the Scheme Document and to otherwise assist with the preparation of the Scheme Document; (iii) Take-Two has agreed to certain provisions if the Scheme should switch to a Takeover Offer; (iv) each of Codemasters and Take-Two have agreed to take any action necessary to implement certain proposals in relation to the Codemasters Share Option Schemes.

The Co-operation Agreement will terminate if the Acquisition is withdrawn or lapses, if prior to the Long Stop Date any Condition becomes incapable of satisfaction, at Take-Two’s election if the Codemasters Directors withdraw their recommendation of the Acquisition, at either party’s election if the Codemasters Directors recommend a competing proposal, or if the Scheme does not become effective in accordance with its terms by the Long Stop Date or otherwise as agreed between Take-Two and Codemasters.



### **13. Further terms and conditions of the Acquisition**

It is intended that the Acquisition will be effected by means of a Court-approved scheme of arrangement between Codemasters and Codemasters Shareholders under Part 26 of the Companies Act. Take-Two reserves the right to elect, with the consent of the Panel, to implement the Acquisition by way of a Takeover Offer for the entire issued and to be issued ordinary share capital of Codemasters as an alternative to the Scheme. In such an event, the Takeover Offer will be implemented on the same terms or, if Take-Two so decides (with the consent of the Panel), on such other terms being no less favourable (subject to appropriate amendments), so far as applicable, than those which would apply to the Scheme and subject to the amendment referred to in Appendix I to this Announcement.

The purpose of the Scheme is to provide for Take-Two to become the holder of the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Codemasters.

Under the Scheme, the Codemasters Shares will be transferred to Take-Two in consideration for which the Codemasters Shareholders will receive cash and share consideration on the basis set out in paragraph 2 of this Announcement.

The Acquisition shall be subject to the Conditions and further terms set out below and in Appendix I to this Announcement and to be set out in the Scheme Document and shall only become Effective, if, among other things, the following events occur by no later than 11:59 p.m. on the Long Stop Date:

- (i) the approval of the Scheme by a majority in number of the Codemasters Shareholders who are present and vote, whether in person or by proxy, at the Court Meeting and who represent 75 per cent. in nominal value of the Codemasters Shares voted by those Codemasters Shareholders;
- (ii) the resolutions required to approve and implement the Scheme being duly passed by Codemasters Shareholders representing the requisite majority or majorities of votes cast at the Codemasters General Meeting (or any adjournment thereof);
- (iii) the approval and sanction of the Scheme by the Court (with or without modification but subject to any modification being on terms acceptable to Codemasters and Take-Two);
- (iv) the delivery of a copy of the Scheme Court Order to the Registrar of Companies; and
- (v) certain antitrust clearances (including, inter alia, antitrust clearances in the United Kingdom, Austria and Germany).

The Scheme and the Acquisition will be conditional upon:

- (i) the Court Meeting and the Codemasters General Meeting being held on or before the 22<sup>nd</sup> day after the expected date of the Meetings to be set out in the Scheme Document in due course (or such later date as may be agreed between Take-Two and Codemasters);
- (ii) the Court Sanction Hearing being held on or before the 22<sup>nd</sup> day after the expected date of the Court Sanction Hearing to be set out in the Scheme Document in due course (or such later date as may be agreed between Take-Two and Codemasters); or
- (iii) the Scheme becoming Effective by no later than 11:59 p.m. on the Long Stop Date,

provided, however, that the deadlines for the timing of the Court Meeting, the Codemasters General Meeting and the Court Sanction Hearing as set out above may be waived by Take-Two, and the deadline

for the Scheme to become Effective may be extended by agreement between Codemasters and Take-Two (as permitted by the Court).

The Scheme will only become effective once a copy of the Scheme Court Order is delivered to the Registrar of Companies. Upon the Scheme becoming effective, it will be binding on all Codemasters Shareholders, whether or not they attended or voted at the Meetings.

Subject to satisfaction (or waiver, where applicable) of the Conditions, the Scheme is expected to become Effective by 1 February 2021.

The Scheme and the Acquisition will also be subject to the Conditions and further terms set out in Appendix I to this Announcement and to be set out in the Scheme Document.

The global COVID-19 pandemic is restricting the ability of Governmental Entities around the world to conduct their normal operations. It is possible that Governmental Entities will not be operating according to their normal schedules during the upcoming period and it may therefore take longer for the Conditions to be satisfied and the Court Meeting or Codemasters General Meeting to be held. Accordingly, any dates in respect of the expected timetable for the Acquisition set out in this Announcement are indicative, subject to change (by agreement between Take-Two and Codemasters and, the Court, where required) and provided by way of guidance only. Take-Two shall keep the Codemasters Shareholders notified of any updates or changes to the expected timetable as additional guidance is released. Further details regarding the expected timetable will be contained in the Scheme Document.

Further details of the Scheme, including an indicative timetable for its implementation, will be set out in the Scheme Document, which is expected to be dispatched to Codemasters Shareholders as soon as reasonably practicable and, in any event, within 28 days of the date of this Announcement (unless agreed otherwise with the Panel).

#### **14. Dividends**

If any dividend or other distribution in respect of the Codemasters Shares is declared, paid or made on or after the date of this Announcement, Take-Two reserves the right to reduce the consideration payable for each Codemasters Share under the terms of the Acquisition by the amount per Codemasters Share of such dividend or distribution. If Take-Two exercises this right or makes such a reduction in respect of a dividend or other distribution, Codemasters Shareholders will be entitled to receive and retain that dividend or other distribution. Any exercise by Take-Two of its rights referred to in this paragraph shall be subject to an announcement and, for the avoidance of doubt, shall not constitute a revision or variation of the terms of the Acquisition.

#### **15. Cancellation of admission to trading on AIM and re-registration**

Prior to the Scheme becoming Effective, application will be made to the London Stock Exchange for the cancellation of admission of the Codemasters Shares to trading on AIM, to take effect shortly after the Effective Date once the Scheme has become effective in accordance with its terms.

The last day of dealings and for registration of transfers of and disablement of CREST of Codemasters Shares, on AIM is expected to be the Business Day immediately prior to the Effective Date and no transfers will be registered after 6.00 p.m. on that date following which the Codemasters Shares will be suspended from trading on AIM.

On the Effective Date, Codemasters will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of Take-Two and share certificates in respect of Codemasters Shares will cease to be valid and should be destroyed. In addition,

entitlements to Codemasters Shares held within the CREST system will be cancelled on the Effective Date.

Shortly after the Effective Date, and conditional on the cancellation of the admission of the Codemasters Shares to trading on AIM, it is intended that Codemasters will be re-registered as a private limited company.

## **16. Listing and dealing in New Take-Two Shares**

Take-Two's shares listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market (NASDAQ GS: TTWO). Application will be made to NASDAQ for the New Take-Two Shares to be listed on NASDAQ on completion of the Acquisition. Completion of the Acquisition shall be subject to confirmation having been received by Take-Two that the New Take-Two Shares have been approved for listing, subject to official notice of issuance, on NASDAQ.

## **17. Overseas Shareholders**

The availability of the Acquisition to Codemasters Shareholders who are not resident in the United Kingdom may be affected by the laws and/or regulations of their relevant jurisdiction. Therefore, any persons who are subject to the laws and/or regulations of any jurisdiction other than the United Kingdom should inform themselves about and observe any applicable legal or regulatory requirements in their jurisdiction. Further details in relation to overseas shareholders will be set out in the Scheme Document. If you are in any doubt, you should consult your professional adviser in the relevant jurisdiction without delay.

## **18. Expected timetable**

It is intended that the Scheme Document containing further details of the Acquisition will be despatched to each Codemasters Shareholder (other than to persons in a Restricted Jurisdiction) as soon as reasonably practicable and, in any event, not later than 28 days after the date of this Announcement (unless agreed otherwise with the Panel).

## **19. Opening Position Disclosures and interests**

Save in respect of the irrevocable undertakings referred to in paragraph 6 above, as at the close of business on the Latest Practicable Date neither Take-Two, nor its directors, nor, so far as Take-Two is aware, any person acting in concert (within the meaning of the Code) with it had (i) any interest in or right to subscribe for any relevant securities of Codemasters; nor (ii) any short positions in respect of relevant Codemasters Shares (whether conditional or absolute and whether in the money or otherwise), including any short position under a derivative, any agreement to sell or any delivery obligation or right to require another person to purchase or take delivery; nor (iii) borrowed or lent any relevant Codemasters Shares (including, for these purposes, any financial collateral arrangements of the kind referred to in Note 4 on Rule 4.6 of the Code); nor (iv) is a party to any dealing arrangement of the kind referred to in Note 11 of the definition of acting in concert in the Code.

"Interests in securities" for these purposes arise, in summary, when a person has long economic exposure, whether absolute or conditional, to changes in the price of securities (and a person who only has a short position in securities is not treated as interested in those securities). In particular, a person shall be treated as having an "interest" by virtue of the ownership, voting rights or control of securities, or by virtue of any agreement to purchase, option in respect of, or derivative referenced to, securities.

## 20. General

Your attention is drawn to the further information contained in the Appendices to this Announcement, which form part of, and should be read in conjunction with, this Announcement.

Please be aware that addresses, electronic addresses and certain other information provided by Codemasters Shareholders and other relevant persons for the receipt of communications from Codemasters may be provided to Take-Two during the Offer Period as required under Section 4 of Appendix 4 of the Code to comply with Rule 2.11 of the Code.

The Acquisition will be governed by English law. The Acquisition will be subject to the applicable requirements of the Code, the Panel, the London Stock Exchange, the FCA and the AIM Rules.

Goldman Sachs International, Jefferies and Liberum have each given and not withdrawn their consent to the publication of this Announcement with the inclusion herein of the references to their names in the form and context in which they appear.

## 21. Documents on display

In accordance with Rule 26.2 of the Code, copies of the following documents will, to the extent not already published there, by no later than 12 noon on the Business Day following the date of this Announcement, be published on Take-Two's website at <https://www.take2games.com/codemasters-group> and <https://www.codemasters.com/investors/#take-two-interactive> during the Offer Period:

- the irrevocable undertakings referred to in paragraph 6 above;
- the written consents of Jefferies, Liberum and Goldman Sachs International;
- the Co-operation Agreement referred to in paragraph 12 above;
- the Confidentiality Agreement referred to in paragraph 12 above; and
- a copy of this Announcement.

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Jefferies is acting as financial adviser and joint-broker, and Liberum is acting as nominated adviser and broker, to Codemasters in respect of the Acquisition. Gowling WLG (UK) LLP (as to English law) and Reed Smith (as to US law) are acting as legal advisers to Codemasters.

**IMPORTANT NOTES**

*Goldman Sachs International, which is authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority in the United Kingdom, is acting exclusively for Take-Two and no one else in connection with the matters referred to in this Announcement and will not be responsible to anyone other than Take-Two for providing the protections afforded to clients of Goldman Sachs International, or for providing advice in connection with the matters referred to in this Announcement.*

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*This Announcement is for information purposes only and is not intended to and does not constitute, or form any part of, an offer to sell or subscribe for or any invitation to purchase or subscribe for any securities or the solicitation of any vote or approval in any jurisdiction pursuant to the Acquisition or otherwise. The Acquisition will be made solely pursuant to the terms of the Scheme Document (or, if the Acquisition is to be implemented by way of a Takeover Offer, the offer document) and the accompanying Forms of Proxy, which will contain the full terms and conditions of the Acquisition and the Scheme, including details of how to vote in respect of the Acquisition and the Scheme. Any approval, decision or other response to the Acquisition and/or the Scheme should be made only on the basis of the information in the Scheme Document (or, if the Acquisition is to be implemented by way of a Takeover Offer, the offer document). Scheme Shareholders are strongly advised to read the formal documentation in relation to the Acquisition and the Scheme once it has been dispatched.*

*The Scheme Document (including notices of the Court Meeting and Codemasters General Meeting), together with the relevant Forms of Proxy, will be posted to Codemasters Shareholders as soon as practicable and in any event within 28 days of the date of this Announcement (unless agreed otherwise with the Panel).*

*This Announcement does not constitute a prospectus or prospectus exempted document.*

*This Announcement has been prepared for the purpose of complying with English law, the Code and the AIM Rules and the information disclosed may not be the same as that which would have been disclosed if this Announcement had been prepared in accordance with the laws of jurisdictions outside the United Kingdom.*

*The statements contained in this Announcement are made as at the date of this Announcement, unless some other time is specified in relation to them, and service of this Announcement shall not give rise to any implication that there has been no change in the facts set out in this Announcement since such date.*

*The Acquisition shall be subject to the applicable requirements of the Code, the Panel, the London Stock Exchange, AIM and the Financial Conduct Authority.*

### **Overseas jurisdictions**

*The release, publication or distribution of this Announcement in, and the availability of the Acquisition to persons who are residents, citizens or nationals of, jurisdictions other than the United Kingdom may be restricted by laws and/or regulations of those jurisdictions. Therefore any persons who are subject to the laws and regulations of any jurisdiction other than the United Kingdom should inform themselves about and observe any applicable requirements in their jurisdiction. Any failure to comply with the applicable requirements may constitute a violation of the laws and/or regulations of any such jurisdiction. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the companies and persons involved in the Acquisition disclaim any responsibility and liability for the violation of such restrictions by any person.*

*In particular, the ability of Overseas Shareholders to vote their Codemasters Shares at the Court Meeting and/or the Codemasters General Meeting, or to execute and deliver Forms of Proxy appointing another to vote their Codemasters Shares in respect of the Court Meeting and/or the Codemasters General Meeting on their behalf, may be affected by the laws of the relevant jurisdiction in which they are located.*

*Copies of this Announcement, the Scheme Document, the accompanying Forms of Proxy and any other formal documentation relating to the Acquisition and the Scheme are not being, and must not be, directly or indirectly, mailed or otherwise forwarded, distributed or sent in or into or from any Restricted Jurisdiction and persons receiving such documents (including custodians, nominees and trustees) must not mail or otherwise forward, distribute or send it in or into or from any Restricted Jurisdiction.*

*Unless otherwise permitted by applicable law and regulation, the Acquisition may not be made, directly or indirectly, in or into, or by the use of mails or any means or instrumentality (including, but not limited to, facsimile, e-mail or other electronic transmission, telex or telephone) of interstate or foreign commerce of, or of any facility of a national, state or other securities exchange of any Restricted Jurisdiction and the Acquisition may not be capable of acceptance by any such use, means, instrumentality or facilities.*

#### ***Additional information for US investors***

*The Acquisition relates to the shares of an English incorporated company and is proposed to be made by means of a scheme of arrangement provided for under the laws of England and Wales. A transaction effected by means of a scheme of arrangement is not subject to the proxy solicitation or tender offer rules under the US Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “**Exchange Act**”). Accordingly, the Acquisition will be subject to the disclosure requirements and practices applicable in the United Kingdom and under the Code to schemes of arrangement, which differ from the disclosure requirements and practices of the US proxy solicitation and tender offer rules. Neither the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “**SEC**”), nor any securities commission of any state of the United States, has approved the Acquisition, passed upon the fairness of the Acquisition or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this Announcement. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offence in the United States.*

*US Codemasters Shareholders are urged to consult with legal, tax and financial advisers in connection with making a decision regarding the Acquisition.*

*Financial information relating to Codemasters included in this Announcement and the Scheme Document has been or shall have been prepared in accordance with accounting standards applicable in the United Kingdom and may not be comparable to financial information of US companies or companies whose financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States.*

*It may be difficult for US holders of Codemasters Shares to enforce their rights and any claims they may have arising under US federal securities laws in connection with the Acquisition, since Codemasters is organised under the laws of a country other than the United States, and some or all of its officers and directors may be residents of countries other than the United States, and most of the assets of Codemasters are located outside of the United States. US holders of Codemasters Shares may not be able to sue a non-US company or its officers or directors in a non-US court for violations of US securities laws. Further, it may be difficult to compel a non-US company and its affiliates to subject themselves to a US court’s jurisdiction or judgment.*

*The Acquisition may, in the circumstances provided for in this Announcement, instead be carried out by way of a Takeover Offer under the laws of England and Wales. If Take-Two exercises its right to implement the Acquisition by way of a Takeover Offer, such Takeover Offer will be made in compliance with applicable US tender offer and securities laws and regulations, including the exemptions therefrom. Such a Takeover Offer would be made in the United States by Take-Two and no one else. In addition to any such Takeover Offer, in accordance with normal UK practice, Take-Two, certain affiliated companies, or its nominees, or its brokers (acting as agents), may from time to time make certain purchases of, or arrangements to purchase, Codemasters Shares outside of the US, other than pursuant to such Takeover Offer, until the date on which such Takeover Offer would become effective, lapses or is otherwise withdrawn. These purchases may occur either in the open market at prevailing prices or in*

private transactions at negotiated prices. Any information about such purchases will be disclosed, as required in the United Kingdom, will be reported to a Regulatory Information Service and will be available on the London Stock Exchange website at [www.londonstockexchange.com](http://www.londonstockexchange.com). If such purchases or arrangements to purchase are made they would be made outside the United States in compliance with applicable law, including the Exchange Act.

The New Take-Two Shares have not been and will not be registered under the US Securities Act of 1933 (the “**Securities Act**”) or under the securities laws of any state or other jurisdiction of the United States and may not offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an available exemption or safe harbour from registration under the Securities Act. To the extent Take-Two effects the acquisition of Codemasters as a scheme of arrangement under the laws of England and Wales, the New Take-Two Shares to be issued in the Acquisition will be issued in reliance on the exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act provided by Section 3(a)(10) thereof. Codemasters will advise the Court that its sanction of the scheme of arrangement will be relied upon by Take-Two as an approval of the scheme of arrangement following a hearing on its fairness to Codemasters Shareholders at which hearing all such shareholders are entitled to attend in person or through counsel to support or oppose the sanctioning of the scheme of arrangement and with respect to which notification has been given to all Codemasters Shareholders. The New Take-Two Shares to be issued to Codemasters Shareholders in the Acquisition pursuant to a scheme of arrangement under the laws of England and Wales generally should not be treated as “restricted securities” within the meaning of Rule 144(a)(3) under the Securities Act and persons who receive securities in the Acquisition pursuant to such a scheme of arrangement (other than “affiliates” of Take-Two as described in the paragraph below) may resell them without restriction under the Securities Act.

Under US federal securities laws, a Codemasters Shareholder who is an “affiliate” of Take-Two within 90 days prior to, or at any time following, the date upon which the Scheme Court Order is filed at Companies House will be subject to certain US transfer restrictions relating to the New Take-Two Shares received in connection with the Acquisition pursuant to a scheme of arrangement under the laws of England and Wales. The New Take-Two Shares held by such affiliates may not be sold without registration under the Securities Act, except pursuant to the applicable resale provisions of Rule 144 under the Securities Act or another available exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act, including transactions conducted pursuant to Regulation S under the Securities Act. Whether a person is an “affiliate” of a company for such purposes depends upon the circumstances, but affiliates of a company can include certain officers, directors and significant shareholders. A person who believes that he or she may be an affiliate of Take-Two should consult his, her or its own legal advisers prior to any sale of any New Take-Two Shares.

In the event that Take-Two determines to effect the Acquisition pursuant to a Takeover Offer or otherwise in a manner that is not exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act, it will file a registration statement with the SEC containing a prospectus with respect to the New Take-Two Shares that would be issued in the Acquisition. In this event, Codemasters Shareholders are urged to read these documents and any other relevant documents filed with the SEC, as well as any amendments or supplements to those documents, because they will contain important information, and such documents will be available free of charge at the SEC’s website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) or by directing a request to Take-Two’s contact for enquiries identified above.

Neither the SEC nor any US state securities commission has approved or disapproved of the New Take-Two Shares to be issued in connection with the Acquisition or determined if this Announcement is accurate or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offence in the United States.

The receipt of New Take-Two Shares pursuant to the Acquisition by a Codemasters Shareholder may be a taxable transaction for US federal income tax purposes and under applicable state and local, as well as



foreign and other, tax laws. Each Codemasters Shareholder is urged to consult his independent professional tax adviser immediately regarding the tax consequences of the Acquisition.

### **Notes regarding the New Take-Two Shares**

The New Take-Two Shares to be issued pursuant to the Acquisition have not been and will not be registered under the relevant securities laws of Japan and the relevant clearances have not been, and will not be, obtained from the securities commission of any province of Canada. No prospectus in relation to the New Take-Two Shares has been, or will be, lodged with, or registered by, the Australian Securities and Investments Commission. Accordingly, the New Take-Two Shares are not being, and may not be, offered, sold, resold, delivered or distributed, directly or indirectly in or into Australia, Canada or Japan or any other jurisdiction if to do so would constitute a violation of relevant laws of, or require registration thereof in, such jurisdiction (except pursuant to an exemption, if available, from any applicable registration requirements or otherwise in compliance with all applicable laws).

### **Forward-looking statements**

This Announcement, including the information included in this Announcement, contains certain forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements contained herein include statements about Codemasters, the Codemasters Group, Take-Two and the Take-Two Group, the expected effects of the Acquisition on the Codemasters Group, strategic options, the expected timing and scope of the Acquisition, and all other statements in this Announcement other than those containing historical facts may be forward-looking statements. These statements are based on the current expectations and are naturally subject to uncertainty and changes in circumstances. Forward-looking statements often use words such as “anticipate”, “target”, “expect”, “estimate”, “intend”, “plan”, “budget”, “schedule”, “forecast”, “project”, “goal”, “believe”, “hope”, “aims”, “continue”, “will”, “may”, “should”, “would”, “could”, “subject to”, or other words of similar meaning. By their nature, forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties, because they relate to events and depend on circumstances that will occur in the future. Forward-looking statements may include statements relating to the following: future capital expenditures, expenses, revenues, earnings, synergies, economic performance, indebtedness, financial condition, dividend policy, losses and future prospects. There are a number of factors that could cause actual results, outcomes and developments to differ materially from those expressed in, or implied by, such forward-looking statements and such statements are therefore qualified in their entirety by the risks and uncertainties surrounding these future expectations. Many of these risks and uncertainties relate to factors that are beyond the entities’ ability to control or estimate precisely, such as, but not limited to, general business and market conditions both globally and locally, political, economic and regulatory forces, industry trends and competition, future exchange and interest rates, changes in government and regulation including in relation to health and safety, the environment, labour relations and tax rates and future business combinations or dispositions. For a discussion of important factors which could cause actual results to differ from forward-looking statements in relation to the Codemasters Group, refer to the annual report and accounts for Codemasters Group for the Fiscal Year ending 31 March 2020. The Form 10-K of Take-Two for the Fiscal Year ending 31 March 2020 and the Form 10-Q for the six months ending 30 September 2020 contain additional information regarding forward-looking statements with respect to Take-Two.

Although it is believed that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, none of Codemasters, any member of the Codemasters Group, Take-Two, any member of the Take-Two Group, nor any of their respective associates or directors, officers or advisers provides any representation, assurance or guarantee that the occurrence of the events expressed or implied in any forward-looking statements in this Announcement shall actually occur. Given the risks and uncertainties, potential investors should not place any reliance on forward-looking statements.

Specifically, statements of estimated cost savings and synergies relate to future actions and circumstances which by their nature involve risks, uncertainties and contingencies. As a result, the cost savings and

*synergies referred to may not be achieved, may be achieved later or sooner than estimated, or those achieved may be materially different from those estimated. Due to the scale of the Enlarged Group, there may be additional changes to the Enlarged Group's operations. As a result and given the fact that the changes relate to the future, the resulting cost synergies may be materially greater or less than those estimated.*

*The forward-looking statements speak only at the date of this Announcement. All subsequent oral or written forward-looking statements attributable to Codemasters, any member of the Codemasters Group, Take-Two, any member of the Take-Two Group or any of their respective associates, directors, officers, employees or advisers, are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statement above.*

*Codemasters, each member of the Codemasters Group, Take-Two and each member of the Take-Two Group expressly disclaim any obligation to update or correct such statements or the information contained in this Announcement (whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise), except as required by applicable law or regulation.*

*No forward-looking or other statements have been reviewed by the auditors of the Codemasters Group or the Take-Two Group.*

#### ***Profit forecasts or estimates***

*The Take-Two Statement is a profit forecast for the purposes of Rule 28 of the Code. The Take-Two Statement, the assumptions and basis of preparation on which the Take-Two Statement is based and the Take-Two Directors' confirmation, as required by Rule 28.1 of the Code, are set out in Appendix IV.*

*Other than in respect of the Take-Two Statement, no statement in this Announcement is intended as a profit forecast or estimate for any period and no statement in this Announcement should be interpreted to mean that earnings or earnings per ordinary share for Codemasters or Take-Two for the current or future financial years would necessarily match or exceed the historical published earnings or earnings per ordinary share for Codemasters or Take-Two.*

#### ***Right to switch to a Takeover Offer***

*Take-Two reserves the right to elect, with the consent of the Panel, to implement the Acquisition by way of a Takeover Offer for the entire issued and to be issued ordinary share capital of Codemasters as an alternative to the Scheme. In such an event, the Takeover Offer will be implemented on the same terms or, if Take-Two so decides (with the consent of the Panel), on such other terms being no less favourable (subject to appropriate amendments), so far as applicable, than those which would apply to the Scheme and subject to the amendment referred to in Appendix I to this Announcement.*

#### ***Publication on website and availability of hard copies***

*In accordance with Rule 26.1 of the Code, a copy of this Announcement will be available (subject to certain restrictions relating to persons resident in Restricted Jurisdictions) at <https://www.take2games.com/codemasters-group> and <https://www.codemasters.com/investors/#take-two-interactive> by no later than 12.00 noon (London time) on the Business Day following this Announcement.*

*Neither the contents of these websites nor the content of any other website accessible from hyperlinks on such websites is incorporated into, or forms part of, this Announcement.*

*In accordance with Rule 30.3 of the Code, a person so entitled may request a hard copy of this Announcement, free of charge, by contacting Link Market Services Limited, The Registry, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4TU or by calling Link Market Services Limited on +44 (0) 371 664 0300. Calls are charged at the standard geographic rate and will vary by provider. Calls outside the United*

Kingdom will be charged at the applicable international rate. Lines outside the United Kingdom will be charged at the applicable international rate. Lines are open 9.00 a.m. – 5.30 p.m. (London time), Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays in England and Wales). For persons who receive a copy of this Announcement in electronic form or via a website notification, a hard copy of this Announcement will not be sent unless so requested. In accordance with Rule 30.3 of the Code, a person so entitled may also request that all future documents, announcements and information be sent to them in relation to the Acquisition should be in hard copy form.

### **Information relating to Codemasters Shareholders**

Please be aware that addresses, electronic addresses and certain information provided by Codemasters Shareholders and other relevant persons for the receipt of communications from Codemasters may be provided to Take-Two during the Offer Period as required under Section 4 of Appendix 4 of the Code to comply with Rule 2.11(c) of the Code.

### **Rounding**

Certain figures included in this Announcement have been subjected to rounding adjustments. Accordingly, figures shown for the same category presented in different tables may vary slightly and figures shown as totals in certain tables may not be an arithmetic aggregation of the figures that precede them.

### **Dealing disclosure requirements**

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

Under Rule 8.3(b) of the Code, any person who is, or becomes, interested in 1 per cent. or more of any class of relevant securities of the offeree company or of any securities exchange offeror, must make a Dealing Disclosure if the person deals in any relevant securities of the offeree company or of any securities exchange offeror. A Dealing Disclosure must contain details of the dealing concerned and of the person's interests and short positions in, and rights to subscribe for, any relevant securities of each of (i) the offeree company and (ii) any securities exchange offeror(s), save to the extent that these details have previously been disclosed under Rule 8. A Dealing Disclosure by a person to whom Rule 8.3(b) applies must be made by no later than 3.30 pm (London time) on the Business Day following the date of the relevant dealing.

If two or more persons act together pursuant to an agreement or understanding, whether formal or informal, to acquire or control an interest in relevant securities of an offeree company or a securities exchange offeror, they will be deemed to be a single person for the purpose of Rule 8.3 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 under 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 on the Disclosure Table tab of the Panel's website at <https://www.thetakeoverpanel.org.uk> including details of the number of relevant securities in issue, when the offer period commenced and when any offeror was first identified. You should contact the Panel's Market Surveillance Unit on +44 (0)20 7638 0129 if you are in any doubt as to whether you are required to make an Opening Position Disclosure or a Dealing Disclosure.*

***Market Abuse Regulation***

*The information contained within this Announcement constitutes inside information as stipulated under the Market Abuse Regulation. Upon the publication of this Announcement via a Regulatory Information Service, this inside information is now considered to be in the public domain.*

**APPENDIX I**  
**CONDITIONS AND FURTHER TERMS OF THE ACQUISITION**

Part A: Conditions to the Scheme and the Acquisition

The Acquisition will be subject to the terms and conditions set out in this Appendix I and to be set out in the Scheme Document.

1. The Acquisition will be conditional upon the Scheme becoming unconditional and Effective, subject to the Code, by no later than 11.59 p.m. on the Long Stop Date.
2. The Scheme will be conditional upon:
  - 2.1 its approval by a majority in number representing not less than 75 per cent., in nominal value of the Scheme Shareholders who are on the register of members of Codemasters at the Voting Record Time and who are present and voting, either in person or by proxy, at the Court Meeting and at any separate class meeting which may be required by the Court or at any adjournment of any such meeting, provided that the Court Meeting may not be adjourned beyond the 22<sup>nd</sup> day after the expected date of the Court Meeting to be set out in the Scheme Document in due course (or such later date (if any) as Take-Two and Codemasters may agree and the Court may allow); and
  - 2.2 all resolutions necessary to approve and implement the Scheme being duly passed by the requisite majority or majorities at the Codemasters General Meeting or at any adjournment of that meeting, provided that the Codemasters General Meeting may not be adjourned beyond the 22<sup>nd</sup> day after the expected date of the Codemasters General Meeting to be set out in the Scheme Document in due course (or such later date (if any) as Take-Two and Codemasters may agree and the Court may allow); and
  - 2.3 the sanction of the Scheme (with or without modification but subject to any such modification being acceptable to Take-Two and Codemasters) by the Court at the Court Sanction Hearing and such Court Sanction Hearing being held on or before the 22<sup>nd</sup> day after the expected date of the Court Sanction Hearing to be set out in the Scheme Document in due course (or such later date (if any) as Take-Two and Codemasters may agree and the Court may allow); and
  - 2.4 the delivery of a copy of the Scheme Court Order to the Registrar of Companies in England and Wales.
3. In addition, subject as stated in Part B of this Appendix I and to the requirements of the Panel, Take-Two and Codemasters have agreed that the Acquisition will be conditional upon the following conditions and, accordingly, the necessary actions to make the Scheme Effective will not be taken unless the following Conditions (as amended if appropriate) have been satisfied or, where relevant and capable of waiver, waived:

*New Take-Two Shares*

- 3.1 confirmation having been received by Take-Two that the New Take-Two Shares have been approved for listing, subject to official notice of issuance, on NASDAQ;
- 3.2 in the event that the Acquisition is implemented by way of a Takeover Offer, absent an available exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act, Take-Two's registration statement having been declared effective by the SEC and no stop order having been issued or proceedings for suspension of the effectiveness of Take-Two's registration statement having been initiated by the SEC and Take-Two having received all necessary authorisations under U.S. state securities law or applicable U.S. state blue sky laws;

### ***Antitrust clearance***

- 3.3 by the time of the Court Sanction Hearing, and following Take-Two having submitted a briefing note to the CMA in relation to the Acquisition, the CMA either:
- (a) having not opened a CMA Merger Investigation in relation to the Acquisition or any matters arising therefrom; or
  - (b) having opened a CMA Merger Investigation, the CMA having indicated in terms satisfactory to Take-Two (acting reasonably) that the CMA does not intend to make a CMA Phase 2 Reference in connection with the Acquisition or any matters arising therefrom; Take-Two shall not be obliged to accept or offer any conditions and/or remedies in order to satisfy this Condition;
- 3.4 insofar as the Acquisition is required to be notified under the German merger control regime, the German Bundeskartellamt not deciding, within one month of the submission of a complete merger notification, to open an in-depth investigation of the Acquisition (Phase II); or, in case such in-depth investigation is opened, the German Bundeskartellamt deciding that the prohibition conditions under the German Act against Restraints of Competition (*Gesetz gegen Wettbewerbsbeschränkungen*, “**GWB**”) are not satisfied and the Acquisition is thus cleared or is deemed to be cleared pursuant to Section 40(2) 2nd sentence GWB, provided that Take-Two shall not be obliged to accept or offer any conditions and/or remedies in order to satisfy this Condition;
- 3.5 the expiry of the applicable review period pursuant to Section 11 of the Austrian Cartel Act (*Kartellgesetz 2005*) without the Official Parties (*Amtsparteien*) having lodged an application for investigation (*Prüfungsantrag*) or, if such application for investigation has been lodged, the obtaining in writing of any final and binding statement or decision by the Austrian Cartel Court (*Kartellgericht*) to the effect that the Acquisition is not subject to Section 17 (*Durchführungsverbot*) of the Austrian Cartel Act (*Kartellgesetz 2005*), provided that Take-Two shall not be obliged to accept or offer any conditions and/or remedies in order to satisfy this Condition;

### ***Notifications, waiting periods and authorisations***

- 3.6 all necessary notifications, filings and applications having been made in connection with the Acquisition, all regulatory and statutory obligations in any relevant jurisdiction reasonably deemed necessary by Take-Two having been complied with in connection with the Acquisition, all necessary waiting and other time periods (including any extensions of such waiting and other time periods) under any applicable legislation or regulations of any relevant jurisdiction reasonably deemed necessary by Take-Two having expired, lapsed or been terminated in each case in respect of the Acquisition and all necessary authorisations and consents having been obtained in terms and in a form reasonably satisfactory to Take-Two from appropriate third parties in connection with the Acquisition or proposed acquisition of any shares or other securities in, or control or management of, Codemasters or any other member of the Wider Codemasters Group by any member of the Wider Take-Two Group or the carrying on by any member of the Wider Codemasters Group of its business and there being no notice or intimation of an intention to revoke, suspend, restrict, modify or not to renew such authorisations and consents, in each case in any way that would be materially adverse to the Wider Codemasters Group;

### ***General antitrust and regulatory***

- 3.7 no antitrust regulator, central bank, government or governmental, quasi-governmental, supranational, statutory, regulatory, environmental, administrative, fiscal or investigative body, court, trade agency, association, institution, employee representative body or any other equivalent or analogous body or person in any jurisdiction (each a “**Third Party**”) having given notice of a decision to take, institute,

implement or threaten any action, proceeding, suit, investigation, enquiry or reference (and in each case, not having withdrawn the same), or enacted, made or proposed to enact or make any statute, regulation, decision, order or change to published practice (and in each case, not having withdrawn the same) and there not continuing to be outstanding any statute, regulation, decision or order, or having taken any other steps which would, in each case, reasonably be expected to:

- (c) require, prevent or materially delay the divestiture, or materially alter the terms envisaged for any proposed divestiture by any member of the Wider Take-Two Group or by any member of the Wider Codemasters Group of all or any part of their respective businesses, assets or properties or impose any material limitation on the ability of any of them to conduct their respective businesses (or any of them) or to own any of their respective assets or properties or any part thereof, which, in any such case, is material in the context of the Wider Take-Two Group or the Wider Codemasters Group, in either case taken as a whole;
- (b) require, prevent or materially delay or materially alter the terms envisaged for, any divestiture by any member of the Wider Take-Two Group of any shares, other securities or other interests in Codemasters or any member of the Wider Codemasters Group;
- (c) except pursuant to Chapter 3 of Part 28 of the Companies Act, in the event that Take-Two elects to implement the Acquisition by way of a Takeover Offer, require any member of the Wider Take-Two Group or of the Wider Codemasters Group to acquire, or to offer to acquire, any shares or other securities (or the equivalent) or interest in any member of the Wider Codemasters Group;
- (d) require any member of the Wider Codemasters Group to repay any indebtedness of any member of the Wider Codemasters Group (other than in implementation of the Acquisition as agreed between Take-Two and Codemasters);
- (e) impose any limitation on, or result in a delay in, the ability of any member of the Wider Take-Two Group directly or indirectly to acquire or to hold or to exercise effectively, directly or indirectly, all or any rights of ownership in respect of shares or loans or securities convertible into shares or any other securities (or the equivalent) in any member of the Wider Codemasters Group or the Wider Take-Two Group or to exercise management control over any such member;
- (f) otherwise adversely affect the business, assets, liabilities, trading position, value, profits, operational performance, or prospects of any member of the Wider Take-Two Group or of any member of the Wider Codemasters Group in a manner which is material in the context of the Wider Take-Two Group or the Wider Codemasters Group;
- (g) make the Acquisition or its implementation or the acquisition or proposed acquisition by Take-Two or any member of the Wider Take-Two Group of any shares or other securities in, or control of Codemasters void, voidable, illegal, and/or unenforceable under the laws of any jurisdiction, or otherwise, directly or indirectly, restrain, restrict, prohibit, prevent, delay or otherwise interfere with the same, or impose additional conditions or obligations with respect thereto, or otherwise challenge or interfere or require material amendment to the terms of the Acquisition or the acquisition or proposed acquisition of any shares or other securities in, or control or management of, Codemasters by any by of the Wider Take-Two Group;
- (h) impose any limitation on, or result in any delay in, the ability of any member of the Wider Take-Two Group or the Wider Codemasters Group to conduct, integrate or co-ordinate its business, or any part of it, with the businesses of any other members of the Wider Take-Two Group and/or the Wider Codemasters Group in each case in a manner which is material in

the context of the Wider Take-Two Group or the Wider Codemasters Group in each case taken as a whole;

- (i) require any member of the Wider Codemasters Group or the Wider Take-Two Group to relinquish, terminate or amend in any way any material contract to which any member of the Wider Codemasters Group or the Wider Take-Two Group, as applicable, is a party, in each case in a manner which is material in the context of the Wider Take-Two Group or the Wider Codemasters Group in each case taken as a whole; or
- (j) result in any member of the Wider Codemasters Group ceasing to be able to carry on business under any name under which it presently does so to an extent which is material in the context of the Wider Codemasters Group taken as a whole,

and all applicable waiting and other time periods (including extensions thereof) during which any such Third Party could institute, implement or threaten any action, proceeding, suit, investigation, enquiry or reference or take any other step under the laws of any jurisdiction in respect of the Acquisition or the acquisition or proposed acquisition of any Codemasters Shares or other securities in, or control or management of, Codemasters, Take-Two or otherwise intervene having expired, lapsed or been terminated;

- 3.8 all authorisations, orders, grants, recognitions, confirmations, licences, consents, clearances, permissions and approvals necessary for any member of the Wider Codemasters Group to carry on its business, remaining in full force and effect at the time at which the Acquisition becomes effective or otherwise wholly unconditional (where the absence of such would be material and adverse in the context of the Wider Codemasters Group) and no intimation of any intention to revoke, suspend, materially restrict or materially modify or not to renew any of the same having been made;
- 3.9 no temporary restraining order, preliminary or permanent injunction, preliminary or permanent enjoinder, or other order issued and being in effect by a court or other Third Party which has the effect of making the Acquisition or any acquisition or proposed acquisition of any shares or other securities in, or control or management of, any member of the Wider Codemasters Group by any member of the Wider Take-Two Group, or the implementation of either of them, void, voidable, illegal and/or unenforceable under the laws of any relevant jurisdiction, or otherwise directly or indirectly prohibiting, preventing, restraining, restricting, delaying or otherwise interfering with the completion or the approval of the Acquisition or any matter arising from the proposed acquisition of any shares or other securities in, or in control of, any member of the Wider Codemasters Group by any member of the Wider Take-Two Group;

***Frustrating action***

- 3.10 except with the consent or the agreement of Take-Two, no resolution of Codemasters Shareholders in relation to any acquisition or disposal of assets or shares (or the equivalent thereof) in any undertaking or undertakings (or in relation to any merger, demerger, consolidation, reconstruction, amalgamation or scheme) being passed at a meeting of Codemasters Shareholders other than in relation to the Acquisition or the Scheme and, other than with the consent or the agreement of Take-Two, no member of the Wider Codemasters Group having taken (or agreed or proposed to take) any action that requires, or would require, the consent of the Panel or the approval of Codemasters Shareholders in accordance with, or as contemplated by, Rule 21.1 of the Code;

***Certain matters arising as a result of any arrangement or agreement***

- 3.11 except as Disclosed, there being no provision of any arrangement, agreement, lease, licence, franchise, permit or other instrument to which any member of the Wider Codemasters Group is a party or by or to which any such member or any of its assets is or may be bound, entitled or subject,



or any event or circumstance which, as a consequence of the Acquisition or the acquisition or the proposed acquisition by any member of the Wider Take-Two Group of any shares or other securities (or the equivalent) in Codemasters or because of a change in the control or management of any member of the Wider Codemasters Group or otherwise, would or might reasonably be expected to result in (in each case to an extent or in a manner which is material in the context of the Wider Codemasters Group):

- (a) any moneys borrowed by or any other indebtedness or liabilities (actual or contingent) of, or any grant available to member of the Wider Codemasters Group, being or becoming repayable or capable of being declared repayable immediately or earlier than their or its stated maturity date or repayment date or the ability of any such member to borrow moneys or incur any indebtedness being withdrawn or inhibited or being capable of becoming or being withdrawn or inhibited;
- (b) any such agreement, arrangement, licence, permit or instrument or the rights, liabilities, obligations or interests of any member of the Wider Codemasters Group thereunder being, or becoming capable of being, terminated or adversely modified or adversely affected or any onerous obligation or liability arising or any adverse action being taken or arising thereunder;
- (c) any asset owned or used by, or interests in, any member of the Wider Codemasters Group being disposed of or charged or ceasing to be available to any member of the Wider Codemasters Group or any right arising under which any such asset or interest could be required to be disposed of or charged or cease to be available to any member of the Wider Codemasters Group otherwise than in the ordinary and usual course of business;
- (d) the creation, save in the ordinary and usual course of business, or enforcement of any mortgage, charge or other security interest over the whole or any part of the business, property, assets or interest of any member of the Wider Codemasters Group or any such mortgage, charge or other security (whenever created, arising or having arisen) becoming enforceable;
- (e) the rights, liabilities, obligations, interests or business of any member of the Wider Codemasters Group under any such arrangement, agreement, licence, permit, lease or instrument or the interests or business of any member of the Wider Codemasters Group in or with any other person or body or firm or company (or any arrangement relating to any such interests or business) being or becoming capable of being terminated, or adversely modified or affected or any onerous obligation or liability arising or any adverse action being taken thereunder;
- (f) the value of any member of the Wider Codemasters Group or its business, assets, value, financial or trading position, profits, operational performance or prospects being prejudiced or adversely affected;
- (g) any member of the Wider Codemasters Group ceasing to be able to carry on business under any name under which it presently does so;
- (h) the creation or acceleration of any liability, actual or contingent, by any member of the Wider Codemasters Group (including any material tax liability);
- (i) any liability of any member of the Wider Codemasters Group to make any severance, termination, bonus or other payment to any of its directors or other officers; or
- (j) any requirement on any member of the Wider Codemasters Group to acquire, subscribe, pay

up or repay any shares or other securities in another corporate entity (other than another member of the Wider Codemasters Group),

and no event having occurred which, under any provision of any agreement, arrangement, licence, permit or other instrument to which any member of the Wider Codemasters Group is a party or by or to which any such member or any of its assets may be bound, entitled or subject, would or is reasonably likely to result in any of the events or circumstances as are referred to in sub-paragraphs (a) to (j) of this Condition to an extent which is or which would be material in the context of the Wider Codemasters Group;

***Certain events occurring since 31 March 2020***

3.12 except as Disclosed or as otherwise permitted under the Co-operation Agreement, no member of the Wider Codemasters Group having, since 31 March 2020:

- (a) save as between Codemasters and wholly-owned subsidiaries of Codemasters, issued, agreed to issue, authorised or proposed the issue of additional shares of any class or agreed to transfer or sell or authorised or proposed the transfer or sale of Codemasters Shares out of treasury;
- (b) save as between Codemasters and wholly-owned subsidiaries of Codemasters, issued or agreed to issue, authorised or proposed the issue of securities convertible into shares of any class or rights, warrants or options to subscribe for, or acquire, any such shares or convertible securities;
- (c) recommended, declared, paid or made or proposed to recommend, declare, pay or make any bonus, dividend or other distribution whether payable in cash or otherwise which is material in the context of the Wider Codemasters Group;
- (d) other than pursuant to the Acquisition or transactions in the ordinary and usual course of business, merged or demerged with any body corporate, partnership or business or acquired or disposed of or transferred, mortgaged or charged or created any security interest over any assets or any right, title or interest in any asset (including shares and trade investments) or authorised or proposed or announced any intention to propose any merger, demerger, acquisition or disposal, transfer, mortgage, charge or security interest, in any such case to an extent which is material in the context of the Wider Codemasters Group taken as a whole;
- (e) save as between Codemasters and wholly-owned subsidiaries of Codemasters, made or authorised or proposed or announced an intention to propose any change in its loan capital, in each case to the extent to which is material in the context of the Wider Codemasters Group taken as a whole;
- (f) save as between Codemasters and wholly-owned subsidiaries of Codemasters, save for transactions in the ordinary and usual course of business, issued, authorised or proposed the issue of any debentures, incurred or increased any indebtedness or become subject to any guarantee or actual or contingent liability;
- (g) disposed of, or transferred, mortgaged or created any security interest over any material asset or any right, title or interest in any material asset or authorised, proposed or announced any intention to do so;
- (h) purchased, redeemed or repaid or announced any proposal to purchase, redeem or repay any of its own shares or other securities or reduced or, save in respect to the matters mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) above, made any other change to any part of its share capital;

- (i) implemented, or authorised, proposed or announced its intention to implement, any joint venture, asset or profit sharing arrangement, partnership, composition, assignment, reconstruction, amalgamation, scheme, commitment or other transaction or arrangement otherwise than in the ordinary course of business or in respect of the Acquisition;
- (j) sold or transferred or agreed to sell or transfer any Codemasters Shares held by Codemasters as treasury shares except for the issue or transfer out of treasury of Codemasters Shares on the exercise of employee share options;
- (k) entered into, varied, authorised or proposed entry into or variation of the terms of, or made any offer (which remains open for acceptance) to enter into or vary the terms of any contract, commitment, arrangement, service agreement with any director or senior executive of any member of the Wider Codemasters Group;
- (l) except in the ordinary and usual course of business, entered into or varied or authorised, proposed or announced its intention to enter into or vary any contract, transaction, arrangement or commitment (whether in respect of capital expenditure or otherwise) which is of a long term, onerous or unusual nature or magnitude or which is or could reasonably be expected to be materially restrictive on the businesses of any member of the Wider Codemasters Group;
- (m) taken or proposed any steps, corporate action or had any legal proceedings instituted or threatened against it for its winding-up (voluntary or otherwise), dissolution or reorganisation or in relation to payments, a moratorium of any indebtedness, or for the appointment of a receiver, administrator, manager, administrative receiver, trustee or similar officer of all or any part of its assets or revenues or any analogous or equivalent steps or proceedings in any jurisdiction or appointed any analogous person in any jurisdiction or had any such person appointed, and in each such case, to the extent which is material in the context of the Wider Codemasters Group taken as a whole or in the context of the Acquisition;
- (n) been unable, or admitted in writing that it is unable, to pay its debts or commenced negotiations with one or more of its creditors with a view to rescheduling or restructuring any of its indebtedness, or having stopped or suspended (or threatened to stop or suspend) payment of its debts generally or ceased or threatened to cease carrying on all or a substantial part of its business which is material in the context of the Wider Codemasters Group taken as a whole or in the context of the Acquisition;
- (o) waived, compromised or settled any claim otherwise than in the ordinary course of business and, in any case, which is material in the context of the Wider Codemasters Group as a whole or in the context of the Acquisition;
- (p) except in relation to changes made or agreed as a result of being required as a result of changes to legislation, having made or agreed or consented to any material change to:
  - (i) the terms of the trust deeds, rules, policy or other governing documents constituting the pension schemes or other retirement or death benefit arrangement established by any member of the Wider Codemasters Group for its directors, former directors, employees, former employees or each of their respective dependents;
  - (ii) the contributions payable to any such scheme(s) or to the benefits which accrue or to the pensions which are payable thereunder;

- (iii) the basis on which qualification for, or accrual or entitlement to, such benefits or pensions are calculated or determined; or
  - (iv) the basis upon which the liabilities (including pensions) of such pension schemes are funded, valued or made;
- (q) carried out any act:
- (i) which would or could reasonably be expected to lead to the commencement of the winding up of any pension plan;
  - (ii) which would or might create a material debt owed by an employer to any pension plan;
  - (iii) which would or might accelerate any obligation on any employer to fund or pay additional contributions to any pension plans;
  - (iv) which would or might give rise indirectly or directly to a liability in respect of a pension plan; or
  - (v) to change the trustee or trustee directors or other fiduciary of the relevant pension plans;
- (r) save as required in the context of the Acquisition, proposed, agreed to provide or modified the terms of any share option scheme or incentive scheme or other benefit constituting a material change relating to the employment or termination of employment of a material category of person employed by the Wider Codemasters Group or which constitutes a material change to the terms or conditions of employment of any senior employee of the Wider Codemasters Group;
- (s) made any material alteration to its constitutional documents (other than an alteration required in connection with the Acquisition);
- (t) except in the ordinary and usual course of business, terminated or varied the terms of any agreement or arrangement between any member of the Wider Codemasters Group and any other person in a manner which would or is reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the financial position of the Wider Codemasters Group taken as a whole; or
- (u) otherwise than in the ordinary course of business, entered into any contract, commitment, arrangement or agreement, or passed any resolution or made any offer (which remains open for acceptance) with respect to, or announced any intention to, or to propose to, effect any of the transactions, matters or events referred to in this Condition;

***No adverse change, litigation, regulatory enquiry or similar***

3.13 except as Disclosed, since 31 March 2020:

- (a) no adverse change and no circumstance having arisen which would or might reasonably be expected to result in any adverse change or deterioration in the business, assets, value, liabilities, financial or trading position, operational performance or profits or prospects of any member of the Wider Codemasters Group which is material in the context of the Wider Codemasters Group taken as a whole;

- (b) no litigation, arbitration proceedings, prosecution or other legal proceedings including, without limitation, with regard to intellectual property rights used or owned by the Wider Codemasters Group having been threatened, announced or instituted by or against or remaining outstanding against any member of the Wider Codemasters Group or to which any member of the Wider Codemasters Group is or may become a party (whether as a claimant, defendant or otherwise) which is material in the context of the Wider Codemasters Group taken as a whole;
- (c) no enquiry, review, investigation or enforcement proceedings by, or complaint or reference to, any Third Party against or in respect of any member of the Wider Codemasters Group having been instituted, announced, implemented or threatened by or against or remaining outstanding against or in respect of any member of the Wider Codemasters Group, which, in each case might reasonably be expected to have an adverse effect on such member to an extent which is material, in the context of the Wider Codemasters Group taken as a whole or in the context of the Acquisition;
- (d) no steps having been taken and no omissions having been made which would result in the withdrawal, cancellation, termination or modification of any licence held by any member of the Wider Codemasters Group which is necessary for the proper carrying on of its business and the withdrawal, cancellation, termination or modification of which would have a material and adverse effect on the Wider Codemasters Group taken as a whole; and
- (e) no contingent or other liability having arisen, increased or become apparent to Codemasters (other than in the ordinary course of business) which is reasonably likely to affect adversely the business, assets, financial or trading position or profits or prospects or operational performance of any member of the Wider Codemasters Group; in each case to an extent which is material in the context of the Wider Codemasters Group taken as whole or in the context of the Acquisition;

***No discovery of certain matters regarding information, liabilities and environmental issues***

3.14 except as Disclosed, Take-Two not having discovered:

- (a) that any financial, business or other information concerning the Wider Codemasters Group as contained in the information disclosed at the time by or on behalf of any member of the Wider Codemasters Group publicly and delivered by or on behalf of Codemasters through a RIS or other public announcement prior to the date of this Announcement is misleading, contains a material misrepresentation of fact or omits to state a fact necessary to make that information not misleading;
- (b) that any member of the Wider Codemasters Group is subject to any liability (contingent or otherwise) and which is material and adverse in the context of the Wider Codemasters Group taken as a whole or in the context of the Acquisition;
- (c) any information which affects the import of any information disclosed at any time prior to this Announcement by or on behalf of any member of the Wider Codemasters Group and which is material in the context of the Wider Codemasters Group taken as a whole;
- (d) any past or present member of the Wider Codemasters Group has not complied with all applicable legislation, regulations or other requirements of any jurisdiction or any notice, order or requirement of any Third Party, any authorisations and/or consents relating to the use, treatment, handling, storage, transport, carriage, disposal, discharge, spillage, release, leak or emission of any waste or hazardous substance or any substance likely to impair the environment (including property) or harm human or animal health or otherwise relating to

environmental matters or the health and safety of any person, or that there has otherwise been any such use, treatment, handling, storage, transport, carriage, disposal, discharge, spillage, release, leak or emission (whether or not giving rise to non-compliance with any law or regulation), which non-compliance would give rise to any material liability including any penalty for non-compliance (whether actual or contingent) on the part of any member of the Wider Codemasters Group; or

- (e) there is, or is reasonably likely to be, any obligation or liability (whether actual or contingent) or requirement to make good, remediate, repair, reinstate or clean up any property, asset or any controlled waters currently or previously owned, occupied, operated or made use of or controlled by any past or present member of the Wider Codemasters Group (or on its behalf), or in which any such member has or previously has had or be deemed to have had an interest, under any environmental legislation, common law, regulation, notice, circular, authorisation, consent, permission or order of any Third Party in any jurisdiction or to contribute to the cost thereof or associated therewith or indemnify any person in relation thereto;

#### **Anti-bribery, anti-corruption, proceeds of crime and sanctions**

3.15 except as Disclosed, Take-Two not having discovered that:

- (a) any past or present member, director, officer or employee, agent, consultant or designated representative of the Wider Codemasters Group or any person that performs or has performed services for or on behalf of the Wider Codemasters Group is or has at any time engaged in any or has paid or agreed to pay any bribe including any “inducement fee” given or agreed to give any similar gift or benefit or paid or agreed to pay to a concealed bank account or fund to or for the account of, any customer, supplier, governmental official or employee, representative of a political party, or other person for the purpose of obtaining or retaining business or otherwise engaged in any activity, practice, conduct or any such things (or omitted to do such things) in contravention of the Bribery Act 2010, as amended, or the US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act 1977, as amended or any other anti-corruption legislation applicable to the Wider Codemasters Group;
- (b) any asset of any member of the Wider Codemasters Group constitutes criminal property as defined by section 340(3) of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (but disregarding paragraph (b) of that definition);
- (c) any past or present member, director, officer or employee, agent, consultant or designated representative of the Wider Codemasters Group has engaged in any activity or business with or made any investments in, or made any payments, funds or assets available, to or received any funds or assets from: (i) any government, entity or individual in respect of which US or European Union persons, or persons operating in those territories, are prohibited from engaging in activities or doing business, or from receiving or making available funds or economic resources, by US or European Union laws or regulations, including the economic sanctions administered by the United States Office of Foreign Assets Control or HM Treasury & Customs; or (ii) any government, entity or individual named by any of the economic sanctions of the United Nations or the European Union or any of their respective member states; or
- (d) a member of the Wider Codemasters Group has engaged in any transaction which would cause the Wider Take-Two Group to be in breach of any law or regulation upon its acquisition of Codemasters, including the economic sanctions of the United States Office of Foreign Assets Control, or HM Treasury & Customs, or any government, entity or

individual targeted by any of the economic sanctions of the United Nations, the United States, the European Union or any of its member states.

#### Part B: Certain further terms of the Acquisition

4. The Scheme will not become Effective unless the Conditions have been fulfilled or (if capable of waiver) waived by 11.59 p.m. on the Long Stop Date.
5. Subject to the requirements of the Panel in accordance with the Code, Take-Two reserves the right in its sole discretion to waive, in whole or in part:
  - (a) the deadline set out in Condition 1 and any of the deadlines set out in Condition 2 of Part A relating to the timing of the Court Meeting, the Codemasters General Meeting and the sanctioning of the Scheme. If any of the deadlines for those events are not met, Take-Two shall make an announcement by 8.00 a.m. on the Business Day following such deadline confirming whether it has invoked or waived the relevant Condition or agreed with Codemasters to extend the deadline in relation to the relevant Condition; and
  - (b) any of the Conditions set out in the above Condition 3 of Part A.
6. If Take-Two is required by the Panel to make a Takeover Offer for Codemasters Shares under the provisions of Rule 9 of the Code, Take-Two may make such alterations to any of the above Conditions as are necessary to comply with the provisions of that Rule.
7. Take-Two shall be under no obligation to waive (if capable of waiver), to determine to be or remain satisfied or treat as fulfilled any of the Conditions at any time prior to 11:59 p.m. on the Long Stop Date, notwithstanding that the other Conditions (or any of them) may at an earlier date have been waived (if capable of waiver), satisfied or fulfilled and that there are, at such earlier date, no circumstances indicating that any such Condition may not be capable of satisfaction or fulfilment.
8. Under Rule 13.5 of the Code, Take-Two may not invoke a Condition so as to cause the Scheme not to proceed, or to lapse, or so as to cause the Acquisition to lapse or be withdrawn, unless the circumstances which give rise to the right to invoke the Condition are of material significance to Take-Two in the context of the Acquisition. Conditions 1, 2 and 3.3 to 3.3 of Part A (and, if applicable, any acceptance condition adopted on the basis specified in paragraph 9 below in relation to any Takeover Offer) are not subject to this provision of the Code.
9. Take-Two reserves the right to elect, with the consent of the Panel, to implement the Acquisition by way of a Takeover Offer for the entire issued and to be issued ordinary share capital of Codemasters as an alternative to the Scheme. In such event, such Takeover Offer will be implemented on the same terms or, if Take-Two so decides (with the consent of the Panel), on such other terms being no less favourable, so far as applicable, than those which would apply to the Scheme, subject to appropriate amendments to reflect the change in method of effecting the Acquisition including (without limitation and subject to the consent of the Panel) an acceptance condition set at 90 per cent. (or such lesser percentage, being more than 50 per cent., as Take-Two may decide, subject to the Panel's consent). Further, if sufficient acceptances of such Takeover Offer are received, it would be the intention of Take-Two to apply the provisions of section 979 of the Companies Act to acquire compulsorily any outstanding Codemasters Shares to which such Takeover Offer relates.
10. The Acquisition, this Announcement and any rights or liabilities arising hereunder, the Scheme and the Forms of Proxy will be governed by English law and be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts and to the Conditions and terms set out in this Announcement and in due course in

the Scheme Document. The Acquisition will comply with the applicable rules and regulations of the FCA and the London Stock Exchange, the AIM Rules, the Panel and the Code.

11. The Scheme shall lapse and shall not become Effective if:
  - (a) insofar as the Acquisition constitutes, or is deemed to constitute, a concentration with an EU dimension within the scope of the EUMR, the European Commission either initiating proceedings under Article 6(1)(c) of the EUMR or making a referral to the CMA under Article 4(4) or Article 9(1) of the EUMR and there is then a CMA Phase 2 Reference; or
  - (b) insofar as the Acquisition does not constitute, or is not deemed to constitute, a concentration with an EU dimension within the scope of the EUMR, the Acquisition or any matter arising from or relating to it becoming subject to a CMA Phase 2 Reference,

in each case, before the later of the Court Meeting and the Codemasters General Meeting.

12. The availability of the Acquisition to persons not resident in the United Kingdom may be affected by the laws of the relevant jurisdiction. Any persons who are subject to the laws of, or are otherwise resident in, any jurisdiction other than the United Kingdom should inform themselves about and observe any applicable requirements.
13. The Acquisition will not be made, directly or indirectly, in or into, or by use of the mails of, or by any means or instrumentality (including, without limitation, facsimile transmission, telex, telephone, internet or e-mail) of interstate or foreign commerce of, or of any facility of a national securities exchange of, any Restricted Jurisdiction and the Acquisition will not be capable of acceptance by any such use, means, instrumentality or facility or from within, any Restricted Jurisdiction.
14. Codemasters Shares which will be acquired pursuant to the Acquisition will be acquired with full title guarantee, fully paid and free from all liens, equities, charges, encumbrances, options, rights of pre-emption and any other third party rights and interests of any nature and together with all rights now or hereafter attaching or accruing to them at the Effective Date, including (without limitation) voting rights and the right to receive and retain in full all dividends and other distributions (if any) announced, declared, paid or made or any other return of capital (whether by way of reduction of share capital or share premium account or otherwise) made on or after the date of this Announcement and before the Effective Date.
15. Fractions of New Take-Two Shares will not be issued to Codemasters Shareholders. Instead, Codemasters Shareholders who otherwise would have received a fraction of a New Take-Two Share will receive an additional amount in cash, rounded to the nearest cent, based on the amount obtained by multiplying such fraction by the average of the high and low sales prices of Take-Two Shares on NASDAQ on each of the five consecutive trading days ending on the trading day that is two trading days prior to the Effective Date.
16. The New Take-Two Shares to be issued pursuant to the Acquisition have not been and will not be registered under the relevant securities laws of Japan and the relevant clearances have not been, and will not be, obtained from the securities commission of any province of Canada. No prospectus in relation to the New Take-Two Shares has been, or will be, lodged with, or registered by, the Australian Securities and Investments Commission. Accordingly, the New Take-Two Shares are not being, and may not be, offered, sold, resold, delivered or distributed, directly or indirectly in or into Australia, Canada or Japan or any other jurisdiction if to do so would constitute a violation of relevant laws of, or require registration thereof in, such jurisdiction (except pursuant to an exemption, if available, from any applicable registration requirements or otherwise in compliance with all applicable laws).



17. The New Take-Two Shares will be issued credited as fully paid and will rank *pari passu* in all respects with Take-Two Shares in issue at the time that the New Take-Two Shares are issued pursuant to the Acquisition, including the right to receive and retain dividends and other distributions declared, made or paid by reference to a record date falling on or after the Effective Date. Application will be made to NASDAQ for the New Take-Two Shares to be listed on NASDAQ on completion of the Acquisition.
18. If, on or after the date of this Announcement and before the Effective Date, any dividend and/or other distribution and/or other return of capital is announced, declared or paid in respect of the Codemasters Shares, Take-Two reserves the right (without prejudice to any right of Take-Two to invoke Condition 3.12(c)), to reduce the offer consideration for the Codemasters Shares by an amount up to the amount of such dividend and/or distribution and/or return of capital so announced, declared or paid, in which case any reference in this Announcement or in the Scheme Document to the offer consideration for the Codemasters Shares will be deemed to be a reference to the offer consideration as so reduced. To the extent that any such dividend and/or other distribution and/or other return of capital is announced, declared or paid and it is: (i) transferred pursuant to the Acquisition on a basis which entitles Take-Two to receive the dividend or distribution and to retain it; or (ii) cancelled, the offer consideration will not be subject to change in accordance with this paragraph. Any exercise by Take-Two of its rights referred to in this paragraph shall be the subject of an announcement and, for the avoidance of doubt, shall not be regarded as constituting any revision or variation of the terms of the Acquisition. For the further avoidance of doubt, any payments made in cash or by way of the delivery of shares on the vesting of awards calculated by reference to dividends accrued in respect of those underlying vested shares are not to be construed as a dividend, distribution or return of capital for these purposes.
19. Each of the Conditions shall be regarded as a separate Condition and shall not be limited by reference to any other Condition.

## APPENDIX II

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND BASES OF CALCULATION

1. The value of the Acquisition on a fully diluted basis has been calculated on the basis of a fully diluted issued ordinary share capital of 156,398,598 Codemasters Shares, calculated as:
  - (a) the total number of Codemasters Shares in issue of 152,411,266 as at the Latest Practicable Date; plus
  - (b) the additional 3,536,287 Codemasters Shares that, as at the Latest Practicable Date, may be issued upon the exercise of outstanding options under the Codemasters Share Option Schemes; plus
  - (c) the additional 451,045 Codemasters Shares that may be issued upon the exercise of options which are intended to be granted on or after the date of this Announcement pursuant to the Codemasters Share Option Schemes,and by multiplying the fully diluted issued ordinary share capital by the implied offer price calculated in accordance with paragraph 2 below.
2. The implied offer price of 485 pence per Codemasters Share is calculated by multiplying the exchange ratio of 0.02834 New Take-Two Shares per Codemasters Share by the closing market price of Take-Two Shares of US\$168.68 on 5 November 2020 (being the Pre-Announcement Date), converting the result into £ at a £:\$ FX rate of 1.31, and then adding 120 pence, being the cash consideration per Codemasters Share.
3. The implied offer price of 464 pence per Codemasters Share is calculated by multiplying the exchange ratio of 0.02834 New Take-Two Shares per Codemasters Share by the closing market price of Take-Two Shares of US\$159.99 on 9 November 2020 (the Latest Practicable Date), converting the result into £ at a £:\$ FX rate of US\$1.32:£1, and then adding 120 pence, being the cash consideration per Codemasters Share.
4. As of 9 November 2020, Take-Two has 137,530,796 shares of common stock, of which 22,420,273 are held in treasury.
5. The value of the fully diluted share capital of Codemasters under the terms of the Offer is calculated:
  - (a) by reference to the implied offer price per Codemasters Share; and
  - (b) on the basis of the issued and to be issued share capital of Codemasters (as set out in paragraph 1 above).
6. Codemasters' net cash as of 31 March 2020 is equal to £23.2 million; Codemasters' non-controlling interest as of 31 March 2020 are equal to £(0.6) million.
7. Codemasters' Enterprise Value at the implied offer price is calculated by the value of the fully diluted share capital under the terms of the Offer and the sum of the Codemasters' net cash and non-controlling interest (as set out in paragraph 5 above).
8. Codemasters' adjusted EBITDA for the 12 months ending 31 March 2020 is equal to £18.2 million.

9. Unless otherwise stated in this Announcement:
- (a) financial information relating to Codemasters is extracted (without material adjustment) from the audited consolidated financial statements of Codemasters for the Fiscal Year ending 31 March 2020, prepared in accordance with IFRS;
  - (b) financial information relating to Take-Two is extracted (without material adjustment) from the form 10-K of Take-Two for the Fiscal Year ending 31 March 2020;
  - (c) all prices for Codemasters Shares have been derived from the Daily Official List of the London Stock Exchange and represent Closing Prices on the relevant date(s);
  - (d) all prices for Take-Two Shares have been derived from NASDAQ and represent Closing Prices on the relevant date(s).
10. Volume-weighted average prices have been derived from S&P Capital IQ and have been rounded to the nearest one decimal place.
11. Exchange rates have been derived from Refinitiv and have been rounded to the nearest second decimal places.
12. Certain figures in this announcement have been subject to rounding adjustments.

APPENDIX III  
**IRREVOCABLE UNDERTAKINGS**

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The following holders, controllers or beneficial owners of Codemasters Shares, have given to Take-Two irrevocable undertakings to vote in favour of the Scheme at the Court Meeting and the resolutions to be proposed at the Codemasters General Meeting (or, if (with the consent of the Panel) Take-Two exercises its right to implement the Acquisition by way of a Takeover Offer, to accept, or procure acceptances of, such Takeover Offer) in relation to the following Codemasters Shares:

**Irrevocable undertakings from Codemasters Directors**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Number of Codemasters Shares</b>	<b>Percentage of Codemasters Shares</b>
Frank Sagnier	3,246,750	2.13%
Rashid Varachia	1,469,500	0.96%
Ian Bell	1,898,000	1.25%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,614,250</b>	<b>4.34%</b>

These irrevocable undertakings will continue to be binding if a higher competing offer is made for Codemasters.

Each of the irrevocable undertakings described above will cease to be binding in the following circumstances:

- (a) Take-Two announces, with the consent of the Panel and before the Scheme Document is published, that it does not intend to proceed with the Acquisition and no new, revised or replacement scheme of arrangement (or takeover offer) is announced by Take-Two in accordance with Rule 2.7 of the Code at the same time; or
- (b) the Scheme (or Takeover Offer, as applicable) is withdrawn with the consent of Take-Two or lapses in accordance with its terms, excluding where:
  - (i) the Scheme is withdrawn or lapses as a result of Take-Two exercising its right to implement the Acquisition by way of a Takeover Offer rather than a scheme of arrangement; or
  - (ii) the lapse or withdrawal either (A) is not, in the case of a withdrawal, confirmed by Take-Two or (B) is followed within five Business Days by an announcement under Rule 2.7 of the Code by Take-Two (or a person acting in concert with it) to implement the Acquisition either by a new, revised or replacement scheme of arrangement or a Takeover Offer.

APPENDIX IV  
CONFIRMATION BY THE TAKE-TWO DIRECTORS

On 5 November 2020, Take-Two announced its results for the three-month period ended 30 September 2020. As part of that announcement the following statement (the “**Take-Two Statement**”) regarding the outlook for the three-month period ending 31 December 2020 and the Fiscal Year ending 31 March 2021 was made:

“Take-Two is providing its initial outlook for its fiscal third quarter ending December 31, 2020 and increasing its outlook for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2021:

***Third Quarter Ending December 31, 2020***

- US GAAP net revenue is expected to range from US\$760 to US\$810 million
- US GAAP net income is expected to range from US\$128 to US\$140 million
- US GAAP diluted net income per share is expected to range from US\$1.10 to \$1.21
- Share count used to calculate both US GAAP and management reporting diluted net income per share is expected to be 115.9 million
- Net Bookings (operational metric) are expected to range from US\$675 to US\$725 million

Take-Two is also providing selected data and its management reporting tax rate of 16 per cent., which are used internally by its management and the Take-Two Board to adjust the Take-Two’s US GAAP financial outlook in order to facilitate comparison of its operating performance between periods and to better understand its core business and future outlook.

<i>US\$ in millions</i>	<b>Three Months Ending December 31, 2020</b>			
	<b>US GAAP outlook <sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>Financial Data</b>		
		<b>Change in deferred net revenue and related cost of goods sold</b>	<b>Stock-based compensation</b>	<b>Amortization of acquired intangible assets</b>
Net revenue	US\$760 to US\$810	(US\$85)		
Cost of goods sold	US\$291 to US\$317	US\$46	(US\$55)	(US\$5)
Operating expenses	US\$325 to US\$335		(US\$26)	(US\$3)
Interest and other, net	(US\$1)			
Income before income taxes	US\$145 to US\$159	(US\$131)	US\$81	US\$8

***Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2021***

- US GAAP net revenue is expected to range from US\$3.05 to US\$3.15 billion
- US GAAP net income is expected to range from US\$372 to US\$403 million
- US GAAP diluted net income per share is expected to range from US\$3.22 to US\$3.49
- Share count used to calculate both US GAAP and management reporting diluted net income per share is expected to be 115.5 million
- Net cash provided by operating activities is expected to be over US\$690 million
- Adjusted Unrestricted Operating Cash Flow (Non-GAAP) is expected to be over \$650 million
- Capital expenditures are expected to be approximately US\$75 million
- Net Bookings (operational metric) are expected to range from US\$3.15 to US\$3.25 billion.

Take-Two is also providing selected data and its management reporting tax rate of 16 per cent., which are used internally by its management and the Take-Two Board to adjust the Take-Two's US GAAP financial outlook in order to facilitate comparison of its operating performance between periods and to better understand its core business and future outlook:

<i>US\$ in millions</i>	<b>Twelve Months Ending March 31, 2021</b>					
	<b>Financial Data</b>					
	<b>US GAAP outlook <sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>Change in deferred net revenue and related cost of goods sold</b>	<b>Loss on long-term investments</b>	<b>Stock-based compensation</b>	<b>Amortization of acquired intangible assets</b>	<b>Reorganization &amp; Acquisition</b>
Net revenue	US\$3.050 to US\$3,150	US\$100				
Cost of goods sold	US\$1,441 to US\$1,487	US\$12		(US\$83)	(US\$17)	
Operating expenses	US\$1,205 to US\$1,225			(US\$97)	(US\$11)	(US\$3)
Interest and other, net	(US\$14)	US\$3	(US\$1)			
Income before income taxes	US\$418 to US\$452	US\$85	US\$1	US\$180	US\$28	US\$3

The Take-Two Statement is made again today in paragraph 8 of this announcement.

The Take-Two Statement was originally published before the start of an offer period in relation to the Acquisition, accordingly, under Note 2(a) to Rule 28.1 of the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers the requirements of Rule 28.1(c) apply in relation to the Take-Two Statement.

The Take-Two Directors confirm that the Take-Two Statement remains valid and confirm that the Take-Two Statement has been properly compiled on the basis of the assumptions stated below and that the basis of accounting used is consistent with Take-Two's accounting policies.

### **Assumptions**

The Take-Two Statement was prepared on the basis of the following assumptions, any of which could turn out to be incorrect and therefore affect the validity of the Take-Two Statement:

#### *Factors within the influence and control of the Take-Two Directors*

- There is no material change in the operational strategy of Take-Two from the date of this Announcement.
- There will be no further acquisitions or disposals that will have a material impact on Take-Two's results beyond those already announced prior to 5 November 2020.
- There is no material change to the anticipated schedule for the launch of new interactive products and games since 5 November 2020.
- There are no material strategic investments over and above those currently planned, including the hiring of additional employees.
- There will be no change in the costs of supply over and above those currently planned and no changes in agreements with customers.
- The Take-Two Statement does not include any impact on Take-Two of the Acquisition.
- Take-Two's current accounting policies will be consistently applied until at least the end of Take-Two's current Fiscal Year ending on 31 March 2021.

#### *Factors outside the influence or control of the Take-Two Directors*

- There will be no material macroeconomic change in the principal markets and regions in which Take-Two operates.
- Other than as already assessed by Take-Two, there will be no material impact from COVID-19, or associated government regulations and restrictions, on Take-Two's customers, its suppliers and consumer spending on its interactive products, which will have a significant impact on Take-Two's financial results.
- There will be no material adverse events that will have a significant impact on Take-Two's financial results.
- There will be no material impact from the launch of next generation hardware for interactive products and games, which will have an impact on customer demand and acceptance and supply of Take-Two's interactive products, which will have a significant impact on Take-Two's financial results.
- There will be no changes in interest rates, bases of taxation, regulatory environment or legislation that have a material impact on Take-Two, including in relation to operations or accounting policies.
- There will be no material changes in customer demand for Take-Two's interactive entertainment products or the competitive environment in which Take-Two operates.

- There will be no business disruptions, in particular server capacity or Internet bandwidth, that materially affect Take-Two or its partners.
- There will be no significant and sustained weakening or strengthening of the US dollar against the currencies of the major territories in which Take-Two operates.

Other important factors and information are contained in Take-Two's most recent annual report on Form 10-K, including the risks summarized in the section entitled "Risk Factors," Take-Two's most recent Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, and Take-Two's other periodic filings with the SEC as filed with the SEC and available at <https://www.take2games.com/>.



## **APPENDIX V DEFINITIONS**

The following definitions apply throughout this Announcement unless the context otherwise requires:

<b>“£”</b>	pounds sterling, the lawful currency for the time being of the UK and references to “pence” and “p” shall be construed accordingly;
<b>“\$”</b>	United States dollar, the lawful currency for the time being of the US and references to “cents” shall be construed accordingly;
<b>“Acquisition”</b>	the proposed acquisition by Take-Two of the entire issued and to be issued ordinary share capital of Codemasters, to be effected by the Scheme as described in this Announcement (or by a Takeover Offer under certain circumstances described in this Announcement), and, where the context permits, any subsequent revision, variation, extension or renewal thereof;
<b>“adjusted EBITDA”</b>	a non-GAAP measure used by the Codemasters Group, which is defined as profit before finance costs on borrowings (restricted to represent cash basis), tax, capitalisation, depreciation, amortisation, non-recurring items, share based payment and which takes into account the phasing of milestone payments received from publishers;
<b>“AIM”</b>	AIM, the market of that name operated by the London Stock Exchange;
<b>“AIM Rules”</b>	the ‘AIM Rules for Companies’ published by the London Stock Exchange, as amended from time to time;
<b>“Announcement”</b>	this announcement made in accordance with and pursuant to Rule 2.7 of the Code;
<b>“Business Day”</b>	any day (excluding any Saturday or Sunday or public or bank holiday) on which banks are open for business in London and New York;
<b>“Cash Consideration”</b>	the cash consideration payable to Scheme Shareholders in connection with the Acquisition, being 120 pence per Codemasters Share;
<b>“Closing Price”</b>	the closing middle market quotation for a Codemasters Share as derived from the Daily Official List on that day;
<b>“CMA”</b>	the UK Competition and Markets Authority;
<b>“CMA Merger Investigation”</b>	an investigation by the CMA (on its own initiative or following the submission of a merger notice) to decide whether to make a CMA Phase 2 Reference;
<b>“CMA Phase 2 Reference”</b>	a reference of the Acquisition to the chair of the CMA under section 33 of the Enterprise Act 2002 for the constitution of a group under schedule 4 to the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013;

“Code”	the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers;
“Codemasters”	Codemasters Group Holdings plc;
“Codemasters Directors” or “Codemasters Board”	the directors of Codemasters as at the date of this Announcement or, where the context so requires, the directors of Codemasters from time to time;
“Codemasters ESOP”	the Codemasters Employee Share Option Plan;
“Codemasters General Meeting”	the general meeting of Codemasters (including any adjournment, postponement or reconvention of it) to be convened for the purposes of considering, and if thought fit approving, <i>inter alia</i> , the shareholder resolutions necessary for Codemasters to implement the Acquisition, notice of which shall be contained in the Scheme Document;
“Codemasters Group”	Codemasters and its subsidiaries and subsidiary undertakings from time to time;
“Codemasters LTIP”	the Codemasters Long Term Incentive Plan;
“Codemasters NED Plan”	the Codemasters Non-Executive Director Plan;
“Codemasters Remuneration Committee”	the remuneration committee of the Codemasters Board;
“Codemasters Shareholders”	holders of Codemasters Shares from time to time;
“Codemasters Share Option Schemes”	the Codemasters ESOP, the Codemasters LTIP and the Codemasters NED Plan and the option in respect of 210,000 Codemasters Shares to be granted to Lisa Thomas;
“Codemasters Shares”	ordinary shares of 1 pence each in the capital of Codemasters and any further such ordinary shares which are unconditionally allotted or issued and fully paid under the Codemasters Share Option Schemes prior to the Scheme Record Time but excluding in both cases any such shares held or which become held in treasury;
“Companies Act”	the Companies Act 2006, as amended from time to time;
“Conditions”	the conditions to the implementation of the Acquisition as set out in Appendix 1 to this Announcement and to be set out in the Scheme Document and “Condition” means such one or more of them as the context may require;
“Confidentiality Agreement”	the confidentiality agreement between Codemasters and Take-Two dated 25 August 2020;

<b>“Court”</b>	the High Court of Justice of England and Wales;
<b>“Court Meeting”</b>	the meeting of the Codemasters Shareholders to be convened pursuant to an order of the Court under the Part 26 of the Companies Act for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, approving the Scheme (with or without amendment), including any adjournment thereof, notice of which is to be contained in the Scheme Document;
<b>“Court Sanction Hearing”</b>	the hearing of the Court to sanction the Scheme under section 899 of the Companies Act and, if such hearing is adjourned, reference to commencement of any such hearing shall mean the commencement of the final adjournment thereof;
<b>“CREST”</b>	the relevant system (as defined in the Regulations) in respect of which Euroclear is the Operator (as defined in the Regulations);
<b>“Cut-Off Date”</b>	9 November 2020;
<b>“Daily Official List”</b>	the daily official list of the London Stock Exchange;
<b>“Dealing Disclosure”</b>	an announcement pursuant to Rule 8 of the Code containing details of dealings in interests in relevant securities of a party to an offer;
<b>“Disclosed”</b>	the information which has been fairly disclosed by or on behalf of Codemasters in (i) the information made available to Take-Two (or advisers to Take-Two) in the data room operated by Intralinks and established by Codemasters for the purposes of the Acquisition prior to 5.30pm on the Cut-Off Date; (ii) this Announcement; (iii) in the annual report and accounts of Codemasters for the financial year ended 31 March 2020; (iv) the admission document dated 29 May 2018; (v) in writing by or on behalf of Codemasters to Take-Two (or advisers to Take-Two) whether in the Excel document entitled “Project Silverstone Diligence Tracker” dated 5 November 2020 or otherwise; or (vi) any other announcement to a Regulatory Information Service by, or on behalf of, Codemasters in accordance with the Market Abuse Regulation, the AIM Rules or the DTRs before the date of this Announcement, in each case in sufficient detail so as to enable a reasonable purchaser to make an informed investment decision;
<b>“DTRs”</b>	the Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules made by the FCA under in exercise of its function as competent authority pursuant to Part VI of the FSMA and contained in the FCA’s publication of the same name (as amended from time to time);
<b>“Effective”</b>	in the context of the Acquisition: (i) if the Acquisition is implemented by way of the Scheme, means the Scheme having become effective pursuant to its terms; or (ii) if the Acquisition is implemented by way of a Takeover Offer, means the Takeover Offer having been declared or become unconditional in all respects in accordance with the requirements of the Code;

<b>“Effective Date”</b>	the date upon which the Acquisition becomes Effective;
<b>“Enlarged Group”</b>	the combined Codemasters Group and Take-Two Group following completion of the Acquisition;
<b>“EUMR”</b>	the EU Merger Regulation (No 139/2004);
<b>“Euroclear”</b>	Euroclear UK & Ireland Limited (formerly known as CRESTCo Limited);
<b>“Excluded Jurisdictions”</b>	Canada, Australia, Japan, the Republic of South Africa, New Zealand, Israel, Norway and Switzerland;
<b>“FCA”</b>	the Financial Conduct Authority or its successor from time to time;
<b>“Forms of Proxy”</b>	either or both (as the context demands) of the form of proxy in relation to the Court Meeting and the form of proxy in relation to the Codemasters General Meeting;
<b>“FSMA”</b>	the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended from time to time;
<b>“fx rate”</b>	foreign exchange rate;
<b>“GAAP”</b>	Generally Accepted Accounting Principles;
<b>“Governmental Entities”</b>	any supranational, national, state, municipal, local or foreign government, any instrumentality, subdivision, court, arbitrator or arbitrator panel, regulatory or administrative agency or commission, or other authority thereof, or any regulatory or quasi-regulatory organisation or private body exercising any regulatory, taxing, importing or other governmental or quasi-governmental authority;
<b>“GWB”</b>	shall have the meaning give in paragraph 3.4 of Part A of Appendix I;
<b>“H1”</b>	first half of the relevant Fiscal Year;
<b>“International Securities Identification Number”</b> or <b>“ISIN”</b>	a code that uniquely identified a specific securities issues, commonly referred to by its abbreviation ‘ISIN’;
<b>“Latest Practicable Date”</b>	9 November 2020 (being the last Business Day prior to the date of this announcement);
<b>“London Stock Exchange”</b>	London Stock Exchange plc;
<b>“Long Stop Date”</b>	30 April 2021 or such later date or time as Take-Two and Codemasters agree (with the Panel’s consent and as the Court may approve (if such approval(s) are required));

<b>“Market Abuse Regulation” or “MAR”</b>	the EU Market Abuse Regulation (2014/596/EU);
<b>“Meetings”</b>	the Codemasters General Meeting and the Court Meeting;
<b>“NASDAQ”</b>	NASDAQ Global Select Market;
<b>“New Take-Two Shares”</b>	new Take-Two Shares proposed to be issued to Scheme Shareholders pursuant to the Scheme;
<b>“Offer Document”</b>	should the Acquisition be implemented by means of a Takeover Offer, the document to be sent to Codemasters Shareholders containing the full terms and conditions of such Takeover Offer;
<b>“Offer Period”</b>	the offer period (as defined in the Code) relating to Codemasters, which commenced on 6 November 2020 and ends on the Effective Date or the date on which the Acquisition lapses or is withdrawn (or such other date as the Panel may decide);
<b>“Offer Price”</b>	120 pence and 0.02834 New Take-Two Shares per Codemasters Share;
<b>“Opening Position Disclosure”</b>	has the same meaning as in Rule 8 of the Code;
<b>“Overseas Shareholders”</b>	Codemasters Shareholders (or nominees of, or custodians or trustees for, such Codemasters Shareholders) not resident in, or nationals or citizens of the United Kingdom;
<b>“Panel”</b>	the Panel on Takeovers and Mergers;
<b>“Panel’s Market Surveillance Unit”</b>	the market surveillance unit set up by the Panel for the purpose of ensuring that disclosure requirements are properly observed and to enable the Panel to reach informed judgements in respect of other market related rules;
<b>“Registrar of Companies”</b>	the Registrar of Companies in England and Wales;
<b>“Regulations”</b>	the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001 (SI 2001 No. 3755);
<b>“Regulatory Information Service” or “RIS”</b>	a primary information provider which has been approved by the FCA to disseminate regulated information;
<b>“Restricted Jurisdiction”</b>	any jurisdiction where local laws or regulations may result in a significant risk of civil, regulatory or criminal exposure if the Acquisition is extended or made available in that jurisdiction or if information concerning the Acquisition is sent or made available to Codemasters Shareholders in that jurisdiction, including, without limitation, the Excluded Jurisdictions;

<b>“Scheme”</b>	the proposed scheme of arrangement under Part 26 of the Companies Act between Codemasters and the Codemasters Shareholders to implement the Acquisition, with or subject to any modification thereof or addition thereto or condition approved or imposed by the Court (where applicable) and agreed by Codemasters and Take-Two;
<b>“Scheme Court Order”</b>	the order of the court sanctioning the Scheme under section 899 of the Companies Act;
<b>“Scheme Document”</b>	the document to be dispatched to (among others) Codemasters Shareholders containing and setting out, among other things, the full terms and conditions of the Scheme, containing the explanatory statement required by section 897 of the Companies Act and the notices convening the Court Meeting and the Codemasters General Meeting;
<b>“Scheme Record Time”</b>	the date and time to be specified in the Scheme Document, expected to be 6:00pm on the Business Day immediately before the Effective Date;
<b>“Scheme Shareholder”</b>	a holder of Scheme Shares;
<b>“Scheme Shares”</b>	the Codemasters Shares: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) in issue at the date of the Scheme Document;</li> <li>(b) (if any) issued after the date of the Scheme Document but before the Voting Record Time; and</li> <li>(c) (if any) issued after the Voting Record Time and before the Scheme Record Time either on terms that the original holder or any subsequent holders shall be, or shall have agreed in writing to be, bound by the Scheme,</li> </ul> but excluding any Codemasters Shares registered in the name of, or beneficially owned by, Take-Two, any member of the Take-Two Group or their respective nominee(s);
<b>“SEC”</b>	the US Securities and Exchange Commission or any successor agency thereto;
<b>“Significant Interest”</b>	in relation to an undertaking, a direct or indirect interest in twenty per cent. or more of (i) the total voting rights conferred by the equity share capital (as defined in section 548 of the of the Companies Act) of such undertaking or (ii) the relevant partnership interest;
<b>“Take-Two”</b>	Take-Two Interactive Software, Inc.;
<b>“Take-Two Directors”</b> or <b>“Take-Two Board”</b>	the directors of Take-Two as at the date of this Announcement or, where the context so requires, the directors of Take-Two from time to time;
<b>“Take-Two Group”</b>	Take-Two and its subsidiaries and subsidiary undertakings from time to time;

<b>“Take-Two RSUs”</b>	restricted stock units granted with respect to Take-Two Shares;
<b>“Take-Two Statement”</b>	has the meaning given in Appendix IV;
<b>“Takeover Offer”</b>	if (subject to the consent of the Panel and the terms of this Announcement) the Acquisition is effected by way of a takeover offer as defined in Part 28 of the Companies Act, the offer to be made by or on behalf of Take-Two to acquire the issued and to be issued ordinary share capital of Codemasters on the terms and subject to the conditions to be set out in the related Offer Document;
<b>“Third Party”</b>	has the meaning given in paragraph 3.7 of Part A of Appendix I;
<b>“UK” or “United Kingdom”</b>	the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;
<b>“US” or “United States”</b>	the United States of America its territories and possessions, any state of the United States of America, the District of Columbia and all other territories subject to its jurisdiction;
<b>“Voting Record Time”</b>	6.00 p.m. on the day which is two days before the date of the Court Meeting or any adjournment of it (as the case may be), in each case excluding any day that is not a Business Day;
<b>“Wider Group”</b>	<b>Codemasters</b> Codemasters and its subsidiaries, subsidiary undertakings, associated undertakings and any other undertaking in which Codemasters and all such undertakings (aggregating their interests) have a Significant Interest; and
<b>“Wider Group”</b>	<b>Take-Two</b> Take-Two and its subsidiaries, subsidiary undertakings, associated undertakings and any other undertaking in which Take-Two and/or such undertakings (aggregating their interests) have a Significant Interest.

For the purposes of this Announcement, “**subsidiary**”, “**subsidiary undertaking**” and “**undertaking**” have the meanings given by the Companies Act, “**associated undertaking**” has the meaning given by paragraph 19 of Schedule 6 to the Large and Medium-sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than paragraph 19(1)(b) of Schedule 6 to those Regulations which shall be excluded for this purpose.

All references to time in this Announcement are to time in London, England, unless otherwise stated.

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