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**25 March 2026**

### **RECOMMENDED CASH ACQUISITION**

**of**

**Idox plc**

**by**

**Frankel UK Bidco Limited**

**(a newly-formed company indirectly owned by Long Path Co-Investment Fund #6, LP (acting by its general partner, Long Path Co-Investment Fund #6 GP, LLC), Long Path Smaller Companies Fund, LP (acting by its general partner Long Path Fund GP, LLC), Long Path Smaller Companies Master Fund, Ltd. and Long Path Opportunities Fund II, LP (acting by its general partner, Long Path Opportunities Fund GP, LLC))**

### **UPDATE REGARDING REGULATORY CONDITIONS**

On 5 January 2026 the boards of directors of Frankel UK Bidco Limited ("**Frankel**") and Idox plc ("**Idox**") announced a switch of offer structure from a Scheme of Arrangement to a recommended takeover offer as defined in Chapter 3 of Part 28 of the Companies Act, (the "**Offer**") pursuant to which Frankel would offer to acquire the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Idox (the "**Acquisition**"). The offer document in respect of the Offer (the "**Offer Document**") was published and posted to Idox Shareholders on 15 January 2026.

This announcement should be read in conjunction with the full text of the Offer Document. Capitalised terms used but not defined in this announcement have the meanings given to them in the Offer Document.

#### **Update on Regulatory Conditions**

As described in greater detail in the Offer Document, the Offer is subject to the satisfaction or (if permitted) waiver of certain Conditions, including the following regulatory conditions relating to foreign direct investment clearances (the "**Regulatory Conditions**"):

- the French Ministry of Economy, Finance and Recovery having issued a decision authorising the completion of the Acquisition, or having confirmed in writing that those transactions relating to the Acquisition fall outside the scope of the

relevant regulatory provisions (the "**French Regulatory Condition**"); and

- a notification regarding the Acquisition having been submitted and accepted under the UK National Security and Investment Act 2021 (the "**UK NSI Act**"), and the Secretary of State having issued a final decision confirming that either no further action will be taken in relation to the Acquisition or that the Acquisition may proceed, with or without conditions (the "**UK NSI Act Condition**").

Frankel and Idox are pleased to announce that the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster has issued a final notification that no further action in relation to the Acquisition is to be taken under the UK NSI Act. Accordingly, the UK NSI Act Condition has now been satisfied.

Frankel and Idox confirm that the French Regulatory Condition remains outstanding as at the date of this announcement. The competent authority is continuing their assessment of the notification submitted by Frankel. Frankel and Idox remain actively engaged in, and are closely monitoring, the process in respect of the French Regulatory Condition, and will provide updates to the Panel and make further announcements (as appropriate) as the process continues. Subject to the satisfaction of the French Regulatory Condition and the Acceptance Condition, it is currently expected that the Offer will become or will be declared unconditional in the second quarter of 2026.

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*The availability of the Acquisition to Idox Shareholders who are not resident in and citizens of the UK may be affected by the laws of the relevant jurisdictions in which they are located or of which they are citizens. Persons who are not resident in the UK should inform themselves of, and observe, any applicable legal or regulatory requirements of their jurisdictions. Any person (including, without limitation, nominees, trustees and custodians) who would, or otherwise intends to, forward this announcement, the Offer Document or any accompanying document to any jurisdiction outside the UK should refrain from doing so and seek appropriate professional advice before taking any action. Any failure to comply with the applicable restrictions may constitute a violation of the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the companies and persons involved in the Acquisition disclaim any responsibility or liability for the violation of such restrictions by any person.*

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#### **Notice to U.S. Idox Shareholders**

*The Offer is being made for the securities of an English company that is listed on AIM by means of a contractual takeover offer under the Takeover Code and English law and is subject to disclosure and procedural requirements and practices that are different, in some cases materially, from the tender offer rules of the United States.*

*It may be difficult for U.S. holders of Idox Shares to enforce their rights and any claim arising out of the U.S. federal laws, since Frankel and Idox are located in a non-U.S. jurisdiction, and some or all of their officers and directors may be residents of a non-U.S. jurisdiction. U.S. holders of Idox may not be able to sue a non-U.S. company or its officers or directors in a non-U.S. court for violations of the U.S. securities laws. Further, it may be difficult to compel a non-U.S. company and its affiliates to subject themselves to the judgement of a U.S. court.*

*In accordance with normal UK practice and pursuant to Rule 14e-5(b) of the U.S. Exchange Act, Long Path or their nominees, or their brokers (acting as agents), may from time to time make certain purchases of, or arrangements to purchase, Idox Shares outside of the U.S., other than pursuant to the Acquisition, until the date on which the Acquisition becomes Effective, lapses or is otherwise withdrawn. Also, in accordance with Rule 14e-5(b) of the U.S. Exchange Act, Canaccord will continue to act as an exempt principal trader in Idox Shares on the London Stock Exchange. 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, [www.londonstockexchange.com](http://www.londonstockexchange.com).*

*U.S. Idox Shareholders also should be aware that the transaction contemplated herein may have tax consequences for U.S. federal income tax purposes and under applicable U.S. state and local, as well as foreign and other, tax laws and, that such consequences, if any, are not described herein. U.S. Idox Shareholders are urged to consult with legal, tax and financial advisers in connection with making a decision regarding this transaction.*

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*This announcement (including information incorporated by reference in this announcement), oral statements made regarding the Acquisition, and other information published by Frankel and Idox contain statements which are, or may be deemed to be, "forward-looking statements". Forward-looking statements are prospective in nature and are not based on historical facts, but rather on current expectations and projections of the management of Frankel and Idox about future events and are therefore subject to risks and uncertainties which could cause actual results to differ materially from the future results expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements.*

*The forward-looking statements contained in this announcement include statements relating to the expected effects of the Acquisition on Frankel and Idox (including their future prospects, developments and strategies), the expected timing and scope of the Acquisition and other statements other than historical facts. Often, but not always, forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking words such as "prepares", "plans", "expects" or "does not expect", "is expected", "is subject to", "budget", "projects", "synergy", "strategy", "scheduled", "goal", "estimates", "forecasts", "cost-saving", "intends", "anticipates" or "does not anticipate", or "believes", or variations of such words and phrases or statements that certain actions, events or results "may", "could", "should", "would", "might" or "will" be taken, occur or be achieved. Forward looking statements may include statements relating to the following: (i) future capital expenditures, expenses, revenues, earnings, synergies, economic performance, indebtedness, financial condition, dividend policy, losses and future prospects; (ii) business and management strategies and the expansion and growth of Frankel's, Idox's, any member of the Wider Frankel Group's or any member of the Idox Group's operations and potential synergies resulting from the Acquisition; and (iii) the effects of global economic conditions and governmental regulation on Frankel's, Idox's, any member of the Wider Frankel Group's or any member of the Idox Group's business.*

*Although Frankel and Idox believe that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, Frankel and Idox can give no assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct. By their nature, forward-looking statements involve risk and uncertainty because they relate to events and depend on circumstances that will occur in the future. There are a number of factors that could cause actual results and developments to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements.*

*These factors include, but are not limited to: the ability to complete the Acquisition; the ability to obtain requisite regulatory and shareholder approvals and the satisfaction of other Conditions on the proposed terms and schedule; changes in the global political, economic, business and competitive environments and in market and regulatory forces; changes in future exchange and interest rates; changes in tax rates; future business combinations or disposals; changes in general economic and business conditions; changes in the behaviour of other market participants; changes in the anticipated benefits from the proposed transaction not being realised as a result of changes in general economic and market conditions in the countries in which Frankel and Idox operate, weak, volatile or illiquid capital and/or credit markets, changes in tax rates, interest rate and currency value fluctuations, the degree of competition in the geographic and business areas in which Frankel and Idox operate and changes in laws or in supervisory expectations or requirements. Other unknown or unpredictable factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those expected, estimated or projected in the forward-looking statements. If any one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialises or if any one or more of the assumptions proves incorrect, actual results may differ materially from those expected, estimated or projected. Such forward-looking statements should therefore be construed in the light of such factors. Neither Frankel nor Idox, 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 will actually occur. You are cautioned not to place any reliance on these forward-looking statements.*

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*Dealing Disclosures must also be made by the offeree company, by any offeror and by any persons acting in concert with any of them.*

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## General

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