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# CARLSBERG A/S ("CARLSBERG") AND HEINEKEN N.V. ("HEINEKEN")

# CONSORTIUM'S INCREASED PROPOSAL IS SUBJECT TO LIMITED CUSTOMARY WAIVABLE PRE-CONDITIONS

Heineken and Carlsberg (the "Consortium") wish to reiterate that the making of any offer for Scottish & Newcastle plc ("S&N") remains subject to certain waivable pre-conditions. This morning it has been reported in the Netherlands that the Consortium will only make a recommended takeover offer for S&N. The Consortium would like to clarify this point. The increased proposal clearly states that the making of any offer is subject to certain pre-conditions (including a board recommendation) all of which may be waived by the Consortium.

In order to provide full transparency to the market, the Consortium sets out below the entire list of the pre-conditions included in its increased proposal:

- satisfactory completion of a limited scope confirmatory due diligence exercise;
- recommendation of the S&N board and binding irrevocable undertakings from the directors;
- assurance from the trustees of S&N's UK pension schemes regarding the level of contributions that Heineken would be expected to make going forwards; and
- final approval by the boards of Carlsberg and Heineken.

These pre-conditions are not "extensive" as suggested by S&N. The Consortium regards them as limited and customary and that therefore the increased proposal is not in any way "highly conditional". Financing for the increased proposal is committed, not subject to due diligence and is not a pre-condition. In addition, the Consortium's transaction structure avoids any substantive antitrust issues.

By refusing to facilitate the satisfaction of these limited pre-conditions, S&N is preventing the delivery of certain cash value to all S&N shareholders as set out in the Consortium's increased proposal.

The Consortium's priority remains to engage with the Board of S&N to convert the increased proposal announced yesterday into a firm offer.

Shareholders are strongly urged to direct the Board of S&N to enter into discussions with the Consortium to facilitate due diligence access and to enable a firm cash offer to be launched as soon as practicable.



### **Dealing Disclosure Requirements**

Under the provisions of Rule 8.3 of the Takeover Code (the "Code"), if any person is, or becomes, "interested" (directly or indirectly) in 1% or more of any class of "relevant securities" of S&N plc, all "dealings" in any "relevant securities" of that company (including by means of an option in respect of, or a derivative referenced to, any such "relevant securities") must be publicly disclosed by no later than 3.30 pm (London time) on the London business day following the date of the relevant transaction. This requirement will continue until the date on which the offer becomes, or is declared, unconditional as to acceptances, lapses or is otherwise withdrawn or on which the "offer period" otherwise ends. If two or more persons act together pursuant to an agreement or understanding, whether formal or informal, to acquire an "interest" in "relevant securities" of S&N plc, they will be deemed to be a single person for the purpose of Rule 8.3.

Under the provisions of Rule 8.1 of the Code, all "dealings" in "relevant securities" of S&N plc by Carlsberg or Heineken or S&N, or by any of their respective "associates", must be disclosed by no later than 12.00 noon (London time) on the London business day following the date of the relevant transaction.

A disclosure table, giving details of the companies in whose "relevant securities" "dealings" should be disclosed, and the number of such securities in issue, can be found on the Takeover Panel's website at <u>www.thetakeoverpanel.org.uk.</u>

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Terms in quotation marks are defined in the Code, which can also be found on the Panel's website. If you are in any doubt as to whether or not you are required to disclose a "dealing" under Rule 8, you should consult the Panel.

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