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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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##### Recommended All-Share Offer

for

##### Pires Investments plc ("Pires")

by

##### Tern plc ("Tern")

**to be implemented by means of a Court-sanctioned scheme of arrangement under Part 26 of the Companies Act 2006**

On 1 June 2022, it was announced that the Tern Directors and Pires Directors had reached agreement on the terms of a recommended all-share offer by Tern for the issued and to be issued share capital of Pires, to be effected by means of a court-sanctioned scheme of arrangement between Pires and Pires Shareholders under Part 26 of the Companies Act 2006 (the "Acquisition")(the "2.7 Announcement").

#### Publication of presentation

In accordance with Rule 20.1 of the Code, the Pires Directors announce that a presentation on Pires and the rationale for the Acquisition has been posted to the Company's website, [www.piresinvestments.com](http://www.piresinvestments.com).

Words and expressions defined in the 2.7 Announcement shall, unless the context provides otherwise, have the same meanings in this announcement.

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#### Publication on websites

Pursuant to Rule 26.1 of the Code, a copy of this announcement and other documents in connection with the Acquisition will, subject to certain restrictions, be available for inspection on Tern's website at [www.ternplc.com](http://www.ternplc.com) and on Pires' website at [www.piresinvestments.com](http://www.piresinvestments.com) no later than 12 noon (London time) on the business day following this announcement. The contents of the websites referred to in this announcement are not incorporated into, and do not form part of, this announcement.

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