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# FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

24 March 2025

#### RECOMMENDED FINAL<sup>1</sup> ACQUISITION

of

Learning Technologies Group plc ("LTG")

by

Leopard UK Bidco Limited ("Bidco")

(a newly formed company owned by funds managed by GASC APF, L.P. and certain of its managed funds (including Atlantic Park), accounts and/or affiliates)

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

## **Court sanction of Scheme of Arrangement**

On 4 December 2024, the board of Bidco and the Independent LTG Directors announced that they had reached agreement on the terms and conditions of a recommended acquisition by Bidco of the entire issued, and to be issued, ordinary share capital of LTG (the "**Acquisition**"). The Acquisition is being implemented by means of a Court-sanctioned scheme of arrangement under Part 26 of the Companies Act 2006 (the "**Scheme**").

The circular in relation to the Scheme, including full details of the Acquisition, was published on 20 December 2024 (the "**Scheme Document**"). Capitalised terms used but not otherwise defined in this announcement have the meanings set out in the Scheme Document. All references to times in this announcement are to London, United Kingdom times, unless otherwise stated.

On 6 February 2025, the requisite majority of LTG Scheme Shareholders voted to approve the Scheme at the Court Meeting and the requisite majority of LTG Shareholders voted to pass the Special Resolution to implement the Scheme and amend the Articles at the General Meeting.

LTG is pleased to announce that the Court has today issued the Court Order sanctioning the Scheme pursuant to which the Acquisition is being implemented.

The Scheme will become Effective upon the delivery of a copy of the Court Order (together with a copy of the Scheme and all documents required to be annexed thereto) to the Registrar of Companies. It is currently expected that the Effective Date of the Scheme will be 31 March 2025 and the Scheme Record Time is expected to be 6.00 p.m. on 28 March 2025.

The Cash Offer (of 100 pence per LTG Share) and each of the Alternative Offers is final and will not be increased, except that Bidco reserves the right to vary the financial terms of the Acquisition (including the ratio of either Alternative Offer and/or otherwise increase the offer price and/or otherwise improve the terms of the Cash Offer or either Alternative Offer): (i) if there is an announcement on or after the date of this announcement of a possible offer or a firm intention to make an offer for LTG by any third party; or (ii) if the Panel otherwise provides its consent which would only occur in wholly exceptional circumstances.

## **Next Steps**

The last day for dealings in, and for the registration of transfers of, LTG Shares is expected to be 28 March 2025. Applications have been made for the suspension, and subsequent cancellation, of trading in LTG Shares on AIM. The suspension of trading in LTG Shares on AIM is expected to take effect from 7.30 a.m. on 31 March 2025.

It is expected that, subject to the Scheme becoming Effective on 31 March 2025, the cancellation of the admission to trading of LTG Shares on AIM, will take effect from 8.00 a.m. on 1 April 2025.

On the Effective Date, share certificates in respect of LTG Shares will cease to be valid documents of title, and entitlements to LTG Shares held in uncertificated form in CREST will be cancelled. It is expected that settlement will occur on or before 14 April 2025.

Further announcements will be made when the Scheme has become Effective and when the admission to trading of LTG Shares on AIM has been cancelled.

The expected timetable of principal events for the implementation of the Scheme remains as set out in the announcement made by LTG on 13 February 2025. If any of the expected times and/or dates set out in that timetable change, the revised times and/or dates will be notified to LTG Shareholders by announcement through a Regulatory Information Service, with such announcement being made available on LTG's website at https://ltgplc.com/offer-microsite/.

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This Announcement does not constitute a prospectus or prospectus exemption document.

This Announcement has been prepared for the purpose of complying with the laws of England and Wales, the AIM Rules and the Code 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 England and Wales.

#### **Overseas Shareholders**

The release, publication or distribution of this Announcement in or into certain jurisdictions other than the United Kingdom may be restricted by law. Persons who are not resident in the United Kingdom or who are subject to other jurisdictions should inform themselves of, and observe, any applicable requirements.

Unless otherwise determined by Bidco or required by the Code, and permitted by applicable law and regulation, the Acquisition will not be made available, directly or indirectly, in, into or from a Restricted Jurisdiction where to do so would violate the laws in that jurisdiction. Accordingly, copies of this Announcement and all documents relating to the Acquisition are not being, and must not be, directly or indirectly, mailed or otherwise forwarded, distributed or sent in, into or from a Restricted Jurisdiction where to do so would violate the laws in that jurisdiction, and persons receiving this Announcement and all documents relating to the Acquisition (including custodians, nominees and trustees) must not mail or otherwise distribute or send them in, into or from such jurisdictions where to do so would violate the laws in that jurisdiction.

The availability of the Acquisition, including the Alternative Offers, to LTG Shareholders who are not resident in the United Kingdom may be affected by the laws of the relevant jurisdictions in which they are resident. Persons who are not resident in the United Kingdom should inform themselves of, and observe, any applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

The Loan Notes and Rollover Securities are not being offered, sold, resold, taken up, transferred or delivered, directly or indirectly, in, into or from any Restricted Jurisdiction or to, or for the account or benefit of, any Overseas Shareholders who are resident in, or are nationals or citizens of, any Restricted Jurisdiction (or who are nominees, custodians, trustees or guardians for, citizens, residents or nationals of such Restricted Jurisdictions), except pursuant to an applicable exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, applicable securities laws of those jurisdictions and/or where all regulatory approvals (where applicable) have been validly obtained. Any individual acceptances of an Alternative Offer will only be valid if all regulatory approvals by an LTG Shareholder to acquire the relevant Loan Notes and Rollover Securities have been obtained and satisfactory KYC Information has been delivered to the Corporate Services Provider by no later than the Election Return Time.

LTG Shareholders should be aware that the transaction contemplated herein may have tax consequences and that such consequences, if any, are not described herein. LTG Shareholders are urged to consult with appropriate legal, tax and financial advisers in connection with the consequences of the Acquisition (including any election for an Alternative Offer) on them. It is intended that the Bidco Loan Notes, Midco 3 Loan Notes, Midco 2 Loan Notes and Midco 1 Loan Notes constitute non-qualifying corporate bonds for holders of such securities who are UK tax resident individuals.

The Acquisition will be subject to the laws of England and Wales, the jurisdiction of the Court, and the applicable requirements of the Code, the Panel, the AIM Rules, the London Stock Exchange and the FCA.

#### Additional information for U.S. investors

The Acquisition relates to the shares of a company incorporated in England and Wales and is proposed to be implemented by means of a scheme of arrangement under the laws of England and Wales. A transaction implemented by means of a scheme of arrangement is not subject to the tender offer rules or the proxy solicitation rules under the U.S. Exchange Act.

Accordingly, the Acquisition is subject to the disclosure and procedural requirements applicable in the United Kingdom to schemes of arrangement which differ from the disclosure requirements of United States tender offer and proxy solicitation rules.

The receipt of consideration by a U.S. holder for the transfer of its LTG Shares pursuant to the Scheme may have tax consequences in the United States. Each LTG Shareholder is urged to consult their independent professional adviser immediately regarding the tax consequences of the Acquisition applicable to them, including under applicable United States state, federal and local, as well as overseas and other tax laws.

Financial information relating to LTG included in the documents relating to the Acquisition 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 U.S. companies or companies whose financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States.

Bidco and LTG are organised under the laws of England and Wales. Some or all of the officers and directors of Bidco and LTG, respectively, are residents of countries other than the United States. In addition, most of the assets of LTG are located outside the United States. As a result, it may be difficult for U.S. shareholders of LTG to effect service of process within the United States upon Bidco or LTG or their respective officers or directors or to enforce against them a judgment of a U.S. court predicated upon the federal or state securities laws of the United States.

The Loan Notes and Rollover Securities have not been, and will not be, registered under the U.S. Securities Act, or applicable state securities laws. Accordingly, the Loan Notes and Rollover Securities may not be offered, sold, resold, taken up, transferred or delivered, directly or indirectly, in the United States absent registration or an available exemption or a transaction not subject to the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act. Accordingly, the Loan Notes and Rollover Securities will not be issued to LTG Shareholders unless Bidco determines that they may be issued pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction that is not subject to, the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act as provided by Section 3(a)(10) of the U.S. Securities Act or another available exemption.

The Loan Notes and Rollover Securities are expected to be issued in reliance on the exemption from the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act set forth in Section 3(a)(10) thereof on the basis of the approval of the Court, and similar exemptions from registration under applicable state securities laws. Section 3(a)(10) of the U.S. Securities Act exempts the issuance of any securities issued in exchange for one or more bona fide outstanding securities from the general requirement of registration under the U.S. Securities Act, where the terms and conditions of the issuance and exchange of such securities have been approved by a court of competent jurisdiction that is expressly authorised by law to grant such approval, after a hearing upon the substantive and procedural fairness of the terms and conditions of such issuance and exchange at which all persons to whom it is proposed to issue the securities have the right to appear and receive timely and adequate notice thereof. The Court is authorised to conduct a hearing at which the substantive and procedural fairness of the terms and conditions of the Scheme will be considered. For the purposes of qualifying for the exemption provided by Section 3(a)(10) of the U.S. Securities Act, LTG will advise the Court before the hearing that the Court's approval of the Scheme will constitute the basis for an exemption from the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act, pursuant to Section 3(a)(10).

THE SCHEME, THE LOAN NOTES AND THE ROLLOVER SECURITIES TO BE ISSUED IN CONNECTION THEREWITH HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SEC OR ANY OTHER SECURITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF ANY STATE OF THE UNITED STATES, NOR HAS THE SEC OR ANY SECURITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF ANY STATE OF THE UNITED STATES PASSED UPON THE FAIRNESS OR THE MERITS OF THIS TRANSACTION OR UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS ANNOUNCEMENT OR THE DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE ACQUISITION. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENCE.

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This Announcement (including any information incorporated by reference in this Announcement), oral statements made regarding the Acquisition, and other information published by LTG, Bidco, any member of the Wider Learning Technologies Group, any member of the Wider Bidco Group or General Atlantic, contain statements which are, or may be deemed to be, "forward-looking statements". Such forward-looking statements are prospective in nature and are not based on historical facts, but rather on current expectations and on numerous assumptions regarding the business strategies and the environment in which Bidco and LTG shall operate in the future and are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by those statements.

Such forward-looking statements relate to Bidco and LTG's future prospects, developments and business strategies, the expected timing and scope of the Acquisition and other statements other than historical facts. In some cases, these forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology, including the terms "believes", "estimates", "will look to", "would look to", "plans", "prepares", "anticipates", "expects", "is expected to", "is subject to", "budget", "scheduled", "forecasts", "synergy", "strategy", "goal", "cost-saving", "projects", "intends", "may", "will", "shall" or "should" or their negatives or other variations or comparable terminology. 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 Bidco's, LTG's, any member of the Bidco Group's or any member of the Group's operations and potential synergies resulting from the Acquisition; and (iii) the effects of global economic conditions and governmental regulation on Bidco's, LTG's, any member of the Bidco Group's business.

Although Bidco and LTG believe that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, neither Bidco nor LTG (nor any of their respective associates, directors, officers or advisers) can give any 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: (i) the ability to complete the Acquisition; (ii) the ability to obtain requisite regulatory and shareholder approvals and the satisfaction of other Conditions on the proposed terms and schedule; (iii) changes in the global, political, economic, business and competitive environments and in market and regulatory forces; (iv) changes in future exchange and interest rates; (v) changes in tax rates; (vi) future business combinations or disposals; (vii) changes in general economic and business conditions; (viii) changes in the behaviour of other market participants; (ix) 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 Bidco and LTG operate; (x) weak, volatile or illiquid capital and/or credit markets; (xi) changes in the degree of competition in the geographic and business areas in which Bidco and LTG operate; (xii) changes in laws or in supervisory expectations or requirements; and (xiii) any epidemic or pandemic or disease outbreak or global health crisis. 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 LTG nor Bidco, 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 will actually occur. Given these 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 could be materially different from those estimated. Due to the scale of the Group, there may be additional changes to the 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 in this Announcement speak only at the date of this Announcement. All subsequent oral or written forward-looking statements attributable to Bidco, LTG, any member of the Bidco Group or the Group, or any of their respective associates, directors, officers, employees or advisers, are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statement above.

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#### **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 a target company or of any securities exchange bidder (being any bidder other than a bidder 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 bidder 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 target company; and (ii) any securities exchange bidder(s). An Opening Position Disclosure by a person to whom Rule 8.3(a) applies must be made by no later than 3.30 p.m. (London time) on the 10th business day following the commencement of the offer period and, if appropriate, by no later than 3.30 p.m. (London time) on the 10th business day following the announcement in which any securities exchange bidder is first identified. Relevant persons who deal in the relevant securities of the target company or of a securities exchange bidder 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 target company or of any securities exchange bidder must make a Dealing Disclosure if the person deals in any relevant securities of the target company or of any securities exchange bidder. 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 target company; and (ii) any securities exchange bidder(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 p.m. (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 a target company or a securities exchange bidder, they shall be deemed to be a single person for the purpose of Rule 8.3.

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

Details of the target and bidder companies in respect of whose relevant securities Opening Position Disclosures and Dealing Disclosures must be made can be found in the Disclosure Table on the Panel's website at <a href="http://www.thetakeoverpanel.org.uk/">http://www.thetakeoverpanel.org.uk/</a>, including details of the number of relevant securities in issue, when the offer period commenced and when any bidder 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.

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Please be aware that addresses, electronic addresses and certain other information provided by LTG Shareholders, persons with information rights and other relevant persons for the receipt of communications from LTG may be provided to Bidco 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.

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The information in this Announcement is deemed by LTG to constitute inside information as stipulated under the Market Abuse Regulation (EU) No. 596/2014 (as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018). On the publication of this Announcement via a Regulatory Information Service, this inside information is now considered to be in the public domain.