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**4 August 2021**

**RECOMMENDED CASH ACQUISITION  
of  
ST. MODWEN PROPERTIES PLC  
by  
BRIGHTON BIDCO LIMITED  
(a newly formed company indirectly owned by investment funds advised by Blackstone)  
to be effected by means of a scheme of arrangement under Part 26 of the Companies Act 2006**

**COURT SANCTION OF SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENT**

On 20 May 2021, Brighton Bidco Limited ("**Bidco**") and St. Modwen Properties PLC ("**St. Modwen**") jointly announced that they had reached agreement on the terms and conditions of a recommended all cash offer by Bidco for the entire issued, and to be issued, ordinary share capital of St. Modwen (the "**Acquisition**"), to be effected by means of a scheme of arrangement under Part 26 of the Companies Act 2006 (the "**Scheme**"). The circular in relation to the Scheme (the "**Scheme Document**") was published on 24 June 2021. Capitalised terms in this announcement, unless otherwise defined, have the same meanings given to them in the Scheme Document.

On 21 July 2021, the Scheme was approved by the Scheme Shareholders at the Court Meeting and the Special Resolution relating to the implementation of the Scheme was approved by St. Modwen Shareholders at the General Meeting.

St. Modwen is pleased to announce that the High Court of Justice of England and Wales has today sanctioned the Scheme pursuant to which the Acquisition is being implemented.

It is anticipated that the Effective Date will be 6 August 2021, which is when a copy of the Court Order is expected to be delivered to the Registrar of Companies. There has been no change to the expected timetable of principal events for the Acquisition set out in the Scheme Document.

Applications have been made for the suspension of trading in St. Modwen Shares on the Main Market of the London Stock Exchange for listed securities and the listing of St. Modwen Shares on the premium listing segment of the Official List of the Financial Conduct Authority and such suspensions are expected to take effect from 7:30 a.m. on 6 August 2021. The last day of dealings in, and for the registration and transfer of St. Modwen Shares, will be 5 August 2021. The de-listing of St. Modwen Shares from the premium listing segment of the Official List of the Financial Conduct Authority and the cancellation of admission to trading of St. Modwen Shares on the Main Market of the London Stock Exchange for listed securities have also been applied for and will, subject to the Scheme becoming Effective, take effect by 8:00 a.m. on 9 August 2021.

A further announcement will be made when the Scheme has become Effective.

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or to appoint another person as proxy to vote at the Court Meeting on their behalf, may be affected by the laws of the relevant jurisdictions in which they are located. 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.

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 any Restricted Jurisdiction where to do so would violate the laws in that jurisdiction and no person may vote in favour of the Acquisition by any such use, means, instrumentality or from within any Restricted Jurisdiction or any other jurisdiction if to do so would constitute a violation of the laws of that jurisdiction. Copies of this announcement and any formal documentation relating to the Acquisition 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 this announcement and all such documents relating to the Acquisition (including custodians, nominees and trustees) must not mail or otherwise forward, distribute or send them in or into or from any Restricted Jurisdiction. Doing so may render invalid any related purported vote in respect of the Acquisition.

The Acquisition shall be subject to the applicable requirements of the Code, the Panel, the London Stock Exchange and the FCA.

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The Acquisition relates to the shares of an English company and is being 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 tender offer or proxy solicitation rules under the US Exchange Act. Accordingly, the Acquisition is subject to the disclosure and procedural requirements and practices applicable in the United Kingdom to schemes of arrangement which differ from the disclosure requirements of the US tender offer and proxy solicitation rules.

The financial information included in the Scheme Document has been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles of the United Kingdom and thus may not be comparable to the financial information of US companies or companies whose financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States.

The receipt of consideration by a US holder for the transfer of its St. Modwen Shares pursuant to the Scheme may have tax consequences in the US and such consequences, if any, are not described herein. Each St. Modwen 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 and local, as well as overseas and other, tax laws.

St. Modwen is incorporated under the laws of England and Wales, and Bidco is incorporated under the laws of Jersey. Some or all of the officers and directors of Bidco and St. Modwen, respectively, are residents of countries other than the United States. In addition, some of the assets of Bidco and St. Modwen are located outside the United States. As a result, it may be difficult for US holders of St. Modwen Shares to enforce their rights and any claim arising out of the US federal laws or to enforce against them a judgment of a US court predicated upon the securities laws of the United Kingdom. US holders of St. Modwen Shares may not be able to sue a non-US company or its officers or directors in a non-US court for violations of the 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 judgement.

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The forward-looking statements contained in this announcement include statements relating to the expected effects of the Acquisition on Bidco and St. Modwen (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", "intends", "cost-saving", "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 Bidco's, St. Modwen's, any member of the Bidco Group's or any member of St. Modwen Group's operations and potential synergies resulting from the Acquisition; and (iii) the effects of global economic conditions and governmental regulation on Bidco's, St. Modwen's, any member of the Bidco Group's or any member of the St. Modwen Group's business.

Although Bidco and St. Modwen believe that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, Bidco and St. Modwen 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 Bidco and St. Modwen operate; weak, volatile or illiquid capital and/or credit markets; changes in the degree of competition in the geographic and business areas in which Bidco and St. Modwen 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 Bidco nor St. Modwen, 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. Given these risks and uncertainties, potential investors are cautioned not to place any reliance on these forward-looking statements.

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