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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

6 July 2022

**RECOMMENDED CASH ACQUISITION**

of

**CONTOURGLOBAL PLC**

by

**CRETACEOUS BIDCO LIMITED**

**(a newly formed company indirectly owned by funds advised by Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. L.P. and its affiliates)**

**to be effected by means of a Scheme of Arrangement under  
Part 26 of the Companies Act 2006**

**RESULTS OF VOTING AT COURT MEETING AND GENERAL MEETING**

On 17 May 2022, the boards of ContourGlobal plc (the “**Company**” or “**ContourGlobal**”) and Cretaceous Bidco Limited (“**Bidco**”) announced that they had agreed the terms of a recommended cash acquisition pursuant to which Bidco will acquire the entire issued and to be issued ordinary share capital of ContourGlobal (the “**Acquisition**”). Bidco is a newly formed company indirectly owned by funds advised by Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. L.P. and its affiliates (“**KKR**”). The Acquisition is to be effected by means of a Court-sanctioned scheme of arrangement under Part 26 of the Companies Act (the “**Scheme**”).

The circular in relation to the Scheme, including the notices convening the Court Meeting and the General Meeting in connection with the Acquisition, (the “**Scheme Document**”) was published on 13 June 2022. The Acquisition is subject to the Conditions set out in Part III of the Scheme Document.

Capitalised terms used in this announcement (the “**Announcement**”) shall, unless otherwise defined, have the same meanings as set out in the Scheme Document. All references to times in this Announcement are to London, United Kingdom times unless otherwise stated.

**Results of Court Meeting and General Meeting**

ContourGlobal is pleased to announce that, at the Court Meeting and General Meeting held earlier today in connection with the Acquisition:

- (A) the requisite majority of Scheme Shareholders voted to approve the Scheme at the Court Meeting; and
- (B) the requisite majority of ContourGlobal Shareholders voted to pass the Special Resolutions to implement the Scheme, including the amendment of ContourGlobal’s articles of association, at the General Meeting.

Details of the resolutions proposed and passed are set out in the notices of the Court Meeting and the General Meeting contained in the Scheme Document.

## Voting results of the Court Meeting

The table below sets out the results of the poll conducted at the Court Meeting. Each Scheme Shareholder present (including via the Virtual Meeting Platform or by proxy) was entitled to one vote per Scheme Share held at the Voting Record Time.

Results of Court Meeting	Scheme Shares voted		Scheme Shareholders who voted**		No. of Scheme Shares voted as a % of Scheme Shares eligible to be voted at the Court Meeting*
	Number	%*	Number	%*	
FOR	581,971,693	99.98	142	94.67	88.65%
AGAINST	121,305	0.02	8	5.33	0.02%
<b>TOTAL</b>	582,092,998	100	150	100	88.67%

\*All percentages rounded to two decimal places.

\*\*Where a Scheme Shareholder has cast some of their votes "for" and some of their votes "against" the resolution, such Scheme Shareholder has been counted as having voted both "for" and "against" the resolution for the purposes of determining the number of Scheme Shareholders who voted as set out in this column.

## Voting results of the General Meeting

The table below sets out the results of the poll conducted at the General Meeting. Each ContourGlobal Shareholder present (including via the Virtual Meeting Platform or by proxy) was entitled to one vote per ContourGlobal Share held at the Voting Record Time.

Special Resolutions	Votes for**		Votes Against		Total Votes	Withheld Votes***
	Number	%*	Number	%*	Number	Number
Approval of the implementation of the Scheme	581,978,007	99.97	158,665	0.03	582,136,672	8,360
Approval of the amendments to the Articles of Association	581,987,138	99.97	149,594	0.03	582,136,732	8,300

\*All percentages rounded to two decimal places.

\*\*Includes discretionary votes.

\*\*\*A vote withheld is not a vote in law and is not counted in the calculation of the proportion of votes 'For' or 'Against' the Special Resolutions.

The total number of ContourGlobal Shares in issue at the Voting Record Time (at 6:30 p.m. (London time) on 4 July 2022) was 670,712,920 and 14,213,659 shares were held in treasury at that time. Consequently, the total number of voting rights in ContourGlobal at the Voting Record Time was 656,499,261.

A copy of the Special Resolutions passed at the General Meeting will shortly be submitted to the National Storage Mechanism and will be available for inspection at <https://data.fca.org.uk/#/nsm/nationalstoragemechanism>.

## **Effective Date and Timetable**

The outcome of today's Court Meeting and General Meeting means that Conditions 2(a) and 2(b) (as set out in Part III of the Scheme Document) have been satisfied. The Scheme remains subject to the satisfaction or (where applicable) waiver of the remaining Conditions and further terms set out in the Scheme Document, including the Court sanctioning the Scheme at the Scheme Court Hearing, which is expected to take place soon after the remaining Conditions are satisfied (or, where applicable, waived).

The expected timetable of principal events for the implementation of the Scheme remains as set out on pages 15 and 16 of the Scheme Document and is also set out below. The dates are indicative only and are subject to change. The dates will depend, among other things, on the dates upon which: (i) the Conditions are satisfied or (if capable of waiver) waived; (ii) the Court sanctions the Scheme; and (iii) the Court Order is delivered to the Registrar of Companies. If any of the dates and/or times in the expected timetable change, the revised dates and/or times will be notified by announcement through a Regulatory Information Service.

### **Timetable**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Time and/or date<sup>(1)</sup></b>
Scheme Court Hearing	a date no later than 21 days after the satisfaction (or, if applicable, waiver) of the Conditions (other than Condition 2(c)) and in any event prior to the Long Stop Date ("D")
Last day for dealings in, and for the registration of transfer of, ContourGlobal Shares	D+1 Business Day
Scheme Record Time	6:00 p.m. (London time) on D+1 Business Day
Disablement of CREST in respect of ContourGlobal Shares	6:00 p.m. (London time) on D+1 Business Day
Suspension of dealings in ContourGlobal Shares	by 7:30 a.m. (London time) on D+2 Business Days
<b>Effective Date of the Scheme</b>	<b>D+2 Business Days <sup>(2)</sup></b>
Cancellation of listing of ContourGlobal Shares	by 7:30 a.m. (London time) on D+3 Business Days
Latest date for despatch of cheques and crediting of CREST accounts and processing electronic transfers for cash Consideration due under the Scheme	by 14 days after the Effective Date
Long Stop Date <sup>(3)</sup>	17 February 2023

- (1) The dates and times given are indicative only and are based on current expectations and are subject to change (including as a result of changes to the regulatory timetable). If any of the times and/or dates above change, the revised times and/or dates will be notified to ContourGlobal Shareholders by announcement through a Regulatory Information Service. Participants in the ContourGlobal Share Plan have been contacted separately to inform them of the effect of the Scheme on their rights under the ContourGlobal Share Plan, including details of any appropriate proposals being made and dates and times relevant to them.
- (2) Bidco expects that, subject to the satisfaction (or, where applicable, waiver) of the Conditions in Part III (*Conditions to the Implementation of the Scheme and to the Acquisition*) of the Scheme Document, the Acquisition will become Effective in Q4 2022.
- (3) This is the latest date by which the Scheme may become Effective. However, the Long Stop Date may be extended to such later date as may be agreed by ContourGlobal and Bidco (with the Panel's consent and as the Court may approve (if such approval(s) is/are required)) or if the Panel requires an extension to the Long Stop Date pending final determination of an issue under section 3(g) of Appendix 7 of the Takeover Code.

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*This Announcement does not constitute an offer or invitation to purchase or subscribe for any securities or a solicitation of an offer to buy any securities pursuant to this Announcement or otherwise in any jurisdiction in which such offer or solicitation is unlawful.*

*The Acquisition shall be implemented solely pursuant to the terms of the Scheme Document (or, in the event that the Acquisition is to be implemented by means of a Takeover Offer, the offer document) which, together with the Forms of Proxy, contain the full terms and conditions of the Acquisition. Any decision by ContourGlobal Shareholders in respect of, or other response to, the Acquisition should be made only on the basis of the information contained in the Scheme Document (or, in the event that the Acquisition is to be implemented by means of a Takeover Offer, the offer document).*

*This Announcement does not constitute a prospectus or prospectus-equivalent document.*

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*No person has been authorised to give any information or make any representations other than those contained in this Announcement and, if given or made, such information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorised by ContourGlobal, the ContourGlobal Directors, Bidco, the Bidco Directors or by Goldman Sachs International, Evercore, J.P. Morgan Cazenove or any other person involved in the Acquisition. Neither the delivery of this Announcement nor holding the Meetings, the Scheme Court Hearing, or filing the Court Order shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the ContourGlobal Group or the Bidco Group since the date of this Announcement or that the information in, or incorporated into, this Announcement is correct as at any time subsequent to its date.*

### **Overseas Shareholders**

*The release, publication or distribution of this Announcement in or into certain jurisdictions other than the United Kingdom or the United States may be restricted by law. Persons who are not resident in the United Kingdom or the United States 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 Takeover Code, and permitted by applicable law and regulation, the Acquisition shall 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, the Scheme Document and all documents relating to the Scheme and 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. Doing so may render invalid any related purported vote in respect of the Acquisition. If the Acquisition is implemented (with the consent of the Panel and subject to and in accordance with the terms of the Cooperation Agreement) by way of a Takeover Offer (unless otherwise permitted by applicable law and regulation), the Takeover Offer may not be made directly or indirectly, in or into, or by the use of mails or any means or instrumentality (including, but not limited to, facsimile, email or other electronic transmission, telex or telephone) of interstate or foreign commerce of, or of any facility of a national, state or other securities exchange of any Restricted Jurisdiction and the Takeover Offer may not be capable of acceptance by any such use, means, instrumentality or facilities.*

*The availability of the Acquisition to ContourGlobal 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 requirements, as any failure to comply with such requirements 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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### **Additional Information for US Investors**

*The Acquisition is being made to acquire the securities of an English company by means of a scheme of arrangement provided for under the law 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 Scheme is subject to disclosure requirements and practices applicable in the United Kingdom to schemes of arrangement, which are different from the disclosure requirements of the US tender offer and proxy solicitation rules.*

*Any financial information included in the documentation relating to the Acquisition has been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, which vary significantly from generally accepted accounting principles in the US, and thus may not be comparable to financial information of US companies or companies whose financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the US.*

*If Bidco were to elect to implement the Acquisition by means of a Takeover Offer, such Takeover Offer would be made in compliance with applicable US laws and regulations, including Section 14(e) of the US Exchange Act and Regulation 14E thereunder. Such a takeover would be made in the United States by Bidco and no one else.*

*Neither the SEC nor any securities commission or regulatory authority of any state of the US nor any other US regulatory authority has approved the Acquisition, passed upon the fairness of the Acquisition or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this Announcement. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offence in the US.*

*The receipt of cash pursuant to the Acquisition by a US ContourGlobal Shareholder as consideration for the transfer of its ContourGlobal Shares pursuant to the Scheme will likely be a taxable transaction for United States federal income tax purposes and under applicable United States state and local, as well as foreign and other, tax laws. ContourGlobal Shareholders are urged to consult their independent legal, tax and financial advisers immediately regarding the tax consequences of the Acquisition applicable to them.*

*It may be difficult for US ContourGlobal Shareholders to enforce their rights and claims arising out of the US federal securities laws, since Bidco and ContourGlobal are located in countries other than the US, and some or all of their officers and directors may be residents of countries other than the US. US ContourGlobal Shareholders may not be able to sue a non-US company or its officers or directors in a non-US court for violations of 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 jurisdiction and judgement.*

*In accordance with normal UK practice and pursuant to Rule 14e-5(b) of the US Exchange Act, Bidco, certain affiliated companies and their nominees or brokers (acting as agents) may make certain purchases of, or arrangements to purchase, shares in ContourGlobal outside of the US, other than pursuant to the Acquisition, until the date on which the Acquisition and/or Scheme becomes Effective, lapses or is otherwise withdrawn. Also, in accordance with Rule 14e-5(b) of the US Exchange Act, each of J.P. Morgan Cazenove and Goldman Sachs International will continue to act as a connected exempt principal trader in ContourGlobal Shares on the London Stock Exchange and comply with regulations with respect to the establishment and maintenance of information barriers, conflict of interest provisions and other requirements. If such purchases or arrangements to purchase were to be made they would occur either in the open market at prevailing prices or in private transactions at negotiated prices and comply with applicable law, including the US Exchange Act. Any information about such purchases or arrangements to purchase 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 at <http://www.londonstockexchange.com>.

### **Forward Looking Statements**

*This Announcement, oral statements made regarding the Acquisition, and other information published by KKR, Bidco or ContourGlobal contain statements about Bidco and ContourGlobal that are or may be deemed to be forward looking statements. All statements other than statements of historical facts included in this Announcement may be forward looking statements. Without limitation, any statements preceded or followed by or that include the words “targets”, “plans”, “believes”, “expects”, “aims”, “intends”, “will”, “may”, “shall”, “should”, “anticipates”, “estimates”, “projects”, “is subject to”, “budget”, “scheduled”, “forecast” or words or terms of similar substance or the negative thereof, are forward looking statements. Forward looking statements 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 or ContourGlobal’s operations and potential synergies resulting from the Acquisition; and (iii) the effects of government regulation on Bidco’s or ContourGlobal’s business.*

*Such 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 Bidco and ContourGlobal about future events, and are therefore subject to risks and uncertainties that could significantly affect expected results and are based on certain key assumptions. Many factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected or implied in any forward looking statements, including: increased competition, the loss of or damage to one or more key customer relationships, changes to customer ordering patterns, delays in obtaining customer approvals for engineering or price level changes, the failure of one or more key suppliers, the outcome of business or industry restructuring, the outcome of any litigation, changes in economic conditions, currency fluctuations, changes in interest and tax rates, changes in raw material or energy market prices, changes in laws, regulations or regulatory policies, developments in legal or public policy doctrines, technological developments, the failure to retain key management, or the timing and success of future acquisition opportunities or major investment projects. Other unknown or unpredictable factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward looking statements. Such forward looking statements should therefore be construed in the light of such factors. Neither Bidco nor ContourGlobal, 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. Due to such uncertainties and risks, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof. All subsequent oral or written forward looking statements attributable to any member of the Bidco Group or the ContourGlobal 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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financial years would necessarily match or exceed the historical published earnings or earnings per share for ContourGlobal.

### **Disclosure Requirements of the Takeover Code**

*Under Rule 8.3(a) of the Takeover Code, any person who is interested in 1 per cent. or more of any class of relevant securities of an offeree company or of any securities exchange offeror (being any offeror other than an offeror 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 offeror 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 offeree company and (ii) any securities exchange offeror(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 offeror is first identified. Relevant persons who deal in the relevant securities of the offeree company or of a securities exchange offeror prior to the deadline for making an Opening Position Disclosure must instead make a Dealing Disclosure.*

*Under Rule 8.3(b) of the Takeover Code, any person who is, or becomes, interested in 1 per cent. or more of any class of relevant securities of the offeree company or of any securities exchange offeror must make a Dealing Disclosure if the person deals in any relevant securities of the offeree company or of any securities exchange offeror. 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 offeree company and (ii) any securities exchange offeror, 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 an offeree company or a securities exchange offeror, they will be deemed to be a single person for the purpose of Rule 8.3.*

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

*Details of the offeree and offeror 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 <http://www.thetakeoverpanel.org.uk/>, including details of the number of relevant securities in issue, when the Offer Period commenced and when any offeror was first identified. If you are in any doubt as to whether you are required to make an Opening Position Disclosure or a Dealing Disclosure, you should contact the Panel's Market Surveillance Unit on +44 (0)20 7638 0129.*

### **Electronic Communications**

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### **Publication on Website and Availability of Hard Copies**

*A copy of this Announcement and the documents required to be published by Rule 26 of the Takeover Code shall be made available subject to certain restrictions relating to persons resident in Restricted Jurisdictions on ContourGlobal's website at [www.contourglobal.com](http://www.contourglobal.com) by no later than 12 noon (London time) on the Business Day following the date of this Announcement. For the avoidance of doubt, the contents of the websites referred to in this Announcement are not incorporated into and do not form part of this Announcement.*

*In accordance with Rule 30.3 of the Takeover Code, ContourGlobal Shareholders, persons with information rights and participants in the ContourGlobal Share Plan may request a hard copy of this Announcement or other documents, the Scheme Document or information incorporated into the Scheme Document by reference to another source by contacting Equiniti during business hours on +44 (0) 371 384 2050 or by submitting a request in writing to Registrar at Equiniti Limited, Aspect House, Spencer Road, Lancing, West Sussex, BN99 6DA, United Kingdom. In accordance with Rule 30.3 of the Takeover Code, a person so entitled may also request that all future documents, announcements and information in relation to the Acquisition should be sent to them in hard copy form. If you have received this Announcement in electronic form or via a website notification, hard copies of this Announcement will not be provided unless such a request is made.*

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