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**Directa Plus plc**  
("Directa Plus" or the "Company")

**Board Changes**  
**Appointment of Non-Executive Director**

Directa Plus (AIM: DCTA), a leading producer and supplier of graphene nanoplatelets based products for use in consumer and industrial markets, is pleased to announce the appointment of General Wesley K. Clark, (US Army ret.) as a Non-Executive Director. Wesley K. Clark is a businessman, educator, and writer, with wide experience in sectors including energy, oil and gas, biofuels, electric power and batteries and his experience and skill are aligned with the Company's strategic ambitions in the North American market.

General Clark, a US national, is Chairman and CEO of Wesley K. Clark & Associates, a strategic consulting firm, Chairman and Founder of Enverra, Inc., a licensed investment bank, and Chairman of Energy Security Partners, LLC. In the not-for-profit space, he is a Senior Fellow at UCLA's Burkle Center for International Relations and a Director of the Atlantic Council. A best-selling author, General Clark has written four books and is a frequent contributor to TV and to news media.

Wesley Clark retired as a four-star general after 38 years in the United States Army, having served in his last posts as Commander of US Southern Command and then as Commander of US European Command/Supreme Allied Commander, Europe. He graduated first in his class at West Point and completed degrees in Philosophy, Politics and Economics at Oxford University (B.A. and M.A.) as a Rhodes scholar. He also worked with Ambassador Richard Holbrooke in the Dayton Peace Process, where he helped write and negotiate significant portions of the 1995 Dayton Peace Agreement. In his final assignment as Supreme Allied Commander Europe he led NATO forces to victory in Operation Allied Force, a 78-day air campaign, backed by ground invasion planning and a diplomatic process, saving 1.5 million Albanians from ethnic cleansing.

His awards include the Presidential Medal of Freedom, Defense Distinguished Service Medal (five awards), Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, honorary knighthoods from the British and Dutch governments, and numerous other awards from other governments, including the award of Commander of the Ordre National de la Légion d'honneur. He has also been awarded the Department of State Distinguished Service Award and numerous honorary doctorates.

Following this appointment, David Gann has stepped down from the Board.

**Giulio Cesareo, Founder and Chief Executive of Directa Plus, commented:** "We are delighted to welcome General Clark to the Board. His experience and contacts will help us to gain faster access to the most significant high-potential graphene opportunities in the United States. He has in-depth knowledge of the US innovation eco-system - not just defence but also oil and gas and new energy including batteries and renewables. Wesley Clark has high visibility in the US, outstanding leadership experience and extensive knowledge of the sectors in the US that could be early adopters of our technology and products. We are pleased and proud that he has accepted our invitation to join Directa Plus.

“I would like to express our thanks to David for his contribution to Directa since our IPO in 2016 and wish him well.”

**General Wesley Clark, added:** “I’m delighted to have the opportunity to work with this innovative, high technology and environmentally focused company. Graphene could become the “wonder material” of the 21st Century. Potentially useful in medical technologies, textiles, environmental clean-up, microelectronics, energy storage and construction, graphene and graphene products produced and developed by Directa Plus should quickly become vital elements in the supply chains in many sectors of the global economy.”

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#### **Notes to Editors**

Directa Plus ([www.directa-plus.com](http://www.directa-plus.com)) is one of the largest producers and suppliers of graphene-based products for use in consumer and industrial markets. The Company’s graphene manufacturing capability uses proprietary patented technology based on a plasma super expansion process. Starting from natural graphite, each step of Directa Plus’ production process – expansion, exfoliation and drying – creates graphene-based materials and hybrid graphene materials ready for a variety of uses and available in various forms such as powder, liquid and paste.

This proprietary production process uses a physical process, rather than a chemical process, to process graphite into pristine graphene nanoplatelets, which enables Directa Plus to offer a sustainable, non-toxic product, without unwanted by-products. Directa Plus’ products are made of hybrid graphene materials and graphene nano-platelets. The products (marketed as G+®) have multiple applications due to its properties. These G+® products can be categorised into various families, with different products being suitable for specific practical applications.

Directa Plus was established in 2005 and is based in Lomazzo (Como, Italy) and has been listed on the AIM market of the London Stock Exchange since May 2016. Directa Plus holds the Green Economy Mark from London Stock Exchange which recognises companies that contribute to the global green economy.

The following information regarding the appointment of General Wesley Clark (aged 77) is required to be disclosed under Schedule 2(g) of the AIM Rules for Companies:

<i>Full Name:</i>	Wesley Kanne Clark
<i>Current Directorship / Partnerships:</i>	Energy Security Partners, LLC Enverra Capital LLC Equinox Gold Corp Geoptics Inc Hush Aerospace LLC Immunity Bio Inc Nantcell Inc Newsight Realty Inc Renew America Together Inc Sinterfire Inc Swiftmerge Acquisition Corp Wesley K. Clark & Associates
<i>Previous Directorship / Partnerships within last 5 years:</i>	Hooah Productions Inc

In addition, and in accordance with Schedule 2(g)(v) of the AIM Rules for Companies, the Company confirms that Wesley Clark was a director of each of the following companies at (or within 12 months of) the date on which they were subject to a receivership, compulsory liquidation, creditors' voluntary liquidation, administration, company voluntary arrangement or any composition or arrangement with its creditors generally or any class of its creditors:

- Adam Aircraft Industries
- Nutracea LLC
- Rentech Inc
- Rodman & Renshaw Capital Group Inc
- Summit Global Logistics Inc

There are no further disclosures to be made under Schedule 2(g) of the AIM Rules for Companies.

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