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("Directa Plus", the "Group" or the "Company")

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Directa Plus (AIM: DCTA), a leading producer and supplier of graphene nanoplatelets based product industrial markets, provides a further update following the Company's full year trading update 2026.

The Board is in advanced discussions with its long-standing substantial shareholder, Nant Capital terms of a non-dilutive potential loan (the "Potential Loan"), with a principal amount of €4 million.

As previously announced, the Company will need to secure additional funding to support future discussions regarding the Potential Loan. In addition, and as also highlighted in the January trading update, the Company is evaluating its strategy for Setcar, with a focus on improving overall capital allocation and how best value. As part of this process, the Company has made initial progress regarding the potential sale by Setcar, with an estimated value of at least €0.5m. Setcar is continuing to implement its cost reduction initiatives, including its workforce reduction programme, which is expected to be reaffirming anticipated cost savings of approximately €0.5m for FY 2026.

The Italian company has also approved a number of cost reduction actions aimed at reducing approximately €0.15m, with initial effect from April 2026.

Board update

Giorgio Bonfanti, the Company's Chief Financial Officer, has informed the Board of his intention to leave the Company, to pursue a new business opportunity, and will leave the Group at the end of the month. He has commenced a recruitment process for a permanent replacement and in the meantime, a UK based CFO with significant AIM experience will act as interim CFO.

Giulio Cesareo, Chief Executive Officer at Directa Plus, said: *"I would like to thank Giorgio for his leadership of the Group over the past five years, including his support restructuring the business for its next phase and for the very best for the future. I look forward to providing shareholders with an update on our developments which to date have been very supportive."*

Further updates will be provided in due course.

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About Directa Plus

Directa Plus (www.directa-plus.com) is one of the largest producers and suppliers of graphene-based materials for consumer and industrial markets. The Company's graphene manufacturing capability uses a proprietary process based on a plasma super expansion process. Starting from natural graphite, each step of Directa Plus's process - expansion, exfoliation and drying - creates graphene-based materials and hybrid graphene materials which are used and available in various forms such as powder, liquid and past.

This proprietary production process uses a physical process, rather than a chemical process, to produce graphene nanoplatelets, which enables Directa Plus to offer a sustainable, non-toxic product range. Directa Plus's products are made of hybrid graphene materials and graphene nanoplatelets (marketed as G+®) have multiple applications due to its properties. These G+® products can be used in many different 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 London Stock Exchange since May 2016. The Company holds the Green Economy Marking from the London Stock Exchange which recognises companies that contribute to the global green economy.

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