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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**26 February 2024** 

## **WINCANTON PLC**

("Wincanton" or the "Company")

#### STATEMENT REGARDING POSSIBLE COMPETING OFFER

The Board of Wincanton has received an approach from a potential competing bidder and is complying fully with its obligations under Rule 21.3 of the Takeover Code in providing access to due diligence information in order to enable that potential competing bidder to evaluate a possible offer for the Company.

Although the potential competing bidder has indicated that it is considering making a proposal, as of the date of this announcement, it has not provided the Board of Wincanton with any formal proposal relating to a possible offer, including as to terms or price. If any such proposal is provided by the potential competing bidder, the Board of Wincanton will carefully consider its terms, in conjunction with its advisers.

There can be no certainty that an offer by the potential competing bidder will be made for the Company, nor as to the terms on which any offer might be made. Accordingly, shareholders are advised to take no action at this time with regard to the approach by the potential competing bidder.

The Wincanton Directors continue to recommend unanimously to Wincanton shareholders the increased and final cash offer by CEVA Logistics UK Rose Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of CEVA Logistics S.A., itself a subsidiary of CMA CGM S.A., announced today. That recommendation has not been withdrawn, qualified or modified.

In accordance with Section 4(c) of Appendix 7 of the Takeover Code, the Panel on Takeovers and Mergers will announce the deadline by which the potential competing bidder must clarify its position in relation to Wincanton.

A further announcement will be made as appropriate.

This announcement has been made without the consent of the potential competing bidder.

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### **Publication of this announcement**

In accordance with Rule 26.1 of the Takeover Code, a copy of the announcement will be available on Wincanton's website at <a href="https://www.wincanton.co.uk/">https://www.wincanton.co.uk/</a> by no later than 12 noon (London time) on the business day following the date of this announcement. The content of the website referred to in this announcement is not incorporated into, and does not form part of, this announcement.

## **Inside information**

This announcement contains inside information in relation to Wincanton for the purposes of Article 7 of the Market Abuse Regulation. Upon publication of this announcement, this information is now considered to be in the public domain. The person responsible for arranging for the release of this announcement on behalf of Wincanton is Lyn Colloff, Company Secretary.

## Disclosure requirements of the Takeover Code

Under Rule 8.3(a) of the Code, any person who is interested in 1% 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 pm (London time) on the 10th business day following the commencement of the offer period and, if appropriate, by no later than 3.30 pm (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.

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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 Takeover Panel's website at 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. 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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