

TOTAL VOTING RIGHTS AND SHAREHOLDER NOTIFICATION

In accordance with the FSA's Disclosure and Transparency Rules, the Board of Ascot confirms that the Company now has 59,270,762 shares of 1p each in issue carrying voting rights (ISIN: GB00B2QH7M99) and a total of 17,246,384 warrants outstanding (ISIN: GB00B5222R97).

The above figure may be used by shareholders as the denominator for the calculations by which they will determine if they are required to notify their interest in, or change to their interest in Ascot under the FSA's Disclosure and Transparency Rules.

In addition, the Company received notification on 2 May, that following a disposal of ordinary shares of 1p in the Company, SF T1ps Smaller Companies Gold Fund holds 2,372,073 shares, which represents 4% of the Company's issued share capital at the date of notification.

The Directors of the Issuer accept responsibility for this announcement.

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