

The Company announces that, on 7 May 2025, it purchased for cancellation 309,962 Ordinary shares of 5 pence each in the Company ("Shares") at a price of 168.32 pence per Share.

Following this transaction, the Company's share capital consists of 1,019,005,857 Shares in issue and 60,000,000 Shares held in Treasury. Therefore, the total number of voting rights in the Company is 1,019,005,857. In order to protect the interests of existing shareholders, shares held in treasury will only be reissued at a price above the prevailing NAV per share at the time of reissue.

This figure (1,019,005,857) 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 a change to their interest in, the Company under the FCA's Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules.

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