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S4 Capital plc ("S⁴Capital" or the "Company")

Issue of Shares

On 30 June 2020, S⁴Capital plc (SFOR.L) announced a merger with Lens10, a leading Australian digital strategy and analytics consultancy (the "**Transaction**"). Pursuant to the terms of the Transaction, the Company has agreed to issue 1,008,373 ordinary shares of 25 pence each in the capital of the Company, credited as fully paid, as consideration (the "**Consideration Shares**"). The Consideration Shares will be subject to a restriction on sale until 6 October 2022.

Applications have been made to the FCA and to the London Stock Exchange for the Consideration Shares to be admitted to the standard segment of the Official List of the FCA and to trading on the London Stock Exchange's Main Market for listed securities respectively ("**Admission**"). It is expected that Admission will become effective at 8.00 a.m. on 6 October 2020.

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About S⁴Capital

S⁴Capital plc (SFOR.L) is the tech-led, new age, new era digital advertising and marketing services company, established by Sir Martin Sorrell in May 2018.

Its strategy is to build a purely digital advertising and marketing services business for global, multinational, regional, local clients and millennial-driven influencer brands. This will be achieved initially by integrating leading businesses in three practice areas: first-party data, digital content, digital media planning and buying, along with an emphasis on "faster, better, cheaper" executions in an always-on consumer-led environment, with a unitary structure.

Digital is by far the fastest-growing segment of the advertising market. S⁴Capital estimates that in 2019 digital accounted for approximately 47.5% or \$275 billion of total global advertising spend

of \$550-600 billion (excluding about \$400 billion of trade support, the primary target of the Amazon advertising platform), and projects that by 2022 this share will grow to approximately 55-60%.

S⁴Capital combined with MediaMonks, the leading AdAge A-listed creative digital content production company led by Victor Knaap and Wesley ter Haar, in July 2018, and with MightyHive, the market-leading programmatic solutions provider for future thinking marketers and agencies, led by Peter Kim and Christopher S. Martin, in December 2018.

In April 2019, MightyHive merged with ProgMedia to expand operations into Latin America and MediaMonks acquired film studio Caramel Pictures to expand content studio capabilities. In June 2019, MediaMonks announced a planned merger with Australia-based BizTech, a leading marketing transformation and customer experience company. In August 2019, MediaMonks merged with Amsterdam-based digital influencer marketing agency IMA. In October 2019, MediaMonks merged with Firewood Marketing, the largest digital marketing agency based in Silicon Valley, that was recently ranked, along with MediaMonks, as one of the fastest growing agencies by Adweek, and MightyHive merged with award-winning UK-based digital analytics, biddable media and data science company ConversionWorks and South Korea-based data and analytics consultancy MightyHive Korea. In November 2019, MediaMonks announced its merger with Delhi-based content creation and production company WhiteBalance and then with fully integrated digital agency Circus Marketing in January 2020.

In May, MightyHive announced a merger with Digodat, one of the leading Latin American data and analytics consultancies, and in June 2020, MightyHive announced its merger with Lens10, a leading Australian digital strategy and analytics consultancy. In July 2020, MightyHive merged with Orca Pacific, a market leading full-service Amazon agency and boutique consultancy firm based out of Seattle. In August 2020, MightyHive announced a combination with London-based Brightblue, an econometric and media optimisation consultancy. In September 2020, MediaMonks announced its combination with Dare.Win, expanding their geographical presence to France.

On 16 July 2020 S⁴Capital announced the successful placing of 36,766,642 new ordinary shares at a price of 315p raising approximately £116m gross proceeds which will be used for further expansion and M&A purposes.

Victor, Wesley, Pete, Christopher and Peter Rademaker (formerly Chief Financial Officer of MediaMonks, now Chief Financial Officer of S⁴Capital), all joined the S⁴Capital Board as Directors. The S⁴Capital Board also includes Rupert Faure Walker, Paul Roy, Daniel Pinto, Sue Prevezer, Elizabeth Buchanan, Scott Spirit, Naoko Okumoto, Margaret Ma Connolly and Miles Young.

The Company has 2,650 people in 30 countries across the Americas, Europe, the Middle East and Africa and Asia-Pacific and a market

capitalisation of approximately £2.1 billion (c.\$2.71 billion), and would rank well into the FTSE 250. It has achieved Unicorn status in a little over one year, unique in the advertising and marketing services industry.

Sir Martin was CEO of WPP for 33 years, building it from a £1 million "shell" company in 1985 into the world's largest advertising and marketing services company with a market capitalisation of over £16 billion on the day he left. Today its market capitalisation is £7.5 billion. Prior to that Sir Martin was Group Financial Director of Saatchi & Saatchi Company plc for nine years.

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