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RECOMMENDED CASH ACQUISITION

of

RPC GROUP PLC

by

BERRY GLOBAL INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LIMITED

an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Berry Global Group, Inc. ("**Berry**") to be effected by means of a Scheme of Arrangement under Part 26 of the Companies Act 2006

ANNOUNCEMENT IN RESPECT OF RPC GROUP PLC SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENT

COURT SANCTION OF SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENT

On 8 March 2019, the boards of RPC Group Plc ("**RPC**" or the "**Company**") and Berry Global International Holdings Limited ("**Berry Bidco**") announced that they had reached agreement on the terms of a recommended cash acquisition by Berry Bidco of RPC's entire issued and to be issued ordinary share capital (the "**Acquisition**") at a price of 793 pence in cash for each RPC Share, to be effected by way of a Court-sanctioned scheme of arrangement under Part 26 of the Companies Act 2006 (the "**Scheme**"). The scheme circular in relation to the Acquisition was posted to RPC Shareholders on 26 March 2019 (the "**Scheme Document**").

Further to the announcement made on 18 April 2019 in relation to the results of the Court Meeting and General Meeting, RPC is pleased to announce that the High Court of Justice in England and Wales (the "**Court**") has today sanctioned the Scheme. The Court has also approved the proposed amendment to the expected timetable of principal events for the Acquisition which was announced by the Company on 6 June 2019.

It is anticipated that the Effective Date will be 1 July 2019, which is when the Court Order is expected to be delivered to the Registrar of Companies.

Applications have been made for the de-listing of RPC Shares from the premium listing segment of the Official List of the UK Listing Authority and the cancellation of the admission to trading of RPC Shares on the London Stock Exchange's main market for listed securities and will, subject to the Scheme becoming effective, take effect at 8.00 a.m. (London time) on 1 July 2019.

Full details of the Acquisition are set out in the Scheme Document. Capitalised terms used but not otherwise defined in this announcement (the "**Announcement**") have the meanings given to them in the Scheme Document.

In accordance with Rule 26.1 of the Takeover Code, a copy of this Announcement will be available on the website of RPC at <u>www.rpc-group.com/corporate/investors</u> by no later than 12.00 p.m. (London time) on the Business Day following this Announcement.

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Further information

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The Acquisition will be implemented solely by means of the Scheme Document (or if the Acquisition is implemented by way of a Takeover Offer, the offer document), which contains the full terms of the Acquisition.

Each RPC Shareholder is urged to consult their independent professional adviser immediately regarding the tax consequences of the Acquisition applicable to them.

This Announcement does not constitute a prospectus or prospectus equivalent document.

Overseas jurisdictions

The release, publication or distribution of this Announcement in, into or from jurisdictions other than the UK may be restricted by law and therefore any persons who are subject to the law of any jurisdiction other than the UK should inform themselves about, and observe, any applicable legal or regulatory requirements. In particular, the ability of persons who are not resident in the UK to vote their RPC Shares at the Court Meeting and/or the General Meeting, or to appoint another person as proxy to vote at the Court Meeting and/or the General Meeting on their behalf, may be affected by the laws of the relevant jurisdictions in which they are located.

Any failure to comply with applicable restrictions or requirements may constitute a violation of the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the companies and persons involved in the Acquisition disclaim any responsibility or liability for the violation of such restrictions by any person.

This Announcement has been prepared for the purposes of complying with English law, including the Takeover Code, and the information disclosed may not be the same as that which would have been disclosed if this Announcement had been prepared in accordance with the laws of jurisdictions outside of England.

Copies of this Announcement and formal documentation relating to the Acquisition will not be, and must not be, directly or indirectly, mailed or otherwise forwarded, distributed or sent in, into or from any Restricted Jurisdiction or any jurisdiction where to do so would violate the laws of that jurisdiction and persons receiving such documents (including custodians, nominees and trustees) must not mail or otherwise forward, distribute or send them in, into or from any Restricted Jurisdiction. Doing so may render invalid any related purported vote in respect of the Acquisition. If the Acquisition is implemented by way of a Takeover Offer (unless otherwise permitted by applicable law or regulation), the Takeover Offer may not be made, directly or indirectly, in or into or by use of the mails or any other means or instrumentality (including, without limitation, facsimile, email or other electronic transmission, telex or telephone) of interstate or foreign commerce of, or any facility of a national, state or other securities exchange of any Restricted Jurisdiction and the Takeover Offer will not be capable of acceptance by any such use, means, instrumentality or facilities or from within any Restricted Jurisdiction.

Further details in relation to RPC Shareholders who are resident in, ordinarily resident in, or citizens of, jurisdictions outside the United Kingdom are contained in the Scheme Document.

Additional information for US investors

The Acquisition is being made to acquire the securities of an English company by means of a scheme of arrangement provided for under English law. A transaction effected by means of a scheme of arrangement is not subject to the tender offer rules or the proxy solicitation rules under the US Exchange Act. Accordingly, the Scheme will be subject to disclosure requirements and practices applicable in the UK to schemes of arrangement, which are different from the disclosure requirements of the US tender offer and proxy solicitation rules and the US Securities Act. The financial information

included in this Announcement and the Scheme Document has been or will have been prepared in accordance with IFRS and thus may not be comparable to financial information of US companies or companies whose financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the US. If Berry Bidco exercises its right to implement the acquisition of RPC Shares by way of a Takeover Offer, such offer will be made in compliance with applicable US laws and regulations including under applicable United States state and local, as well as foreign and other, tax laws.

The receipt of cash pursuant to the Acquisition by a US holder as consideration for the transfer of its RPC Shares pursuant to the Scheme will likely be a taxable transaction for US federal income tax purposes and under applicable US state and local tax laws. Each RPC Shareholder is urged to consult his independent professional adviser immediately regarding the tax consequences of the Acquisition applicable to them.

It may be difficult for US holders to enforce their rights and claims arising out of the US federal securities laws, since Berry Bidco and RPC are located primarily in a non-US jurisdiction, and some or all of their officers and directors may be residents of a non-US jurisdiction. US holders of RPC Shares may not be able to sue a non-US company or its officers or directors in a non-US court for violations of US securities laws. Further, it may be difficult to compel a non-US company and its affiliates to subject themselves to the jurisdiction and judgment of a US court.

In accordance with normal UK practice and pursuant to Rule 14e-5(b) of the US Exchange Act, Berry Bidco or its nominees, or its brokers (acting as agents), may from time to time make certain purchases of, or arrangements to purchase, RPC Shares outside of the US, other than pursuant to the Acquisition, until the date on which the Acquisition and/or Scheme becomes effective, lapses or is otherwise withdrawn. These purchases may occur either in the open market at prevailing prices or in private transactions at negotiated prices. Any information about such purchases will be disclosed as required in the UK, will be reported to a Regulatory Information Service and (if required) will be available on the London Stock Exchange website at www.londonstockexchange.com.

Forward-looking statements

This Announcement and the Scheme Document contain statements about Berry Bidco and RPC that are or may be deemed to be forward looking statements. All statements other than statements of historical facts included in this Announcement may be forward looking statements. Without limitation, any statements preceded or followed by or that include the words "targets", "plans", "believes", "expects", "aims", "intends", "will", "may", "anticipates", "estimates", "projects" or words or terms of similar substance or the negative thereof, are forward looking statements. Forward looking statements include statements relating to the following: (i) future capital expenditures, expenses, revenues, earnings, synergies, economic performance, indebtedness, financial condition, dividend policy, losses and future prospects; (ii) business and management strategies and the expansion and growth of Berry Bidco's or RPC's operations and potential synergies resulting from the Acquisition; and (iii) the effects of government regulation on Berry Bidco's or RPC's business.

Such forward looking statements involve risks and uncertainties that could significantly affect expected results and are based on certain key assumptions. Many factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected or implied in any forward looking statements, including: increased competition, the loss of or damage to one or more key customer relationships, changes to customer ordering patterns, delays in obtaining customer approvals for engineering or price level

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No profit forecasts or profits estimates

No statement in this Announcement is intended as a profit forecast or profit estimate for any period and no statement in this Announcement should be interpreted to mean that earnings or earnings per ordinary share for RPC for the current or future financial years would necessarily match or exceed the historical published earnings or earnings per RPC Share, as appropriate.

Dealing disclosure requirements

Under Rule 8.3(a) of the Takeover Code, any person who is interested in 1 per cent. 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 p.m. (London time) on the 10th business day following the announcement in which any securities of the offeree company 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.

Under Rule 8.3(b) of the Takeover Code, any person who is or becomes interested in 1 per cent. or more of any class of relevant securities of the offeree company or of any securities exchange offeror must make a Dealing Disclosure if the person deals in any relevant securities of the offeree company or of any securities exchange offeror. A Dealing Disclosure must contain details of the dealing concerned and 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, save to the extent that these details have previously been disclosed under Rule 8. A Dealing Disclosure by a person to whom Rule 8.3(b) applies must be made by no later than 3.30 pm (London time) on the business day following the date of the relevant dealing.

If two or more persons act together pursuant to an agreement or understanding, whether formal or informal, to acquire or control an interest in relevant securities of an offeree company or a securities exchange offeror, they will be deemed to be a single person for the purpose of Rule 8.3.

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 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 consult 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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