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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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# **RECOMMENDED CASH ACQUISITION**

of

Science in Sport plc ("SiS")

by

# Einstein Bidco Limited ("Bidco")

# a newly formed company indirectly wholly-owned by funds advised by bd-capital Partners Limited ("bd-capital")

## to be effected by means of a scheme of arrangement under Part 26 of the Companies Act 2006

## COURT SANCTION OF SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENT AND SUSPENSION OF DEALINGS

On 17 April 2025, the boards of directors of SiS and Bidco, announced that they had reached agreement on the terms and conditions of a recommended cash offer by Bidco to acquire the entire issued, and to be issued, share capital of SiS (the **"Acquisition"**). The Acquisition is intended to be effected by way of a Court-sanctioned scheme of arrangement (the **"Scheme"**) under Part 26 of the Companies Act 2006. The scheme document in respect of the Acquisition (the **"Scheme Document"**) contains full details of the Acquisition and was published and made available to eligible SiS Shareholders on 6 May 2025.

Capitalised terms used in this announcement (unless otherwise defined) have the same meanings as set out in the Scheme Document. All references to times in this announcement are to London times unless otherwise stated.

# COURT SANCTION OF THE SCHEME

Further to the announcement made by SiS on 29 May 2025 in relation to the results of the Court Meeting and the General Meeting, SiS is pleased to announce that the Court has today issued the Court Order sanctioning the Scheme pursuant to which the Acquisition is being implemented.

All of the Conditions of the Acquisition (as set out in Part III of the Scheme Document (*Conditions to the implementation of the Scheme and to the Acquisition*)) have been satisfied or waived other than the delivery of a copy of the Court Order to the Registrar of Companies. This is expected to take place on 16 June 2025, at which point the Scheme will become Effective in accordance with its terms (the **"Effective Date"**), and a further announcement will be made when the Scheme has become Effective.

## NEXT STEPS AND TIMETABLE

The last date for dealings in, and for registrations of transfers of, and disablement in CREST of, SiS Shares is expected to be 13 June 2025. The Scheme Record Time is expected to be 6.00 p.m. on 13 June 2025. Trading in SiS Shares on AIM is expected to be suspended with effect from 7.30 a.m. on 16 June 2025.

It is expected that, subject to the Scheme becoming Effective, the cancellation of admission to trading of SiS Shares on AIM will take effect from 7.00 a.m. on 17 June 2025.

On the Effective Date, share certificates in respect of SiS Shares will cease to be valid and entitlements to SiS Shares held within the CREST system will be cancelled.

If any of the expected times and/or dates set out in this announcement change, the revised time and/or date will be notified to SiS Shareholders by way of an announcement through a Regulatory Information Service.

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The statements contained in this announcement are made as at the date of this announcement, unless some other time is specified in relation to them, and the release of this announcement shall not give rise to any implication that there has been no change in the facts set out in this announcement since such date. This announcement does not constitute a prospectus or prospectus equivalent or exempted document.

No person should construe the contents of this announcement as legal, financial or tax advice. If you are in any doubt about the contents of this announcement or the action you should take, you are recommended to seek your own independent financial advice immediately from your stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant or from an independent financial adviser duly authorised under FSMA if you are resident in the United Kingdom, or another appropriately authorised independent financial adviser, if you are in a territory outside the United Kingdom.

# **Overseas Shareholders**

This announcement has been prepared for the purpose of complying with English law, the Takeover Code, UK MAR, the Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules and the AIM Rules 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 England. Nothing in this announcement should be relied on for any other purpose.

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Unless otherwise determined by Bidco or required by the Takeover Code, and permitted by applicable law and regulation, the Acquisition shall not be made available, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, in, into or from a Restricted Jurisdiction where to do so would violate the laws or regulations in that jurisdiction and no person may vote in favour of the Acquisition by any such use, means, instrumentality or from within a Restricted Jurisdiction or any other jurisdiction if to do so would constitute a violation of the laws or regulations of that jurisdiction.

The Acquisition will be subject to the applicable requirements of English law, the Takeover Code, the Panel, the AIM Rules, the London Stock Exchange and the FCA.

Copies of this announcement and any formal documentation relating to the Acquisition are not being, and must not be, directly or indirectly, mailed or otherwise forwarded, distributed or sent in or into or from any Restricted Jurisdiction or any jurisdiction where to do so would constitute a violation of the laws or regulations of such jurisdiction and persons receiving such documents (including custodians, nominees and trustees) must not mail or otherwise forward, distribute or send them in or into or from any Restricted Jurisdiction. Doing so may render invalid any related purported vote in respect of the Acquisition.

Further details and information in relation to Overseas Shareholders are contained in the Scheme Document.

## Additional information for U.S. investors

U.S. SiS Shareholders should note that the Acquisition relates to an offer for the shares of a UK company and is being made by means of a scheme of arrangement provided for under English company law. The Acquisition, to be implemented by way of a scheme of arrangement, is not subject to the tender offer rules or the proxy solicitation rules under the U.S. Exchange Act, as amended. Accordingly, the Acquisition is subject to the requirements and practices applicable to a scheme of arrangement involving a target company in the UK traded on AIM, which differ from the requirements of the U.S. tender offer and proxy solicitation rules. The financial information with respect to SiS included in the Scheme Document has been prepared in accordance with IFRS and thus may not be comparable to the financial information of U.S. companies or companies whose financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the U.S. If, in the future, Bidco exercises its right to implement the Acquisition by way of a Takeover Offer and determines to extend the Takeover Offer into the U.S., the Acquisition will be made in compliance with applicable U.S. tender offer rules.

It may be difficult for U.S. SiS Shareholders to enforce their rights and any claims they may have arising under the U.S. federal securities laws in connection with the Acquisition, since SiS and Bidco are each located in a country other than the United States, and some or all of their respective officers and directors may be residents of countries other than the United States. U.S. shareholders may not be able to sue SiS, Bidco or their respective officers or directors in a non-U.S. court for violations of the U.S. securities laws. Further, it may be difficult to compel SiS or Bidco and their respective affiliates to subject themselves to the jurisdiction or judgment of a U.S. court for violations of the U.S. securities laws.

Neither the SEC nor any U.S. state securities commission has approved, disproved or passed judgment upon the fairness or the merits of the Acquisition or determined if this announcement is adequate, accurate or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offence in the United States.

In accordance with normal United Kingdom practice and pursuant to Rule 14e-5(b) of the U.S. Exchange Act, Bidco, certain of its affiliated companies and their respective nominees or brokers (acting as agents), may from time to time make certain purchases of, or arrangements to purchase, shares or other securities of SiS outside of the United States, other than pursuant to the Acquisition, until the date on which the Acquisition and/or Scheme becomes effective, lapses or is otherwise withdrawn. If such purchases or arrangements to purchase were to be made, they would occur either in the open market at prevailing prices or in private transactions at negotiated prices and would comply with applicable law, including the U.S. Exchange Act. Any information about such purchases or arrangements to purchase will be disclosed as required in the UK, will be reported to a Regulatory Information Service and will be available on the London Stock Exchange website at www.londonstockexchange.com.

## Disclosure requirements of the Takeover Code

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 commencement of the offer period and, if appropriate, by no later than 3.30 p.m. (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.

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(s), 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 p.m. (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 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.

## Publication on a website

In accordance with Rule 26.1 of the Takeover Code, a copy of this announcement will be made available, subject to certain restrictions relating to persons resident in Restricted Jurisdictions, on SiS' website at https://www.sisplc.com/possible-offer// by no later than 12 noon (London time) on the first Business Day following the date of this announcement.

For the avoidance of doubt, neither the content of this website nor the contents of any websites accessible from any hyperlinks is incorporated into or forms part of this announcement.

## Requesting hard copy documents

In accordance with Rule 30.3 of the Takeover Code, SiS Shareholders may request a hard copy of this announcement (and any information incorporated by reference in this announcement), free of charge, by contacting Equiniti during business hours on 0371 384 2050 (from within the United Kingdom) and +44 (0) 371 384 2050 (from outside the United Kingdom) or by submitting a request in writing to Equiniti Limited, Aspect House, Spencer Road, Lancing, West Sussex, BN99 6DA, United Kingdon. Calls are charged at the standard geographic rate and will vary by provider. Calls outside the United Kingdom will be charged at the applicable international rate. Lines will be open between 9.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m., Monday to Friday excluding public holidays in England and Wales.

For persons who receive a copy of this announcement in electronic form or via a website notification, a hard copy of this announcement will not be sent unless so requested. Such persons may also request that all future documents, announcements and information to be sent to them in relation to the Acquisition should be in hard copy form.