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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**30 May 2018**

**Recommended cash acquisition  
of  
Fenner PLC  
by  
Compagnie Générale des Établissements Michelin SCA  
to be implemented by means of a Scheme of Arrangement  
under Part 26 of the Companies Act 2006**

**Suspension of Listing and Dealings In Fenner Shares**

Following the Court sanctioning the Scheme on 25 May 2018, Fenner PLC ("Fenner") announces that, with effect from 7.30 a.m. today, the listing of Fenner Shares on the premium listing segment of the Official List of the UK Listing Authority and dealings in Fenner Shares on the London Stock Exchange's main market for listed securities will be suspended.

Subject to the Scheme becoming Effective, the cancellation of the listing of Fenner Shares on the premium listing segment of the Official List of the UK Listing Authority and the cancellation of the admission of Fenner Shares to trading on the London Stock Exchange's main market for listed securities are each expected to occur by 8:00 a.m. on 1 June 2018.

All references to time in this announcement are to London time. The expected dates set out above could be subject to further change. Any changes to the above dates will be announced through a Regulatory Information Service. Further updates will be provided as appropriate.

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Under Rule 8.3(a) of the Code, any person who is interested in 1% 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 pm (London time) on the 10th business day following the commencement of the offer period and, if appropriate, by no later than 3.30 pm (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 Code, any person who is, or becomes, interested in 1% 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 pm (London time) on the business day following the date of the relevant dealing.

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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 Takeover Panel's website at [www.thetakeoverpanel.org.uk](http://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.

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