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17 February 2016

**Writtle Holdings Limited ("Writtle" or "the Company")  
Possible offer for Tangent Communications PLC ("Tangent")  
Offer Update**

Writtle is disappointed to note that in the five days since its possible cash offer announcement on 12 February 2016 it has not received any information from Tangent to enable it to carry out its due diligence. In that original announcement Writtle stated that it was evaluating a possible cash offer of no less than 2.75 pence per Tangent share for the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Tangent (excluding treasury shares). It also stated that Writtle intended to work towards a recommended transaction and to enter into a constructive dialogue with Tangent and its major shareholders and that Writtle was announcing the proposal as a means to encourage and further the process.

Under the Takeover Code Writtle is entitled to any information that Tangent Holdings UK Limited ("Bidco") or its parent company and financier Portland Asset Management UK Limited ("Portland") has received. However, Writtle has been informed that no information has been supplied to Bidco or Portland. Certain directors of Tangent are also directors of Bidco or Portland, and in their capacity as directors of Tangent, they would have access to the information that has been requested by Writtle.

Writtle and its advisers are concerned that due to the timetable obligations of the Takeover Code there is limited time available to them to make a formal offer. Writtle continues to hope that Tangent will provide the necessary information so that it can ascertain if a firm offer price of no less than 2.75p is supportable. Such a price would represent an increase of at least 22.2 per cent over the offer price of 2.25p made by Tangent Holdings UK Limited which Writtle believes would be beneficial to shareholders.

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**Dealing disclosure and Opening Position Disclosure requirements**

Under Rule 8.3(a) of the Takeover 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 Takeover 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, 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 Takeover Panel's website at <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. If you are in any doubt as to whether you are required to make an Opening Position Disclosure or a Dealing Disclosure, you should contact the Panel's Market Surveillance Unit on +44 (0)20 7638 0129.

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