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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

25 November 2022

Curtis Banks Group plc ("Curtis Banks")

Statement regarding possible offer

The Board of Curtis Banks notes the recent press speculation and confirms that they are in advanced discussions regarding a possible offer for the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Curtis Banks from Nucleus Financial Platforms Limited ("Nucleus") who are conducting detailed confirmatory due diligence.

There can be no certainty that an offer will be made, nor as to the terms of any such offer. Accordingly, shareholders are advised to take no action at this time. A further announcement will be made as appropriate.

In accordance with Rule 2.6(a) of the Code, by not later than 5.00 pm on 23 December 2022, Nucleus must either announce a firm intention to make an offer for Curtis Banks in accordance with Rule 2.7 of the Code or announce that it does not intend to make an offer for Curtis Banks, in which case the announcement will be treated as a statement to which Rule 2.8 of the Code applies. This deadline will only be extended with the consent of the Takeover Panel in accordance with Rule 2.6(c) of the Code.

As a consequence of this announcement, an offer period has now commenced in respect of Curtis Banks in accordance with the Code and the attention of Curtis Banks shareholders is drawn to the disclosure requirements of Rule 8 of the Code, which are summarised below.

This announcement is made without the agreement or approval of Nucleus.

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Disclosure requirements of the Takeover Code (the "Code")

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.

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 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

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The information contained within this announcement is considered to constitute inside information as stipulated under Article 7 of the Market Abuse Regulations (EU) No.596/2014 as incorporated into UK domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 ("UK MAR"). Upon the publication of this announcement via a regulatory information service, this inside information will be considered to be in the public domain. For the purposes of UK MAR, the person responsible for arranging for the release of this information on behalf of Curtis Banks is David Barral.

Rule 2.9 disclosure

In accordance with Rule 2.9 of the Code, Curtis Banks confirms that, as at the date of this announcement, its issued and fully paid share capital consists of 66,879,312 ordinary shares with a nominal value of 0.5 pence each. The International Securities Identification Number (ISIN) for the ordinary shares is GB00BW0D4R71.

Publication on website

In accordance with Rule 26.1 of the Code, a copy of this announcement will be available on the website of Curtis Banks at www.curtisbanks.co.uk/investors promptly and by no later than 12 noon (London time) on the business day following this announcement. The content of the website referred to in this announcement is not incorporated into, and does not form part of this announcement.

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