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## THIS LETTER IS IMPORTANT AND REQUIRES YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

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2 December 2019

To: BLME Holdings plc shareholders and persons with information rights and persons with options and/or awards over BLME Holdings plc shares

## **BLME Holdings plc ("BLME")**

I refer to the announcement on 1 December 2019 (the "Announcement") that the boards of Boubyan Bank K.S.C.P. ("Boubyan") and BLME are in advanced discussions which may or may not result in a recommended cash offer pursuant to which Boubyan would acquire the entire issued and to be issued ordinary share capital of BLME (the "Possible Offer").

In accordance with Rule 2.11 of the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers (the "Takeover Code"), I enclose a copy of the Announcement. In addition, the Announcement, and all other information, documents and announcements relating to the Possible Offer will remain available during the course of the Possible Offer on BLME's website at <a href="https://www.blme.com/">https://www.blme.com/</a>. For the avoidance of doubt, the content of BLME's website is not incorporated into, and does not form part of, this letter.

Although the Announcement has put BLME into an "offer period" under the Takeover Code, there can be no certainty that Boubyan will proceed to make an offer for BLME, nor as to the terms on

which any such offer might be made. A further announcement will be made in due course as appropriate.

This letter is not to be taken as a summary of the information in the Announcement and should not be regarded as a substitute for reading the Announcement in full. The Announcement includes a summary of the disclosure requirements under Rule 8 of the Takeover Code for all persons with a direct or indirect interest of 1 per cent or more in the shares of BLME.

Please be aware that addresses, electronic addresses and certain other information provided by you for the receipt of communications from BLME may be provided to Boubyan as required under Section 4 of Appendix 4 of the Takeover Code.

Yours faithfully,

Michael Williams

**Senior Independent Director** 

**BLME** Holdings plc