



## Blanco Technology Group Plc

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2 August 2023

To: Blanco Technology Group plc shareholders and persons with options and/or awards over Blanco Technology Group plc shares

### **Blanco Technology Group plc ("Blanco")**

I refer to the announcement on 2 August 2023 (the "**Announcement**") that the boards of White Bidco Limited ("**Bidder**"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of funds managed by Francisco Partners, and Blanco have reached agreement on the terms of a recommended cash offer under which the Bidder will acquire the entire issued and to be issued ordinary share capital of Blanco (the "**Acquisition**"). The Announcement has put Blanco in an "offer period" under, and for the purposes of, the Code (as defined below), to which Blanco is subject.

You have advised us that rather than receive a posted copy of documents you would prefer to receive notice of how they can be accessed electronically.

The purpose of this email is to give you notice, in accordance with Rule 2.11 of the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers (the "**Takeover Code**"), that the Announcement has been published and that a copy of the Announcement can be found on Blancco's website at <https://www.blancco.com/investors/investor-center/information-for-blancco-shareholders/>.

All other information, documents and announcements relating to the Acquisition will remain available during the course of the Acquisition on Blancco's website at <https://www.blancco.com/investors/investor-center/information-for-blancco-shareholders/>. For the avoidance of doubt, the content of Blancco's website is not incorporated into, and does not form part of, this email.

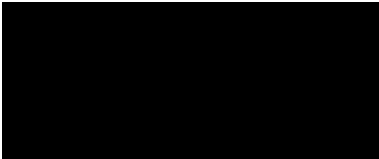
This email is not to be taken as a summary of the information in the Announcement and should not be regarded as a substitute for reading the Announcement in full. The Announcement includes a summary of the disclosure requirements under Rule 8 of the Takeover Code for all persons with a direct or indirect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

It is expected that the Acquisition will be implemented by way of a contractual offer and associated documents will be sent to Blancco shareholders in due course, subject to any restrictions on distribution described in the Announcement. You are not required to take any action at present.

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

Should you have any queries regarding your shareholding or this communication, please contact our Registrar, Computershare, via the shareholder helpline on 0370 889 4099 (or +44 (0) 370 889 4099) if calling from outside the UK).

Yours faithfully,



Rob Woodward  
Chair  
Blancco Technology Group plc

**Directors' responsibility statement**

*The directors of Blancco (the "Directors") accept responsibility for the information contained in this email. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this email is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. This email and the Announcement are for information purposes only and do not constitute an offer to sell or an invitation to purchase any securities or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities, pursuant to the offer or otherwise.*

**Right to request hard copies**

*You may request a copy of the Announcement and any information incorporated into it by reference to another source in hard copy form by writing to Computershare, The Pavilions, Bridgwater Road Bristol BS13 8AE or by calling the UK helpline on 0370 889 4099 (or +44 (0) 370 889 4099) if calling from outside the UK). Lines are open 9 am to 5:30 pm (London time), (excluding public holidays in England and Wales). A hard copy of the Announcement will not be sent to you unless you so request it. You may also request that all future documents, announcements and*

information sent to you in relation to the Acquisition should be sent to you in hard copy form, again by writing to the address set out above or by calling the telephone number above.

### **Website notification**

This email is a website notification for the purposes of the Code.

### **Disclosure requirements of the Takeover Code**

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 10<sup>th</sup> business day following the commencement of the offer period and, if appropriate, by no later than 3.30 pm (London time) on the 10<sup>th</sup> 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(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](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.

### **Publication on website**

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