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25 August 2021

**RECOMMENDED CASH OFFER**

**for**

**AUGEAN PLC ("AUGEAN")**

**by**

**ELEIA LIMITED ("BIDCO")**

**a newly-formed company indirectly owned by a consortium consisting of investment funds managed by (i) Ancala Partners LLP ("Ancala") and (ii) Fiera Infrastructure Inc. ("Fiera Infrastructure")**

**Offer Update**

The boards of directors of Augean and Bidco announced on 24 August 2021 the terms of a recommended cash offer by Bidco, a newly-formed company indirectly owned by a consortium consisting of investment funds managed by Ancala and investment funds managed by Fiera Infrastructure, for the entire issued and to be issued ordinary share capital of Augean (the "**Offer**") (the "**2.7 Announcement**").

Bidco is pleased to announce that it has received a binding irrevocable undertaking from Gresham House Strategic plc ("**Gresham**") (the "**Gresham Undertaking**") to vote in favour of the Scheme at the Court Meeting and to vote in favour of the Resolutions to be proposed at the General Meeting (or, in the event that the Offer is implemented by way of a Takeover Offer, to accept or procure acceptance of the Takeover Offer) in respect of 5,870,604 Augean Shares, representing approximately 5.59 per cent. of Augean's issued ordinary share capital on 24 August 2021 (being the latest practicable date prior to the date of this announcement).

The Gresham Undertaking will cease to be binding in the event that: (a) the Scheme lapses or is withdrawn; (b) the Scheme has not become effective by the Long Stop Date; or (c) an announcement is made in accordance with Rule 2.7 of the Code of an offer, whether by way of a takeover offer or a scheme of arrangement, or any other transaction which constitutes a takeover offer for the purposes of the Code, for Augean and the consideration payable to Augean Shareholders per Augean Share under such offer represents an amount in cash that is at least 345 pence per Augean Share.

In addition to the binding irrevocable undertaking received from Gresham, Bidco has received non-binding letters of intent in respect of 51,744,898 Augean Shares, representing approximately 49.29 per cent. of Augean's issued ordinary share capital on 24 August 2021 (being the latest practicable date prior to the date of this announcement), to vote, or procure the voting, in favour of the Scheme at the Court Meeting and vote, or procure the voting, in favour of the Resolutions to be proposed at the General Meeting (or, in the event that the Offer is implemented by way of a Takeover Offer, to accept or procure acceptance of the Takeover Offer), in the case of the Harwood Entities, in the event that the relevant MSIP Undertakings lapse.

Accordingly, Bidco has received binding irrevocable undertakings and non-binding letters of intent in respect of 57,615,502 Augean Shares, representing approximately 54.89 per cent. of Augean's issued ordinary share capital on 24 August 2021 (being the latest practicable date prior to the date of this announcement).

Capitalised terms used in this announcement shall have the meanings given to them in the 2.7 Announcement.

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### ***Important information***

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*The Offer will be made solely on the terms to be set out in the Scheme Document and the Forms of Proxy (or, if the Offer is implemented by way of a Takeover Offer, the Offer*

*Document and form of acceptance), which will contain the full terms and conditions of the Offer including details of how to vote in respect of the Offer. Any vote in respect of the Scheme or other decision or response in relation to the Offer should be made only on the basis of the information contained in the Scheme Document (or, if the Offer is implemented by way of a Takeover Offer, the Offer Document). Augean Shareholders are advised to read carefully the Scheme Document and related Forms of Proxy (or, if applicable, the Offer Document) once these have been dispatched.*

### ***Overseas jurisdictions***

*This announcement has been prepared in accordance with and for the purpose of complying with English law, the Code, the AIM Rules, the Market Abuse Regulation and the Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules, and the information disclosed may not be the same as that which would have been disclosed if this announcement had been prepared in accordance with the laws of jurisdictions outside of England and Wales.*

*The release, publication or distribution of this announcement in or into certain jurisdictions other than the United Kingdom may be restricted by law and may affect the availability of the Offer to persons who are not resident in the United Kingdom. Persons who are not resident in the United Kingdom, or who are subject to laws of any jurisdiction other than the United Kingdom, should inform themselves about, and observe any applicable requirements. Any person (including, without limitation, nominees, trustees and custodians) who would, or otherwise intends to, forward this announcement, the Scheme Document or any accompanying document to any jurisdiction outside the United Kingdom should refrain from doing so and should seek appropriate professional advice before taking any action. In particular, the ability of persons who are not resident in the United Kingdom to vote their Augean Shares at the Court Meeting or the General Meeting, or to execute and deliver Forms of Proxy appointing another to vote their Augean Shares in respect of the Court Meeting or the General Meeting on their behalf, may be affected by the laws of the relevant jurisdiction in which they are located.*

*Any failure to comply with the applicable legal or regulatory requirements may constitute a violation of the laws and/or regulations of any such jurisdiction. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the companies and persons involved in the Offer disclaim any responsibility and liability for the violation of such restrictions by any person.*

*Unless otherwise determined by Bidco or required by the Code, and permitted by applicable law and regulation, the Offer will not be made, directly or indirectly, in or into or by use of the mails or any other means or instrumentality (including, without limitation, telephonic or electronic) of interstate or foreign commerce of, or any facility of a national, state or other securities exchange of, a Restricted Jurisdiction, and the Offer will not be capable of acceptance and no person may vote in favour of the Offer by any such use, means, instrumentality or facility or from within a Restricted Jurisdiction or any other jurisdiction if to do so would constitute a violation of the laws of that jurisdiction. Accordingly, copies of this announcement and formal documentation relating to the Offer are not being, and must not be, directly or indirectly, mailed or otherwise forwarded or distributed in, into or from a Restricted Jurisdiction and persons receiving this announcement and all such documents relating to the Offer (including custodians, nominees and trustees) must not distribute or send them into or from a Restricted Jurisdiction. Doing so may render invalid any related purported vote in respect of the Offer.*

*If the Offer is implemented by way of a Takeover Offer (unless otherwise permitted by applicable law and regulation), the Takeover Offer may not be made directly or indirectly, in or into, or by the use of mails or any means or instrumentality (including, without limitation, telephonic or electronic) of interstate or foreign commerce of, or any facility of a national, state or other securities exchange of, a Restricted Jurisdiction, and the Takeover Offer may not be capable of acceptance by any such use, means, instrumentality or facilities.*

*Further details in relation to Overseas Shareholders will be contained in the Scheme Document.*

### ***Notice to US investors in Augean***

*The Offer relates to the shares of an English company and it is proposed to be made by means of a scheme of arrangement provided for under English law. The Scheme will relate to the shares of an English company that is a "foreign private issuer" as defined under Rule 3b-4 under the US Exchange Act. A transaction effected by means of a scheme of arrangement is not subject to the shareholder vote, proxy solicitation and tender offer rules under the US Exchange Act. Accordingly, the Scheme is subject to the disclosure requirements, rules and practices applicable in the UK to schemes of arrangement, which differ from the disclosure requirements and practices of US shareholder vote, proxy solicitation and tender offer rules.*

*Financial statements, and all financial information included in the relevant documentation, will have been prepared in accordance with accounting standards applicable in the UK and may not be comparable to the financial statements of US companies or other companies whose financial statements are prepared in accordance with US generally accepted accounting principles.*

*In the event that the Offer is implemented by way of a Takeover Offer and extended into the US, Bidco will do so in satisfaction of the procedural and filing requirements of the US securities laws at that time, to the extent applicable thereto. If Bidco were to elect to implement the Offer by means of a Takeover Offer, such Takeover Offer shall be made in compliance with applicable UK and US securities laws and regulations, including the US tender offer rules. Such Takeover Offer would be made in the US by Bidco and no one else. In addition to any such Takeover Offer, Bidco, certain affiliated companies and the nominees or brokers (acting as agents) may make certain purchases of, or arrangements to purchase, shares in Augean outside such Takeover Offer during the period in which such Takeover Offer would remain open for acceptance. These purchases may occur either in the open market at prevailing prices or in private transactions at negotiated prices. Any information about such purchases or arrangements to purchase shall be disclosed as required in the United Kingdom, shall be reported to a Regulatory Information Service and shall be available on the London Stock Exchange website at [www.londonstockexchange.com](http://www.londonstockexchange.com). If such purchases or arrangements to purchase are made they would be made outside the United States in compliance with applicable law, including the US Exchange Act.*

*The receipt of consideration by a US holder for the transfer of its Augean Shares pursuant to the Scheme may have tax consequences in the US and such consequences, if any, are not described herein. Each Augean Shareholder is urged to consult their independent professional adviser immediately regarding the tax consequences of the Offer applicable to them, including under applicable United States state and local, as well as overseas and other, tax laws.*

*Augean and Bidco are both incorporated under the laws of England and Wales. Some or all of the officers and directors of Augean are residents of countries other than the United States. In addition, some of the assets of Bidco and Augean are located outside the United States. As a result, it may be difficult for US holders of Augean Shares to enforce their rights and any claim arising out of the US federal laws or to enforce against them a judgment of a US court predicated upon the securities laws of the United Kingdom. US holders of Augean Shares may not be able to sue a non-US company or its officers or directors in a non-US court for violations of the US securities laws. Further, it may be difficult to compel a non-US company and its affiliates to subject themselves to a US court's judgement.*

### ***Electronic communications***

*Please be aware that addresses, electronic addresses and certain other information provided by Augean Shareholders, persons with information rights and other relevant persons for the receipt of communications from Augean may be provided to Bidco during the Offer Period, as required under Section 4 of Appendix 4 to the Code, to comply with Rule 2.11(c).*

### ***Publication on website and availability of hard copies***

*In accordance with Rule 26.1 of the Code, a copy of this announcement will be made available (subject to certain restrictions relating to persons resident in Restricted Jurisdictions), free of charge, at <https://www.augeanplc.com/offer/> and <https://www.eleibidco.com> by no later than 12.00 noon (London time) on the Business Day following the date of publication of this announcement. Save as expressly referred to in this announcement, neither the contents of these websites nor any website accessible from hyperlinks is incorporated into and do not form part of this announcement.*

*In accordance with Rule 30.3 of the Code, Augean Shareholders and persons with information rights may request a hard copy of this announcement by contacting Augean's registrars, Computershare Investor Services PLC, between 9.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. (London time), Monday to Friday (except UK public holidays) on +44 (0) 370 889 3205 or at [web.queries@computershare.co.uk](mailto:web.queries@computershare.co.uk). Calls are charged at the standard geographical rate and will vary by provider. Calls outside the United Kingdom will be charged at the applicable international rate. Please note that Computershare Investor Services PLC cannot provide any financial, legal or tax advice, and calls may be recorded and monitored for security and training purposes. For persons who receive a copy of this announcement in electronic form or via a website notification, a hard copy of this announcement and any document or information incorporated by reference into this announcement will not be sent unless so requested. Such persons may also request that all future documents, announcements and information to be sent to them in relation to the Offer should be in hard copy form.*

### ***Rounding***

*Certain figures included in this announcement have been subjected to rounding adjustments. Accordingly, figures shown for the same category presented in different tables may vary slightly and figures shown as totals in certain tables may not be an arithmetic aggregation of the figures that precede them.*