

Completion of bookbuild

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Costain Group PLC

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Completion of bookbuilding process

Following this morning's announcement, the Company announces the successful completion of the bookbuilding process for the Firm Placing and conditional Placing of Open Offer Shares, which has now closed, and subject to the conditions set out below, will raise gross proceeds of £100 million.

Capitalised terms not otherwise defined in this announcement have the meanings given to them in the announcement made by the Company at 7.00 a.m this morning.

Firm Placing

Pursuant to the Firm Placing, the Firm Placees have agreed to subscribe for 133,348,799 Firm Placing Shares at the Offer Price.

Placing and Open Offer

In addition, pursuant to the Placing and Open Offer, the Joint Bookrunners have placed 33,317,868 Open Offer Shares at the Offer Price with the Placing Placees, subject to clawback to satisfy valid applications by Qualifying Shareholders under the Open Offer.

Pursuant to the Open Offer, Qualifying Shareholders will be given the opportunity to apply for the Open Offer Shares at the Offer Price, on and subject to the terms and conditions of the Open Offer, pro rata to their holdings of Existing Ordinary Shares on the Record Date on the following basis:

4 Open Offer Shares for every 13 Existing Ordinary Shares

Open Offer Shares will also be made available to Qualifying Shareholders under the Excess Application Facility.

The Group expects to publish a Prospectus, setting out full details of the Open Offer and incorporating a Notice of General Meeting, later today. Shareholders should read the Prospectus in full before making any application for Open Offer Shares and/or Excess Open Offer Shares.

The Firm Placing and the Placing and Open Offer are conditional, inter alia, upon:

- (i) the Resolution being passed by Shareholders at the General Meeting;
- (ii) Admission becoming effective by not later than 8.00 a.m. on 29 May 2020 (or such later time and/or date (being not later than 8.00 a.m. on 12 June 2020) as the Company and the Banks may agree); and
- (iii) the Placing Agreement having become unconditional in all respects.

Applications will be made to the FCA for admission of the New Ordinary Shares to listing on the premium listing segment of the Official List of the FCA and to the London Stock Exchange for admission of the New Ordinary Shares to trading on its main market for listed securities. Subject to the conditions above being satisfied, it is expected that Admission will become effective on 29 May 2020 and that dealings for normal settlement in the New Ordinary Shares will commence at 8.00 a.m. on the same day.

The New Ordinary Shares will be issued credited as fully paid and will rank *pari passu* in all respects with the Existing Ordinary Shares, including the right to receive all dividends and other distributions declared, made or paid on the Existing Ordinary Shares by reference to a record date on or after Admission.

Director Participation

The Directors have subscribed for an aggregate of 362,498 New Ordinary Shares through the Firm Placing, representing approximately 0.13% of the Company's Enlarged Share Capital following the Capital Raising.

	Ordinary Shares		Firm Placing Shares subscribed for	Ordinary Shares immediately following the Issue	
	Number	% of issued share capital at the date of this announcement	Number	Number	% of Enlarged Share Capital
Paul Golby	35,000	0.03%	83,333	118,333	0.04%
Alex Vaughan	119,176	0.11%	83,333	202,509	0.07%
Tony Bickerstaff	300,850	0.28%	83,333	384,183	0.14%
Jane Lodge	24,658	0.02%	41,666	66,324	0.02%
Alison Wood	6,666	0.01%	12,500	19,166	0.01%
David McManus	=	-	50,000	50,000	0.02%
Jacqueline de Rojas	4,495	0.00%	8,333	12,828	0.00%

Alex Vaughan, Chief Executive Officer, commented:

"We are pleased to have secured significant support from investors for this fundraising. With a stronger balance sheet and the positive long term outlook for UK infrastructure, Costain will be better placed to benefit from the significant market opportunity in front of us."

This announcement contains inside information for the purposes of article 7 of EU Regulation 596/2014. The person who arranged the release of this announcement on behalf of Costain was Tracey Wood, General Counsel and Company Secretary.

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