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**Drax Finco plc**

**Launch of offering of senior secured notes due 2025**

Drax Group plc ("**Drax**") today announced that its indirect wholly owned subsidiary, Drax Finco plc, has launched an offering (the "**Offering**") of U.S. dollar denominated 6 <sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>% senior secured notes due 2025 (the "**Notes**"), in an aggregate principal amount of \$200 million. The Notes will be issued under the indenture governing Drax Finco plc's outstanding \$300 million aggregate principal amount of 6 <sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>% senior secured notes due 2025.

The proceeds will be used to repay in part outstanding amounts drawn under Drax Finco plc's acquisition bank facility<sup>(1)</sup>, to pay related fees and expenses of the Offering, including underwriting fees and commissions, professional fees and other associated transaction costs as well as applicable prepayment fees and accrued and unpaid interest to the date of repayment. Drax continues to expect to refinance the remainder of the acquisition bank facility during 2019.

There can be no assurance that the Offering will be completed.

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**Note**

(1) Drax Corporate Limited drew £550 million under an acquisition bank facility on 2 January 2019 used to partially fund the acquisition of Scottish Power Generation for net consideration of £687 million. The facility has a 12-month duration from 31 December 2018, with an additional seven-month extension option.

**Cautionary Statement**

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Securities Act. The Notes and related guarantees will be offered in a private offering exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act and will accordingly be offered only to (i) qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act and (ii) certain non-U.S. persons outside the United States in compliance with Regulation S under the Securities Act. No indebtedness incurred in connection with any other financing transactions will be registered under the Securities Act.

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Manufacturer target market (MiFID II product governance) is eligible counterparties and professional clients only (all distribution channels). No PRIIPs key information document (KID) has been prepared as the Notes are not available to retail investors in the European Economic Area.

## **Forward Looking Statements**

This release includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of the securities laws of certain applicable jurisdictions. These forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology, including, but not limited to, terms such as “aim”, “anticipate”, “assume”, “believe”, “continue”, “could”, “estimate”, “expect”, “forecast”, “guidance”, “intend”, “may”, “outlook”, “plan”, “predict”, “project”, “should”, “will” or “would” or, in each case, their negative, or other variations or comparable terminology. These forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, all statements other than statements of historical facts and include statements regarding Drax’s intentions, beliefs or current expectations concerning, among other things, Drax’s future financial conditions and performance, results of operations and liquidity, strategy, plans, objectives, prospects, growth, goals and targets, future developments in the markets in which Drax participate or are seeking to participate, and anticipated regulatory changes in the industry in which Drax operate. By their nature, forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors because they relate to events and depend on circumstances that may or may not occur in the future. Readers are cautioned that forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and are based on numerous assumptions. Given these risks and uncertainties, readers should not rely on forward looking statements as a prediction of actual results.

## **Market Abuse Regulation**

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Regulation (EU) 596/2014 (MAR), encompassing information relating to the Offer described above.

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