

THE TAKEOVER PANEL

RENTOKIL PLC ("RENTOKIL")/ BET PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY ("BET")

The Panel Executive is continuing its investigation into the purchase on behalf of Rentokil of some 24 million BET shares (approximately 2.5 per cent of the issued share capital) on 23 April. This investigation is unlikely to be concluded before 1pm today. The Executive considers nevertheless that the offer should proceed in accordance with its current timetable.

Any ruling made by the Executive is subject to a right of appeal. Therefore it has been agreed that the offer, if it has not lapsed, will not be declared unconditional as to acceptances without the consent of the Executive until either it is confirmed that no appeal will be made or the outcome of any appeal is known.

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