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TAU CAPITAL PLC

Tau Capital plc: First Day of Dealings on AIM and Placing

Tau Capital plc ("Tau" or the "Company"), an investment company investing in both public and private business based in Kazakhstan and the surrounding regions, is pleased to announce its admission to AIM, earlier today, under the ticker symbol 'TAU', following a share placing with institutional investors. Numis Securities is acting as both Nominated Adviser and broker to Tau.

Admission Statistics

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| Market capitalisation at the Placing Price | US \$ 251,000,002 |
| Gross proceeds of the Placing | US \$ 250,000,000 |
| Placing Price per Ordinary Share | US \$1 |
| Number of Ordinary Shares in issue on Admission | 251,000,002 |

Overview

Tau Capital plc is a newly incorporated investment company established to allow investors the opportunity to realise returns through investing in both public and private businesses that are established, operating or have exposure to Kazakhstan. Although Kazakhstan focused, the Company will also seek investment opportunities in the Kyrgyz Republic, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan and Russia. These investments are proposed through the utilisation of the knowledge and skills of a highly connected and credible management team with a track record of successful investments in these countries.

Spencer House Compass Capital Limited will act as the manager to the Company and will be responsible for identifying, structuring and monitoring investments. The Manager will delegate its responsibilities to Spencer House Capital Management LLP and Compass Asset Management Limited a subsidiary of VISOR Holding LLP, the Investment Advisers, who together have experience in both investment and operational activities in Kazakhstan and the wider region since the mid 1990s, as well as the structuring of private company investments and asset management. The Investment Advisers will target a broad range of sectors, including oil and gas exploration and production, metals and mining, transport and logistics, consumer-related, telecommunications, financial services and business services.

Quotes:

Lord Rothschild, Chairman of Spencer House Capital Management Limited, commented,

"I have been pursuing with great interest developments in Kazakhstan. VISOR are one of the country's leading private equity and asset management groups, and we are privileged to be involved in a joint venture with them. I have confidence that investors in this Fund will benefit from the wealth of investment opportunities in Kazakhstan and its neighbouring countries."

Aidan Karibjanov, Chairman of VISOR Holding, commented,

“we are delighted to be working with Spencer House Capital Management to create Tau Capital. Whilst Kazakhstan’s economy has developed rapidly it offers very exciting investment opportunities which are not yet reflected in the stock market. We also see very attractive investment potential in our neighbouring countries.”

Investment Strategy

The Company aims to:

- invest in Public Equities of companies with assets in Kazakhstan or in the Investment Countries (or whose business has exposure to Kazakhstan or in the Investment Countries), who have securities listed on the KASE or any other stock exchange or are otherwise traded on over-the-counter markets in Kazakhstan, the Investment Countries or internationally; and
- provide equity and equity-related investment capital to Private Companies operating in or with business exposure to Kazakhstan and further in the Investment Countries (or whose business is located within Kazakhstan or an Investment Country) who are seeking capital for growth and development, consolidation or acquisition, or as a pre-IPO round of financing. Investments may also be made in Special Situations if the Manager considers the investment to be of a type in keeping with the aims of the Fund.

The Directors shall target a broad range of sectors including oil and gas exploration and production, metals and mining, transport and logistics, consumer-related, telecommunications, financial services and business services as they believe that these sectors in each of Kazakhstan and the Investment Countries’ economies provide capital appreciation opportunities for investors.

Once fully invested, the Fund will have a minimum of 50 per cent. of its asset allocation in Public Equity and up to 50 per cent. in Private Companies and Special Situations, although the initial investment made by the Fund will nearly all be made in Public Equities.

Public Equities

When investing in Public Equities, the Company will seek to invest a majority of its funds in a core portfolio of approximately 10 investments which, in the opinion of the Manager, provide the best medium term (one to two years) value creation potential. These core positions will typically be between 5 per cent. and 15 per cent. of the NAV of the Fund. The Manager will seek to select “national champions” within Kazakhstan or the Investment Countries or companies with strong positions or strong growth potential in their respective sectors. The Company will seek to deploy the balance of the funds in shorter-term (less than one year) tactical holdings, typically each up to 5 per cent. of the Fund’s NAV.

Private Companies and Special Situations

The Company intends generally to take minority equity stakes of greater than 10 per cent. in each Private Company and may seek to secure board representation where it considers that the Company and/or an investee company would benefit from such an appointment. The Company may take controlling positions in investee companies from time to time.

The Board

Philip Lambert, Chairman and Independent Non-Executive Director

Philip is the Chairman of the Investment Committee of the ABP and a member of the Supervisory Board of Robeco. Throughout his career Philip has been extensively involved in the European pension industry in Europe. He was a member of the Pension Managers Advisory Committee to the Board of Directors of the New York Stock Exchange. Philip was a member of the Investment Committee of the National Association of Pension Funds in the UK. He was a member of the Advisory Committee to the ABN AMRO Investment Funds and is now a member of the Investment Committee of the ABN AMRO Pension Fund.

Richard Horlick, Non-Executive Director

Richard is the CEO and a founding partner of Spencer House Capital Management, LLP. Prior to this, he was a main board director of Schroders plc where he was head of investments and a member of the General Management Committee. From 1994 to 2002, Richard held a number of positions at Fidelity. He was president and CEO of Fidelity Management Trust Co the institutional investment arm of Fidelity in the US and also the Trust Bank for the Fidelity Mutual funds. Richard was previously responsible for the investment and development of Fidelity's institutional business outside the US, and was a member of the operating committee of Fidelity International. Between 1984 and 1994, he was a director and portfolio manager at Newton Investment Management.

Almas Chukin, Non-Executive Director

Almas is the Chairman of Compass Asset Management and a partner of VISOR. He has been involved in the economic affairs of Central Asia for the last 20 years. Almas has held various government positions in the Kyrgyz Republic including his roles at the Ministry of Finance (Head of the Industrial Department), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Ambassador to the United States), and the State Property Fund (Deputy Chairman) where he was responsible for various aspects of governmental strategy from internal policy issues to cooperation with the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. Since leaving government and entering the private sector in 1997, Almas has worked primarily in the financial sector of Kazakhstan and has played a pivotal role in the development of this part of the economy. While his main focus has been on private equity transactions, Almas was also actively involved in the public securities market during his tenure as a Managing Director of a major broker-dealer. His experience also includes being Deputy Chairman and CFO of Halyk Bank of Kazakhstan, the country's largest retail bank and Chairman of Temir Bank.

Robert Brown, III, Independent Non-Executive Director

Robert is the Chairman of Ramler Media Limited, a leading integrated media company providing services to the global Russian-speaking community whose shares are listed on AIM with a current market value of approximately US\$700 million. He is also a trustee and the Vice Chairman of the Investment Committee of the US\$1.0 billion endowment of Carnegie-Mellon University, and a director of several early-stage Russian businesses. Robert has been involved in investment banking and private equity activities in the former Soviet Union since 1992. From 1995 to 1998, he was the Managing Director and Head of Corporate Finance for Creditanstalt International Advisors, a New York-based subsidiary of Creditanstalt Investment Bank. Robert established the investment banking operations for CAIB in Russia through the acquisition of Grant Financial Group, a leading Russian securities broker. Prior to joining CAIB, Robert worked from 1978 to 1994, including 10 years as a Managing Director, at Lehman Brothers in New York City. He was Co-Head of the bank's Public Finance Division between 1990 and 1994. He led the development of Lehman Brothers' business in Russia during the period 1992 to 1994.

Philip Scales, Independent Non-Executive Director and Company Secretary

Philip Scales is Managing Director of IOMA Fund and Investment Management Limited. Prior to this, Philip was the Managing Director of Northern Trust International Fund Administration Services (Isle of Man) Limited. Philip has over 30 years' experience of working offshore, primarily in corporate and mutual fund administration. A director of a number of listed companies, Philip is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators. Philip is a native English speaker.

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