# AXACTOR

# **Securities Note**

for

# Axactor SE FRN senior unsecured EUR 400,000,000 bonds 2021/2026

# ISIN NO0011093718

Joint Lead Managers and Bookrunners:







Oslo, 12 November 2021

#### Important information\*

The Securities Note has been prepared in connection with listing of the securities on the Oslo Børs. The Securities Note has been approved by the Norwegian FSA, as competent authority under Regulation (EU) 2017/1129. The Norwegian FSA only approves this Securities Note as meeting the standards of completeness, comprehensibility and consistency imposed by Regulation (EU) 2017/1129. Such approval should not be considered as an endorsement of the Issuer that is the subject of this Securities Note.

New information that is significant for the Issuer or its subsidiaries may be disclosed after the Securities Note has been made public, but prior to listing of the Loan. Such information will be published as a supplement to the Securities Note pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2017/1129. On no account must the publication or the disclosure of the Securities Note give the impression that the information herein is complete or correct on a given date after the date on the Securities Note, or that the business activities of the Issuer or its subsidiaries may not have been changed.

**MIFID II product governance / Professional investors and eligible counterparties (ECPs) only target market** Solely for the purposes of each manufacturers' product approval process, the target market assessment in respect of the Bonds has led to the conclusion that: (i) the target market for the Bonds is eligible counterparties and professional clients only, each as defined in Directive 2014/65/EU (as amended) (MiFID II); and (ii) all channels for distribution of the Bonds to eligible counterparties and professional clients are appropriate. Any person subsequently offering, selling or recommending the Bonds (a distributor) should take into consideration the manufacturers' target market assessment; however, a distributor subject to MiFID II is responsible for undertaking its own target market assessment in respect of the Bonds (by either adopting or refining the manufacturers' target market assessment) and determining appropriate distribution channels.

**UK MiFIR product governance / Professional investors and eligible counterparties (ECPs) only target market** Solely for the purposes of each manufacturer's product approval process, the target market assessment in respect of the Bonds has led to the conclusion that: (i) the target market for the Bonds is only eligible counterparties, as defined in the FCA Handbook Conduct of Business Sourcebook, and professional clients, as defined in Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (UK MiFIR); and (ii) all channels for distribution of the Bonds to eligible counterparties and professional clients are appropriate. Any person subsequently offering, selling or recommending the Bonds (a distributor) should take into consideration the manufacturers' target market assessment; however, a distributor subject to the FCA Handbook Product Intervention and Product Governance Sourcebook (the UK MiFIR Product Governance Rules) is responsible for undertaking its own target market assessment in respect of the Bonds (by either adopting or refining the manufacturers' target market assessment) and determining appropriate distribution channels.

Only the Issuer and the Joint Lead Managers and Bookrunners are entitled to procure information about conditions described in the Securities Note. Information procured by any other person is of no relevance in relation to the Securities Note and cannot be relied on.

Unless otherwise stated, the Securities Note is subject to Norwegian law. In the event of any dispute regarding the Securities Note, Norwegian law will apply.

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This Securities Note is not an offer to sell or a request to buy bonds.

The Securities Note included the Summary dated 12 November 2021 together with the Registration Document dated 19 April 2021 and Supplement number 1 to the Registration Document dated 12 November 2021 constitute the Prospectus.

The content of the Securities Note does not constitute legal, financial or tax advice and bond owners should seek legal, financial and/or tax advice.

Please contact the Issuer or the Joint Lead Managers and Bookrunners to receive copies of the Securities Note.

#### The Bonds may not be a suitable investment for all investors

Each potential investor in the Bonds must determine the suitability of that investment in light of its own circumstances. In particular, each potential investor should: (i) have sufficient knowledge and experience to make a meaningful evaluation of the Bonds; (ii) have access to and knowledge of the appropriate analytical tools to evaluate an investment in the Bonds; (iii) have sufficient financial resources and liquidity to bear the risks associated with investment in the Bonds; (iv) understand the terms of the Bonds and the behaviour of the relevant financial markets; and (v) be able to evaluate possible scenarios for economic interest rate and other factors that may affect its investment.

#### Factors which are material for the purpose of assessing the market risks associated with Bond:

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- have sufficient knowledge and experience to make a meaningful evaluation of the Bonds, the merits and risks of investing in the Bonds and the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Securities Note and/or Registration Document or any applicable supplement;
- (ii) have access to, and knowledge of, appropriate analytical tools to evaluate, in the context of its particular financial situation, an investment in the Bonds and the impact the Bonds will have on its overall investment portfolio;
- have sufficient financial resources and liquidity to bear all of the risks of an investment in the Bonds, including where the currency for principal or interest payments is different from the potential investor's currency;
- (iv) understand thoroughly the terms of the Bonds and be familiar with the behaviour of the financial markets; and
- (v) be able to evaluate (either alone or with the help of a financial adviser) possible scenarios for economic, interest rate and other factors that may affect its investment and its ability to bear the applicable risks.

#### **Modification and Waiver**

The conditions of the Bonds contain provisions for calling meetings of bondholders to consider matters affecting their interests generally. These provisions permit defined majorities to bind all bondholders including bondholders who did not attend and vote at the relevant meeting and bondholders who voted in a manner contrary to the majority.

Please see the Bond Terms for the Bond Trustee's power to represent the Bondholders and the duties and authority of the Bond Trustee.

\*The capitalised words in the section "Important Information" are defined in Chapter 4: "Detailed information about the securities".

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# 1 Summary

Summaries are made up of disclosure requirements due to Article 7 in the REGULATION (EU) 2017/1129 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 14 June 2017.

### A Introduction and warning

Disclosure requirement	Disclosure
Warning.	This summary should be read as introduction to the Prospectus. Any decision to invest in the securities should be based on consideration of the Prospectus as a whole by the investor. The investor could lose all or part of the invested capital. Where a claim relating to the information contained in the Prospectus is brought before a court, the plaintiff investor might, under the national law, have to bear the costs of translating the Prospectus before the legal proceedings are initiated. Civil liability attaches only to those persons who have tabled the summary including any translation thereof, but only where the summary is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent, when read together with the other parts of the prospectus, key information in order to aid investors when considering whether to invest in such securities.
Name and international securities identification number ('ISIN') of the securities.	ISIN NO0011093718 Axactor SE FRN senior unsecured EUR 400,000,000 bonds 2021/2026.
Identity and contact details of the issuer, including its legal entity identifier ('LEI').	Axactor SE, Drammensveien 167, 0277 Oslo, Norway. The Company's telephone number is +47 911 79 195. Registration number 921 896 328 and LEI-code (legal entity identifier): 549300P5VT8OMA17TJ33.
Identity and contact details of the offeror or of the person asking for admission to trading on a regulated market.	Not applicable. There is no offeror, the prospectus has been produced in connection with listing of the securities on the Oslo Børs. The Issuer is going to ask for admission to trading on a regulated market.
Identity and contact details of the competent authority that approved the prospectus	Financial Supervisory Authority of Norway (Finanstilsynet), Revierstredet 3, 0151 Oslo. Telephone number is +47 22 93 98 00. E-mail: prospekter@finanstilsynet.no.
Date of approval of the prospectus.	The Prospectus was approved on 12 November 2021.

### B Key information on the Issuer

Disclosure requirement	Disclosure
Who is the issuer of the securities	
Domicile and legal form	Axactor SE is a European public limited liability company established as a SE in accordance with the Council Regulation (EC) No 2157/2001 with its registered business office in Norway incorporated under the laws of Norway with registration number 921 896 328.
	A company established as Societas Europaea ("SE") in accordance with the Council Regulation (EC) No 2157/2001 with a registered business office in Norway, is as a main rule subject to the Norwegian Public Limited Companies Act, c.f. Act 2005-04-01 no. 14, c.f. Council Regulation (EC) No 2157/2001 (the "Norwegian SE-Act"), provided nothing else follows from Council Regulation (EC) No 2157/2001, the articles of association set out in accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 2157/2001, or the Norwegian SE-Act, c.f. the Norwegian SE-Act section 2.
	LEI-code: 549300P5VT8OMA17TJ33.
Principal activities	Axactor is a pan-European debt collector with operations in Finland, Germany, Italy, Norway, Spain and Sweden, with headquarters in Oslo, Norway. The Company's core business areas are unsecured purchased debt (NPL) and third-party collection (3PC). In addition, it is operating in the REOs segment which is in run-off based on strategic considerations. Axactor has come a long way since its current business strategy was launched in late 2015, and has become one of the 10 largest debt collectors in Europe. Through its streamlined 'One Axactor' operating model, and with a focus on a selected number of & developed NPL markets and asset classes, Axactor has established a scalable debt collection platform, with low complexity and limited legacy systems.

Major shareholders

The 20 largest shareholders as of 13 October 2021:

Investor	Number of shares	% of top 20	% of total	Туре	Country
GEVERAN TRADING CO LTD	137,855,892	74.05 %	45.63 %	Comp.	CYP
TVENGE TORSTEIN INGVALD	10,000,000	5.37 %	3.31 %	Priv.	NOR
FERD AS	7,864,139	4.22 %	2.60 %	Comp.	NOR
VERDIPAPIRFONDET NORDEA NORGE VERD	4,454,162	2.39 %	1.47 %	Comp.	NOR
SKANDINAVISKA ENSKILDA BANKEN AB	3,079,467	1.65 %	1.02 %	Nom.	MLT
NORDNET LIVSFORSIKRING AS	2,320,272	1.25 %	0.77 %	Comp.	NOR
RANGNES ENDRE	2,017,000	1.08 %	0.67 %	Priv.	NOR
GVEPSEBORG AS	2,009,694	1.08 %	0.67 %	Comp.	NOR
STAVERN HELSE OG FORVALTNING AS	2,000,000	1.07 %	0.66 %	Comp.	NOR
ALPETTE AS	1,661,643	0.89 %	0.55 %	Comp.	NOR
VERDIPAPIRFONDET NORDEA AVKASTNING	1,643,423	0.88 %	0.54 %	Comp.	NOR
VERDIPAPIRFONDET DNB NORGE	1,518,841	0.82 %	0.50 %	Comp.	NOR
VELDE HOLDING AS	1,400,000	0.75 %	0.46 %	Comp.	NOR
VERDIPAPIRFONDET NORDEA KAPITAL	1,343,933	0.72 %	0.44 %	Comp.	NOR
NORDEA BANK ABP	1,200,953	0.65 %	0.40 %	Nom.	DNK
VPF DNB AM NORSKE AKSJER	1,186,252	0.64 %	0.39 %	Comp.	NOR
LOPEZ SANCHEZ ANDRES	1,177,525	0.63 %	0.39 %	Priv.	ESP
MARTIN IBEAS DAVID	1,177,525	0.63 %	0.39 %	Priv.	ESP
SKANDINAVISKA ENSKILDA BANKEN AB	1,159,420	0.62 %	0.38 %	Nom.	LUX
DUGSTAD SVEIN	1,104,187	0.59 %	0.37 %	Priv.	NOR
Total number owned by top 20	186,174,328	100 %	61.62 %		
Total number of shares	302,145,464		100 %		

Geveran Trading Co. Limited, a company indirectly controlled by trusts established by Mr. John Fredriksen for the benefit of his immediate family ("Geveran") owns 137,855,892 shares in Axactor, representing 45.63 % of outstanding shares capital.

Management	Name	Position	
	Johnny Tsolis	Chief Execute Officer	1
	Arnt Andre Dullum	Chief Operating Officer	
	Kyrre Svae	Chief of Strategy and IR	
	Nina Mortensen	Chief Financial Officer	
	Vibeke Ly	Chief of Staff	
	Robin Knowles	Chief Investment Officer	
	Andrés López	Country Manager Spain	
	Heidi Piispanen	Country Manager Finland	
	Steffen Fink	Country Manager Germany	
	Stina Koren	Country Manager Norway	
	Antonio Cataneo	Country Manager Italy	
	Lisa Sohtell	Country Manager Sweden	
Statutory auditors	PricewaterhouseCoope	ers AS, independent public accounta	ants
What is the key financial information regarding the issuer			
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Amount in EUR thousand	YTD Q2 2021 Unaudited	Annual Report 2020 Audited*
Operating profit	34,975	21,161
Net financial debt (long term debt plus short term debt minus cash)	784.054	885,460
Net Cash flows from operating activities	49,099	-4,899
Net Cash flows from financing activities	-50,343	-12,512
Net Cash flow from investing activities	-1,453	-6,089

\* Cash flow from NPL and REO investments is moved from investing activities to operating activities in Cash flow statement, net change is zero.

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Amount in EUR thousand	Annual Report 2020 Audited
Operating profit	-4,610
Net financial debt (long term debt plus short term debt minus cash)	189,295
Net Cash flows from operating activities	-902
Net Cash flows from financing activities	-2,670
Net Cash flow from investing activities	108

There is no description of any qualifications in the audit report in Annual Report 2020. Most material key risk factors

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What is the key risk factors that are specific to the issuer	<ul> <li>There is a risk that the Group will be unable to compete with businesses that offer more attractive pricing levels and the Group's competitors may have or develop competitive strengths that the Group is unable to match.</li> <li>Reputational damage due to an unforeseen event could adversely affect the Company's business and ability to attract new clients.</li> <li>If the Group is unable to enter into new debt collection contracts or purchase portfolios at appropriate prices there is a risk that the Group's business and its ability to implement its business plan will be materially adversely affected.</li> <li>There is a risk that the Group will make acquisitions that prove unsuccessful which could have a material adverse effect on the financial position of the Group.</li> <li>A failure to comply with applicable regulations in relevant jurisdictions may materially adversely affect the Group's business, results of operations or financial conditions.</li> <li>Any failure to implement the Group's strategic plans may have a material adverse effect on the business of the Group.</li> <li>A failure to retain third-party service providers may have a material adverse effect on the business of the Group.</li> <li>A failure to collect under the debt collection contracts or purchased portfolios may have a material adverse effect on the financial position of the Group.</li> <li>A failure to cellect under the debt collection contracts or purchased portfolios may have a material adverse effect on the financial position of the Group.</li> <li>A failure to collect under the debt collection contracts or purchased portfolios may have a material adverse effect on the financial position of the Group.</li> <li>Incorrect assumptions made in the purchase of debt portfolios may have a material adverse effect on the financial position of the Group.</li> </ul>

### C Key information on the securities

Disclosure requirements	Disclosure
What are the main features of the securities	
Description of the securities, including ISIN code.	ISIN code NO0011093718. Axactor SE FRN senior unsecured EUR 400,000,000 bonds 2021/2026. Issue date for first tranche 15 September 2021. Maturity Date: 15 September 2026.
	Floating interest rate, payable15 March, 15 June, 15 September and 15 December in each year. Any adjustment will be made according to the Business Day Convention. Coupon Rate is Reference Rate + Margin, where Reference Rate means 3 months EURIBOR and Margin (5.35 per cent per annum). Current Coupon Rate: 5.35 % p.a. for the interest period ending on 15 December 2021. First tranche EUR 300,000,000. Maximum Issue Amount is EUR 400,000,000.
	The Bondholders have a Mandatory repurchase due to a Put Option Event.
	Issuer has a call option and an early redemption option due to a tax event.

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		the market price. Yield for the Interest Period 15 September 2021 – 15 1) is 5.4579 % p.a. assuming a price of 100 %.
	Bondholders ar provided for in	AS (as the Bond Trustee) enters into the Bond Terms on behalf of the nd is granted authority to act on behalf of the Bondholders to the extent the Bond Terms.
Description of the rights attached	Mandatory rep	ourchase due to a Put Option Event
to the securities, limitations to those rights and ranking of the securities.	(a)	Upon the occurrence of a Put Option Event, each Bondholder will have the right (the "Put Option") to require that the Issuer purchases all or some of the Bonds held by that Bondholder at a price equal to 101 per cent. of the Nominal Amount.
	(b)	The Put Option must be exercised within 15 Business Days after the Issuer has given notice to the Bond Trustee and the Bondholders that a Put Option Event has occurred pursuant to Clause 12.3 (Put Option Event) in the Bond Terms. Once notified, the Bondholders' right to exercise the Put Option is irrevocable.
	(c)	Each Bondholder may exercise its Put Option by written notice to its account manager for the CSD, who will notify the Paying Agent of the exercise of the Put Option. The Put Option Repayment Date will be the 5 <sup>th</sup> Business Day after the end of 15 Business Days exercise period referred to in paragraph (b) above. However, the settlement of the Put Option will be based on each Bondholders holding of Bonds at the Put Option Repayment Date.
	(d)	If Bonds representing more than 90.00 per cent. of the Outstanding Bonds have been repurchased pursuant to this Clause 10.3 (Mandatory repurchase due to a Put Option Event) in the Bond Terms, the Issuer is entitled to repurchase all the remaining Outstanding Bonds at the price stated in paragraph (a) above by notifying the remaining Bondholders of its intention to do so no later than 10 Business Days after the Put Option Repayment Date. Such notice sent by the Issuer is irrevocable and shall specify the Call Option Repayment Date.
	"Put Option Ev	vent" means a Change of Control Event or a De-Listing Event.
	Voluntary earl	y redemption - Call Option
	(a)	The Issuer may redeem all or part of the Outstanding Bonds (the "Call Option") on any Business Day from and including:
		<ul> <li>the Issue Date to, but not including, the First Call Date at a price equal to the Make Whole Amount;</li> </ul>
		(ii) the First Call Date to, but not including, the Interest Payment Date in March 2026 at a price equal to 101.070 per cent. of the
		Nominal Amount for each redeemed Bond; and (iii) the Interest Payment Date in March 2026 to, but not including, the Maturity Date at a price equal to 100.535 per cent. of the Nominal Amount for each redeemed Bond.
	(b)	Any redemption of Bonds pursuant to Clause 10.2 (a) in the Bond Terms shall be determined based upon the redemption prices applicable on the Call Option Repayment Date.
	(c)	The Call Option may be exercised by the Issuer by written notice to the Bond Trustee at least 10 Business Days prior to the proposed Call Option Repayment Date. Such notice sent by the Issuer is irrevocable and shall specify the Call Option Repayment Date. Unless the Make Whole Amount is set out in the written notice where the Issuer exercises the Call Option, the Issuer shall calculate the Make Whole Amount and provide such calculation by written notice to the Bond Trustee as soon as possible and at the latest within 3 Business Days from the date of the notice. Any redemption notice given in respect of redemptions of Bonds may, at the Issuer's discretion, be subject to the satisfaction of one or more conditions precedent, to be satisfied at least 3 Business Days prior to such Call Option Repayment Date.

	(d) Any Call Option exercised in part will be used for pro rata payment to
	the Bondholders in accordance with the applicable regulations of the CSD.
	<b>Early redemption option due to a tax event</b> If the Issuer is or will be required to gross up any withheld tax imposed by law from any payment in respect of the Bonds under the Finance Documents pursuant to Clause 8.4 (Taxation) in the Bond Terms as a result of a change in applicable law implemented after the date of the Bond Terms, the Issuer will have the right to redeem all, but not only some, of the Outstanding Bonds at a price equal to 100 per cent. of the Nominal Amount. The Issuer shall give written notice of such redemption to the Bond Trustee and the Bondholders at least 20 Business Days prior to the Tax Event Repayment Date, provided that no such notice shall be given earlier than 40 Business Days prior to the earliest date on which the Issuer would be obliged to withhold such tax were a payment in respect of the Bonds then due.
	Denomination: EUR 10,000 - each and ranking pari passu among themselves. Minimum subscription and allocation amount of EUR 100,000.
Status of the bonds and transaction security	The Bonds will constitute senior debt obligations of the Issuer. The Bonds will rank pari passu between themselves and will rank at least pari passu with all other obligations of the Issuer (save for such claims which are preferred by bankruptcy, insolvency, liquidation or other similar laws of general application).
	The Bonds are unsecured.
Any restrictions on the free transferability of the securities.	Certain purchase or selling restrictions may apply to Bondholders under applicable local laws and regulations from time to time. Neither the Issuer nor the Bond Trustee shall be responsible to ensure compliance with such laws and regulations and each Bondholder is responsible for ensuring compliance with the relevant laws and regulations at its own cost and expense.
	A Bondholder who has purchased Bonds in breach of applicable restrictions may, notwithstanding such breach, benefit from the rights attached to the Bonds pursuant to the Bond Terms (including, but not limited to, voting rights), provided that the Issuer shall not incur any additional liability by complying with its obligations to such Bondholder.
Where will the securities be traded Indication as to whether the securities offered are or will be the object of an application for admission to trading.	An application for admission to trading on the Oslo Børs will be made once the Prospectus has been approved.
Is there a guarantee attached to the securities?	Not applicable. There is no guarantee attached to the securities.
What are the key risks that are specific to the securities	
Most material key risks	• The Bonds are unsecured. Rights to receive payment on the Bonds in a default situation will therefore be subject to all secured lenders first receiving due payment. Under a Bankruptcy, the Bondholders will not receive any payment unless there are remaining funds after the secured creditors have received payment in full.
	• The Bonds are floating rate. The coupon payments depend on NIBOR interest rate and the Margin and will vary in accordance with the variability of the NIBOR interest rate.
	• Price risk. The primary price risk for the Bonds is ultimately related to the market view of the correct trading level for the credit spread related to the Bonds at a certain time during the tenor, compared with the credit margin the Bonds are carrying. General changes in the market conditions and/or Issuer specific circumstances may increase the credit spread trading level relative to the coupon defined credit margin of the Bonds.

### D Key information on the admission to trading on a regulated marked

Disclosure	Disclosure
requirements	
Under which	The Loan was initially offered to professional, certain non-professional and eligible investors prior to
conditions and	the Issue date for first tranche. The Loan is freely negotiable, however certain purchase or selling

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timetable can I invest in this security?	restrictions may apply to Bondholders under app There is no market-making agreement entered i	blicable local laws and regulations from time to time. nto in connection with the Bond Issues.	
	The estimate of total expenses related to the iss	ues are as follow:	
	External party	Cost	
	The Norwegian FSA	NOK 38,000	
	The stock exchange	NOK 38.315	
	The Bond Trustee, p.a.	NOK 131.000	
	Legal fee	NOK 350.000	
	The Lead Managers and Listing Agent	EUR 4.059.900	
	has been approved by the Norwegian FSA.	ake place as soon as possible after the Prospectus	
Why is the prospectus being produced	In connection with listing of the securities on the	Oslo Børs.	
Reasons for the	Use of proceeds		
admission to trading on a regulated marked	(a) The Issuer will use the net proc	eeds from the Initial Bond Issue:	
and use of.	(i) to repay the Existing E	EUR 140 million Bond Issue; and	
	(ii) to repay the Axactor It		
	(iii) any remaining amoun	, for general corporate purposes.	
	<ul> <li>(b) The Issuer will use the net proceed general corporate purposes.</li> </ul>	Is from the issuance of any Additional Bonds for	
	Estimated net amount of the proceeds is approx		
Underwriting agreement	Not applicable. The prospectus has been produce Oslo Børs and not in connection with an offer	ced in connection with listing of the securities on the	
Description of material conflicts of interest to the issue including	The involved persons in the Issue have no interest, nor conflicting interests that are material to the Bond Issue.		
conflicting interests.	Joint Lead Managers and Bookrunners, have as The Joint Lead Managers and Bookrunners and employees may be a market maker or hold a po discussed in the Prospectus and may perform o services related to such instruments. The Joint L		

# **2 Risk Factors**

Investing in bonds issued by Axactor SE (the "Issuer") involves inherent risks. Prospective investors should consider, among other things, the risk factors set out in the Prospectus, including those related to the Issuer as set out in the Registration Document, before making an investment decision. The risks and uncertainties described in the Prospectus, including those set out in the Registration Document, are risks of which the Issuer is aware and that the Issuer considers to be material to its business. If any of these risks were to occur, the Issuer's business, financial position, operating results or cash flows could be materially adversely affected, and the Issuer could be unable to pay interest, principal or other amounts on or in connection with the bonds. Prospective investors should also read the detailed information set out in the Registration Document and the Securities Note cover the Company and the bonds issued by the Company, respectively.

In each category below, the Issuer sets out the most material risk, in the Issuer's assessment, taking into the negative impact of such risk on the Issuer and the bonds and the probability of its occurrence. If any of the following risk were to materialize, either individually, cumulatively or together with other circumstances, it could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, results of operations, cash flows, financial conditions and/or prospects, which may cause a decline in the value of the Bonds and a loss of part or all of your investment.

#### Risk factors material to the securities

#### General

All investments in interest bearing securities have risk associated with such investment. The risk is related to the general volatility in the market for such securities, varying liquidity in a single bond issue as well as company specific risk factors.

**Interest rate risk** is the risk that results from the variability of the EURIBOR interest rate. The coupon payments, which depend on the EURIBOR interest rate and the Margin, will vary in accordance with the variability of the EURIBOR interest rate. The interest rate risk related to this bond issue will be limited, since the coupon rate will be adjusted quarterly according to the change in the reference interest rate (EURIBOR 3 months) over the 5 year tenor. The primary price risk for a floating rate bond issue will be related to the market view of the correct trading level for the credit spread related to the bond issue at a certain time during the tenor, compared with the credit margin the bond issue is carrying. A possible increase in the credit spread trading level relative to the coupon defined credit margin may relate to general changes in the market conditions and/or Issuer specific circumstances. However, under normal market circumstances the anticipated tradable credit spread will fall as the duration of the bond issue becomes shorter. In general, the price of bonds will fall when the credit spread in the market increases, and conversely the bond price will increase when the market spread decreases.

The regulation and reform of "benchmarks" may adversely affect the value of securities linked to or referencing such "benchmarks" - Interest rates and indices which are deemed to be "benchmarks", (including EURIBOR) are subject of recent national and international regulatory guidance and proposals for reform. Some of these reforms are already effective whilst others are still to be implemented. These reforms may cause such benchmarks to perform differently than in the past, to disappear entirely, or have other consequences which cannot be predicted. Any such consequence could have a material adverse effect on any securities linked to or referencing such a "benchmark". The Benchmarks Regulation could have a material impact on any Bonds linked to or referencing a "benchmark", in particular, if the methodology or other terms of the "benchmark" are changed in order to comply with the requirements of the Benchmarks Regulation. Such changes could, among other things, have the effect of reducing, increasing or otherwise affecting the volatility of the published rate or level of the "benchmark".

The Bonds are linked to EURIBOR and there is a risk that any discontinuance or reforms of EURIBOR may material adverse effect the pricing of the Bonds. No guarantees can be made as to the continuance of the current underlying reference rate of the Bonds and the possible consequences a potential discontinuance of EURIBOR may have of the value of the Bonds.

**Tax risk** are due to tax laws and regulations that are highly complex and subject to interpretation. Consequently, the Group is subject to changing tax laws, treaties and regulations in and between countries in which it operates. Axactor SE operates in 6 jurisdictions: Norway, Sweden, Finland, German, Italy and Spain.

#### The Bonds are effectively subordinated to the secured debt of the Issuer

The Bonds will be the Issuer's direct senior unsecured obligations and will rank equal in right of payment (except as to claims preferred by operation of law) with all of its other existing and future senior indebtedness. The Bonds will be effectively subordinated to all of the Issuer's existing and future secured indebtedness to the extent of the assets securing such indebtedness. If the Issuer is involved in any bankruptcy, dissolution, liquidation or reorganization, the secured debt holders would, to the extent of the value of the assets securing the secured debt, be paid before the holders of the Bonds. In that event, a holder of Bonds may not be able to recover any principal or interest due to it under the Bonds.

#### Risks of being unable to repay the Bonds

During the lifetime of the Bonds, the Company will be required to make payments on the Bonds. The Company's ability to generate cash flow from operation and to make scheduled payments on and to repay the Bonds, will depend on the future financial performance of the Company. If the Company is unable to generate sufficient cash flow from operations in the future to service its debt, it will be forced to adopt an alternative strategy that may include actions such as reducing or delaying capital expenditures, selling assets, restructuring or refinancing indebtedness or seeking equity capital. The Company cannot assure investors that any of these alternative strategies could be effected on satisfactory terms, if at all, or that they would yield sufficient funds to make required payments on or to repay the Bonds. Inability to effect such strategies may have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, results of operations, financial position and/or prospects.

# **3 Persons Responsible**

### 3.1 Persons responsible for the information

Persons responsible for the information given in the Securities Note are: Axactor SE, Drammensveien 167, 0277 Oslo, Norway

# 3.2 Declaration by persons responsible

#### **Responsibility statement:**

Axactor SE, confirms that the information contained in the Securities Note is, to the best of our knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import.

Oslo, 12 November 2021

Johnny Tsolis (CEO)

# 3.3 Competent Authority Approval

Axactor SE confirms that:

- a) this Securities Note has been approved by the Finanstilsynet, as competent authority under Regulation (EU) 2017/1129.
- b) the Finanstilsynet only approves this Securities Note as meeting the standards of completeness, comprehensibility and consistency imposed by Regulation (EU) 2017/1129;
- c) such approval should not be considered as an endorsement of the quality of the securities that are the subject of this Securities Note;
- d) investors should make their own assessment as to the suitability of investing in the securities.

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# 4 Detailed information about the securities

ISIN code:	NO 0011093718	
The Loan/The Reference Name/The Bonds:	"Axactor SE FRN senior unsecured EUR 400,000,000 bonds 2021/2026".	
Issuer/Company:	Axactor SE, a company existing under the laws of Norway with registration number 921 896 328 and LEI-code 549300P5VT8OMA17TJ33.	
Security Type:	Open Bond issue with floating rate.	
Borrowing Limit – Tap Issue:	EUR 400,000,000	
Borrowing Amount/First Tranche:	EUR 300,000,000	
Denomination/Face Value – Each Bond:	EUR 10,000 - each and ranking pari passu among themselves	
Securities Form:	The Bonds are electronically registered in book-entry form with the Securities Depository.	
Disbursement/Settlement/Issue Date:	15 September 2021.	
Interest Bearing From and Including:	Disbursement/Settlement/Issue Date.	
Interest Bearing To:	Maturity Date.	
Maturity Date:	15 September 2026.	
Reference Rate:	EURIBOR 3 months	
Margin:	5.35 per cent per annum	
Coupon Rate:	Reference Rate + Margin.	
	5.35 % p.a. for the interest period ending on 15 December 2021 (91 days).	
EURIBOR floor:	Zero (0%).	
Day Count Fraction - Coupon:	Act/360 – in arrears.	
Business Day Convention:	Means that if the last day of any Interest Period originally falls on a day that is not a Business Day, the Interest Period will be extended to include the first following Business Day unless that day falls in the next calendar month, in which case the Interest Period will be shortened to the first preceding Business Day (Modified Following).	
Interest Rate Determination Date/Interest Quotation Day:	13 September 2021, and thereafter two Business Days prior to each Interest Payment Day.	
Interest Rate Adjustment Date:	Coupon Rate determined on an Interest Rate Determination Date will be effective from and including the accompanying Interest Payment Date.	
Interest Payment Date:	15 March, 15 June, 15 September and 15 December in each year and the Maturity Date. Any adjustment will be made according to the Business Day Convention.	
#Days first term:	91 days.	
Issue Price:	100 % (par value).	

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Yield:	Dependent on the market price. Yield for the Interest Period (15 September 2021 –15 December 2021) is 5.4579 per cent p.a. assuming a price of 100 %.
	The yield is calculated in accordance with «Anbefaling til Konvensjoner for det norske sertifikat- og obligasjonsmarkedet» prepared by Norske Finansanalytikeres Forening in January 2020:
	https://finansanalytiker.no/innlegg/januar-2020-oppdatert-konvensjon-for-det- norske-sertifikat-og-obligasjonsmarkedet
Business Day:	Means a day on which both the relevant CSD settlement system is open, and which is a TARGET-Day.
TARGET Day:	Means any day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross Settlement Express Transfer payment system is open for the settlement of payments in euro.
Put option:	Mandatory repurchase due to a Put Option Event
	a) Upon the occurrence of a Put Option Event, each Bondholder will have the right (the "Put Option") to require that the Issuer purchases all or some of the Bonds held by that Bondholder at a price equal to 101 per cent. of the Nominal Amount.
	b) The Put Option must be exercised within 15 Business Days after the Issuer has given notice to the Bond Trustee and the Bondholders that a Put Option Event has occurred pursuant to Clause 12.3 (Put Option Event) in the Bond Terms. Once notified, the Bondholders' right to exercise the Put Option is irrevocable.
	c) Each Bondholder may exercise its Put Option by written notice to its account manager for the CSD, who will notify the Paying Agent of the exercise of the Put Option. The Put Option Repayment Date will be the 5 <sup>th</sup> Business Day after the end of 15 Business Days exercise period referred to in paragraph (b) above. However, the settlement of the Put Option will be based on each Bondholders holding of Bonds at the Put Option Repayment Date.
	d) If Bonds representing more than 90.00 per cent. of the Outstanding Bonds have been repurchased pursuant to this Clause 10.3 (Mandatory repurchase due to a Put Option Event) in the Bond Terms, the Issuer is entitled to repurchase all the remaining Outstanding Bonds at the price stated in paragraph (a) above by notifying the remaining Bondholders of its intention to do so no later than 10 Business Days after the Put Option Repayment Date. Such notice sent by the Issuer is irrevocable and shall specify the Call Option Repayment Date.
Put Option Event:	Means a De-Listing Event or a Change of Control Event.
Change of Control Event:	Means a person or group of persons acting in concert (other than Geveran) gaining Decisive Influence over the Issuer.
Amortisation:	The Bonds will run without installments and be repaid in full at Maturity Date at par.
Voluntary early redemption - Call Option	<ul> <li>The Issuer may redeem all or part of the Outstanding Bonds (the "Call Option") on any Business Day from and including:</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>(i) the Issue Date to, but not including, the First Call Date at a price equal to the Make Whole Amount;</li> <li>(ii) the First Call Date to, but not including, the Interest Payment Date in March 2026 at a price equal to 101.070 per cent. of the Nominal Amount for each redeemed Bond; and</li> <li>(iii) the Interest Payment Date in March 2026 to, but not including, the Maturity Date at a price equal to 100.535 per cent. of the Nominal Amount for each redeemed Bond.</li> </ul>

	b)	Any redemption of Bonds pursuant to Clause 10.2 (a) in the Bond Terms shall be determined based upon the redemption prices applicable on the Call Option Repayment Date.
	c)	The Call Option may be exercised by the Issuer by written notice to the Bond Trustee at least 10 Business Days prior to the proposed Call Option Repayment Date. Such notice sent by the Issuer is irrevocable and shall specify the Call Option Repayment Date. Unless the Make Whole Amount is set out in the written notice where the Issuer exercises the Call Option, the Issuer shall calculate the Make Whole Amount and provide such calculation by written notice to the Bond Trustee as soon as possible and at the latest within 3 Business Days from the date of the notice. Any redemption notice given in respect of redemptions of Bonds may, at the Issuer's discretion, be subject to the satisfaction of one or more conditions precedent, to be satisfied at least 3 Business Days prior to such Call Option Repayment Date.
	d)	Any Call Option exercised in part will be used for pro rata payment to the Bondholders in accordance with the applicable regulations of the CSD.
Early redemption option due to a tax event:	any pay Clause impleme redeem cent. o redemp prior to earlier t	suer is or will be required to gross up any withheld tax imposed by law from ment in respect of the Bonds under the Finance Documents pursuant to 8.4 (Taxation) in the Bond Terms as a result of a change in applicable law ented after the date of the Bond Terms, the Issuer will have the right to all, but not only some, of the Outstanding Bonds at a price equal to 100 per f the Nominal Amount. The Issuer shall give written notice of such tion to the Bond Trustee and the Bondholders at least 20 Business Days the Tax Event Repayment Date, provided that no such notice shall be given han 40 Business Days prior to the earliest date on which the Issuer would yed to withhold such tax were a payment in respect of the Bonds then due.
Redemption:	from the pursuar	d interest and matured principal will be credited each Bondholder directly e Securities Registry. Claims for interest and principal shall be limited in time at the Norwegian Act relating to the Limitation Period Claims of May 18 1979 b.t. 3 years for interest rates and 10 years for principal.
Status of the Bonds and security:	pari pas obligatio	nds will constitute senior debt obligations of the Issuer. The Bonds will rank ssu between themselves and will rank at least pari passu with all other ons of the Issuer (save for such claims which are preferred by bankruptcy, ncy, liquidation or other similar laws of general application).
	The Bo	nds are unsecured.
Finance Document:		the Bond Terms, the Bond Trustee Fee Agreement, and any other document ted by the Issuer and the Bond Trustee as a Finance Document.
Security:	interest	a mortgage, charge, pledge, lien, security assignment or other security securing any obligation of any person or any other agreement or ment having a similar effect.
Undertakings:	that no	uer undertakes from the date of the Bond Agreement and until such time amounts are outstanding under the Bond Agreement or any other Finance ent, to the Bond Trustee, as further set out in Clause 12 and 13 in the Bond
	1. Gene	eral covenants
	The Iss materia approva	isations ouer shall, and shall procure that each other Group Company will, in all I respects obtain, maintain and comply with the terms of any authorisation, al, license and consent required for the conduct of its business as carried in time to time.
	The lss	ance with laws uer shall, and shall procure that each other Group Company will, comply in erial respects with all laws and regulations to which it may be subject from time.

#### Continuation of business

The Issuer shall procure that no material change is made to the general nature of the business from that carried on by the Group at the Issue Date.

#### Corporate status

The Issuer shall not change its type of organization or jurisdiction of incorporation, other than the conversion of the Issuer into a Norwegian public company.

#### Mergers and de-mergers

- a) The Issuer shall not, and shall procure that no other Group Company will, carry out:
  - i) any merger or other business combination or corporate reorganisation involving the consolidation of assets and obligations of the Issuer or any other Group Company with any other person other than with a Group Company; or
  - any demerger or other corporate reorganisation having the same or equivalent effect as a demerger involving the Issuer and any Group Company;

if such merger, demerger, combination or reorganisation would have a Material Adverse Effect.

#### **Financial Indebtedness**

- Except as permitted under paragraph (b) below, the Issuer shall not, and shall procure that no other Group Company will, incur any additional Financial Indebtedness or maintain or prolong any existing Financial Indebtedness.
- b) Paragraph (a) above shall not prohibit any Group Company to incur, maintain or prolong any Permitted Financial Indebtedness.

#### **Negative pledge**

- Except as permitted under paragraph (b) below, the Issuer shall not, and shall procure that no other Group Company will, create or allow to subsist, retain, provide, prolong or renew any Security over any of its/their assets (whether present or future).
- b) Paragraph (a) above does not apply to any Permitted Security.

#### **Financial support**

- a) The Issuer shall not, and shall procure that no other Group Company will, be a creditor in respect of any Financial Support to or for the benefit of any person not being a Group Company, other than:
  - in the ordinary course of business (including, for the avoidance of doubt, in the form of shareholder loans granted by a Group Company to a joint venture in which the relevant Group Company holds an interest);
  - ii) intra-group loans made, granted or given by any Group Company to or for the benefit of any other Group Company;
  - iii) Financial Support granted in connection with leases in respect of real property or premises in the ordinary course of business; or
  - iv) Financial Support in the form of Security or guarantees from Group Companies granted in relation to the Permitted Financial Indebtedness incurred under paragraph (b) of the definition "Permitted Financial Indebtedness" in the Bond Terms.

#### Disposals

The Issuer shall not, and shall procure that no other Group Company will, sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of its assets (including shares or other securities in any person) or operations, unless such sale, transfer or disposal is carried out in the ordinary course of business at fair market value, on

terms and conditions customary for such transactions and would not have a Material Adverse Effect.

#### **Related party transactions**

Without limiting Clause 13.2 (Compliance with laws) in the Bond Terms, the Issuer shall, and shall procure that each other Group Company will, conduct all business transactions with any Affiliate which is not a Group Company on an arm's length basis and at fair market value.

#### Dividends

The Issuer shall not, during the term of the Bonds, declare or make any Distribution to its shareholders exceeding, for each financial year, 50 per cent. of the Issuer's consolidated net profit after taxes based on the audited annual accounts for the previous financial year. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Issuer may purchase own shares in relation the employee share option programme or other purchases for up to 5 per cent. of outstanding shares in total during the tenor of the Bonds.

#### Subsidiaries' distributions:

Save for obligations under the Permitted Financial Indebtedness, the Issuer shall not permit any Group Company to create or permit to exist any contractual obligation (or encumbrance) restricting the right of any Group Company to:

- a) make Distributions to its shareholders;
- b) service any Financial Indebtedness to the Issuer;
- c) make any loans to the Issuer; or
- d) transfer any of its assets and properties to the Issuer,

if the creation of such contractual obligation would prevent the Issuer from complying with any of its obligations under the Bond Terms. Notwithstanding the foregoing, and to the extent not prevented by any applicable legal prohibitions, restrictions on financial assistance, dividend restrictions or the incurrence of personal liability of management or shareholders, the Issuer shall procure that the Group Companies always make the required Distributions in the form of dividends, loans or otherwise to enable the Issuer to service its payment obligations under the Bonds.

#### 2. Financial covenants

Events of Default:

Listing:

- a) The Issuer shall maintain:
  - i) an Interest Cover Ratio of minimum 4.0x;
  - ii) a Leverage Ratio of maximum 4.0x;
  - iii) a Total Loan to Value Ratio of maximum 80%; and
  - iv) a Total Secured Loan to Value Ratio of maximum 65%
- b) The Issuer undertakes to comply with the above Financial Covenants (iiv) at all times, such compliance to be measured on each Calculation Date, and certified by way of a Compliance Certificate provided by the Issuer in writing to the Bond Trustee no later than together with publication of each set of Interim Accounts and Annual Financial Statements. The Financial Covenants shall be calculated on a consolidated basis for the Group.

Definitions: Please see Bond Terms paragraph 1.1 Definitions.

The Bond Terms includes standard event of default provisions, subject to standard cure periods, including cross default provisions for the Group with a threshold of EUR 5,000,000, or the equivalent thereof in other currencies

See clause 14 in the Bond Terms for further information.

An application for listing on the regulated market of Oslo Børs will be made.

Listing will take place as soon as possible after the prospectus has been approved by the Norwegian FSA.

The Issuer shall use its reasonable endeavours to ensure that the Bonds are listed on an Exchange within 6 months of the Issue Date and thereafter remain listed on an Exchange until the Bonds have been redeemed in full. The Issuer shall use its reasonable endeavours to ensure that any Temporary Bonds are listed on an Exchange within 3 months of the issue date for such Temporary Bonds.

Upon the occurrence of a Listing Failure Event and for as long as such Listing Failure Event is continuing, the interest on any principal amount outstanding under these Bonds Terms will accrue at the Interest Rate plus 1 percentage point per annum. In the event the Listing Failure Event relates to Temporary Bonds, the Interest Rate will only be increased in respect of such Temporary Bonds.

#### Listing Failure Event" means:

- a) that the Bonds (save for any Temporary Bonds) have not been admitted to listing on an Exchange within 6 months following the Issue Date;
- b) in the case of a successful admission to listing, that a period of 6 months has elapsed since the Bonds ceased to be admitted to listing on an Exchange; or
- *c)* that the Temporary Bonds have not been admitted to listing on the Exchange which the other Bonds are listed within 3 months following the issue date for such Temporary Bonds.

Purpose/Use of proceeds:

Use of proceeds

- a) The Issuer will use the net proceeds from the Initial Bond Issue:
  - i) to repay the Existing EUR 140 million Bond Issue; and
  - ii) to repay Axactor Italy Debt EUR 34 million;
  - iii) any remining amount, for general corporate purposes
- b) The Issuer will use the net proceeds from the issuance of any Additional Bonds for general corporate purposes.

The estimate of total expenses related to the issues are as follow:

External party	Cost
The Norwegian FSA	NOK 38,000
The stock exchange	NOK 38.315
The Bond Trustee, p.a.	NOK 131.000
Legal fee	NOK 350.000
The Lead Managers and Listing Agent	EUR 4.059.900

Estimated net amount of the proceeds is approximately: EUR 295,940,100.

Means the European Interbank Offered Rate being:

- a) the interest rate displayed on Reuters screen EURIBOR01 (or through another system or website replacing it) as of or around 11:00 a.m. (Brussels time) on the Interest Quotation Day for the offering of deposits in Euro and for a period comparable to the relevant Interest Period; or
- b) if no screen rate is available for the relevant Interest Period:
  - the linear interpolation between the two closest relevant Interest Periods, and with the same number of decimals, quoted under paragraph (a) above; or
  - a rate for deposits in the currency of the Bonds for the relevant Interest Period as supplied to the Bond Trustee at its request quoted by a sufficient number of commercial banks reasonably selected by the Bond Trustee; or
- c) if the interest rate under paragraph (a) is no longer available, the interest rate will be set by the Bond Trustee in consultation with the Issuer to:
  - i) any relevant replacement reference rate generally accepted in the market; or
  - such interest rate that best reflects the interest rate for deposits in the currency of the Bonds offered for the relevant Interest Period.

EURIBOR:

	In each case, if any such rate is below zero, the Reference Rate will be deemed to be zero.
	Please find information about EURIBOR's past and the future performance and its volatility on Reuters screen EURIBOR01 (not free of charge).
Approvals:	The Bonds were issued in accordance with the approval of the Issuer's Board of Directors dated 24.08.2021.
	The prospectus has also been sent to Oslo Børs ASA for review in relation to a listing application of the bonds.
Bond Agreement/Bond Terms:	The Bond Terms has been entered into by the Issuer and the Bond Trustee. The Bond Terms regulates the Bondholder's rights and obligations with respect to the bonds. The Bond Trustee enters into the Bond Terms on behalf of the Bondholders and is granted authority to act on behalf of the Bondholders to the extent provided for in the Bond Terms.
	When bonds are subscribed / purchased, the Bondholder has accepted the Bond Terms and is bound by the terms of the Bond Terms.
	The Bond Terms is attached as Appendix 1 to this Securities Note. The Bond Terms is available through the Bond Trustee, the Joint Lead Managers and Bookrunners or from the Issuer.
Bondholders' meeting:	At the Bondholders' meeting each Bondholder may cast one vote for each voting bond owned at close of business on the day prior to the date of the Bondholders' meeting in the records registered in the Securities Depository.
	In order to form a quorum, at least half (1/2) of the voting bonds must be represented at the Bondholders' meeting. See also clause 15.3 in the Bond Terms.
	Resolutions shall be passed by simple majority of the votes at the Bondholders' Meeting, however, a majority of at least 2/3 of the voting bonds represented at the Bondholders' Meeting is required for any waiver or amendment of any terms of the Bond Agreement.
	(For more details, see also clause 15 in the Bond Terms)
Availability of the Documentation:	https://www.axactor.com
Bond Trustee:	Nordic Trustee AS, P.O. Box 1470 Vika, 0116 Oslo, Norway. Website: <u>https://nordictrustee.com</u> .
	The Bond Trustee shall monitor the compliance by the Issuer of its obligations under the Bond Terms and applicable laws and regulations which are relevant to the terms of the Bond Terms, including supervision of timely and correct payment of principal or interest, (however, this shall not restrict the Bond Trustee from discussing matters of confidentiality with the Issuer), arrange Bondholders' meetings, and make the decisions and implement the measures resolved pursuant to the Bond Terms. The Bond Trustee is not obligated to assess the Issuer's financial situation beyond what is directly set forth in the Bond Terms.
	(For more details, see also Bond Terms clause 16)
Joint Lead Managers and Bookrunners:	Arctic Securities, Haakon VIIs gate 5, 0161 Oslo, Norway; DNB Bank ASA, DNB Markets, Dronning Eufemias gt. 30, N-0191 Oslo, Norway; and Nordea Bank AB (publ), Branch in Norway, P.O. Box 1166 Sentrum, NO- 0107 Oslo, Norway
Paying Agent:	DNB Bank ASA, Verdipapirservice, Dronning Eufemias gt. 30, N-0191 Oslo, Norway.

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	The Paying Agent is in charge of keeping the records in the Securities Depository.
Calculation Agent:	The Bond Trustee.
Central Securities Depository (CSD):	The Securities depository in which the bonds are registered, in accordance with the Norwegian Act of 2019 no. 6 regarding Securities depository.
	On Disbursement Date the Securities Depository is the Norwegian Central Securities Depository ("VPS"), P.O. Box 1174 Sentrum, 0107 OSLO.
Restrictions on the free transferability:	The Bonds are freely transferable and may be pledged, subject to the following:
	a) Certain purchase or selling restrictions may apply to Bondholders under applicable local laws and regulations from time to time. Neither the Issuer nor the Bond Trustee shall be responsible to ensure compliance with such laws and regulations and each Bondholder is responsible for ensuring compliance with the relevant laws and regulations at its own cost and expense.
	b) A Bondholder who has purchased Bonds in breach of applicable restrictions may, notwithstanding such breach, benefit from the rights attached to the Bonds pursuant to these Bond Terms (including, but not limited to, voting rights), provided that the Issuer shall not incur any additional liability by complying with its obligations to such Bondholder.
Market-Making:	There is no market-making agreement entered into in connection with the Bond Issue.
Prospectus:	The Registration Document dated 19 April 2021, The Supplement number 1 to the Registration Document dated 12 November 2021 and this Securities Note with Summary dated 12 November 2021.
Registration Document:	Document describing the Issuer
Supplement to the Registration Document:	Supplement to the document describing the Issuer.
Securities Note:	This document with Summary
Summary:	A summary of the Prospectus
Legislation under which the Securities have been created:	Norwegian law.
Fees and Expenses:	Warning: the tax legislation of the investor's Member State and of the issuer's country of incorporation may have an impact on the income received from the securities
	The Issuer shall pay any stamp duty and other public fees in connection with the loan. Any public fees or taxes on sales of Bonds in the secondary market shall be paid by the Bondholders, unless otherwise decided by law or regulation. The Issuer is responsible for withholding any withholding tax imposed by Norwegian law.

# **5** Additional Information

The involved persons in the Issue have no interest, nor conflicting interests that are material to the Bond Issue.

The Issuer has mandated Arctic Securities AS, DNB Markets, a part of DNB Bank ASA and Nordea Bank Abp, filial i Norge, as Joint Lead Managers and Bookrunners for the issuance of the Loan. The Joint Lead Managers and Bookrunners have acted as advisors to the Issuer in relation to the pricing of the Loan.

The Joint Lead Managers and Bookrunners and/or any of their affiliated companies and/or officers, directors and employees may be a market maker or hold a position in any instrument or related instrument discussed in this Securities Note, and may perform or seek to perform financial advisory or banking services related to such instruments. The Joint Lead Managers' and Bookrunners' corporate finance departments may act as manager for this Issuer in private and/or public placement and/or resale not publicly available or commonly known.

#### Statement from the Joint Lead Managers and Bookrunners:

Arctic Securities AS, DNB Markets, a part of DNB Bank ASA and Nordea Bank Abp, filial i Norge have assisted the Issuer in preparing the prospectus. The joint Lead Managers and Bookrunners have not verified the information contained herein. Accordingly, no representation, warranty or undertaking, express or implied, is made, and the Joint Lead Managers and Bookrunners expressively disclaim any legal or financial liability as to the accuracy or completeness of the information contained in this prospectus or any other information supplied in connection with bonds issued by the Issuer or their distribution. The statements made in this paragraph are without prejudice to the responsibility of the Issuer. Each person receiving this prospectus acknowledges that such person has not relied on the Joint Lead Managers and Bookrunners nor on any person affiliated with them in connection with its investigation of the accuracy of such information or its investment decision.

Oslo (Norway), 12 November 2021

Arctic Securities AS <u>https://www.arctic.com</u>

DNB Bank ASA, DNB Markets <u>https://www.dnb.no</u>

Nordea Bank Abp, filial i Norge https://www.nordea.no

#### Listing of the Loan:

The Prospectus will be published in Norway. An application for listing at Oslo Børs will be sent as soon as possible after the Issue Date. Each bond is negotiable.

# 6 Appendix 1: Bond Terms

Execution version

# **BOND TERMS**

## FOR

# Axactor SE FRN senior unsecured EUR 400,000,000 bonds 2021/2026 ISIN NO0011093718

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ATTACHMENT 1 COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE

BOND TERMS between	
ISSUER:	Axactor SE, a company existing under the laws of Norway with registration number 921 896 328 and LEI-code 549300P5VT8OMA17TJ33; and
BOND TRUSTEE:	Nordic Trustee AS, a company existing under the laws of Norway with registration number 963 342 624 and LEI-code 549300XAKTM2BMKIPT85.
DATED:	10 September 2021
These Bond Terms shall remain in effect for so long as any Bonds remain outstanding.	

### 1. INTERPRETATION

### 1.1 Definitions

The following terms will have the following meanings:

"Accounting Standard" means GAAP.

"Additional Bonds" means the debt instruments issued under a Tap Issue, including any Temporary Bonds.

"Affiliate" means, in relation to any person:

- (a) any person which is a Subsidiary of that person;
- (b) any person who has Decisive Influence over that person (directly or indirectly); and
- (c) any person which is a Subsidiary of an entity who has Decisive Influence over that person (directly or indirectly).

"Annual Financial Statements" means the audited unconsolidated and consolidated annual financial statements of the Issuer for any financial year, prepared in accordance with the Accounting Standard, such financial statements to include a profit and loss account, balance sheet, cash flow statement and report of the board of directors.

"Attachment" means any schedule, appendix or other attachment to these Bond Terms.

"**Axactor Italy Debt**" means any Financial Indebtedness in Axactor Italy and its Subsidiaries (with a currently outstanding amount of approximately EUR 40,000,000), and not having any recourse to any other company within the Group.

"**Bond Terms**" means these terms and conditions, including all Attachments which form an integrated part of these Bond Terms, in each case as amended and/or supplemented from time to time.

"**Bond Trustee**" means the company designated as such in the preamble to these Bond Terms, or any successor, acting for and on behalf of the Bondholders in accordance with these Bond Terms.

**"Bond Trustee Fee Agreement**" means the agreement entered into between the Issuer and the Bond Trustee relating among other things to the fees to be paid by the Issuer to the Bond Trustee for the services provided by the Bond Trustee relating to the Bonds.

"**Bondholder**" means a person who is registered in the CSD as directly registered owner or nominee holder of a Bond, subject however to Clause 3.3 (*Bondholders' rights*).

"Bondholders' Meeting" means a meeting of Bondholders as set out in Clause 14 (Bondholders' Decisions).

"**Bonds**" means (i) the debt instruments issued by the Issuer pursuant to these Bond Terms, including any Additional Bonds, and (ii) any overdue and unpaid principal which has been issued under a separate ISIN in accordance with the regulations of the CSD from time to time.

"**Business Day**" means a day on which both the relevant CSD settlement system is open, and which is a TARGET Day.

"**Business Day Convention**" means that if the last day of any Interest Period originally falls on a day that is not a Business Day, the Interest Period will be extended to include the first following Business Day unless that day falls in the next calendar month, in which case the Interest Period will be shortened to the first preceding Business Day (*Modified Following*).

"Calculation Dates" means each 31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December in each calendar year.

"**Call Option**" has the meaning given to it in Clause 10.2 (*Voluntary early redemption – Call Option*).

"Call Option Repayment Date" means the settlement date for the Call Option determined by the Issuer pursuant to Clause 10.2 (*Voluntary early redemption – Call Option*), paragraph (d) of Clause 10.3 (*Mandatory repurchase due to a Put Option Event*) or a date agreed upon between the Bond Trustee and the Issuer in connection with such redemption of Bonds.

"Cash and Cash Equivalents" means on any date, the aggregate equivalent in EUR on such date of the then current market value of:

- (a) cash in hand or amounts standing to the credit of any current and/or on deposit accounts with a reputable bank; and
- (b) time deposits with reputable banks and certificates of deposit issued, and bills of exchange accepted, by a reputable bank,

in each case to which any Group Company is beneficially entitled at the time and to which any Group Company has free and unrestricted access and which is not subject to any Security.

"**Cash EBITDA**" means, in relation to any period, the aggregate of the operating profit of the Group on a consolidated basis (and for the avoidance of doubt taking into account profit sharing agreements to the extent not included as a Financial Indebtedness):

- (a) minus interest income on debt portfolios during such period of the Group on a consolidated basis;
- (b) plus negative changes in debt portfolio collection estimates during such period of the Group on a consolidated basis;
- (c) minus positive changes in debt portfolio collection estimates during such period of the Group on a consolidated basis;
- (d) plus paid in on debt portfolios during such period of the Group on a consolidated basis;
- (e) plus any exceptional items during such period of the Group, capped at EUR 5,000,000 for each financial year;
- (f) minus any unrealized exchange gains and/or plus any unrealized exchange losses during such period of the Group;
- (g) minus any losses (and/or plus any gains) during such period of the Group attributable to disposals of any assets (not being any disposals made in the ordinary course of business);
- (h) plus depreciation of tangible fixed assets during such period; and
- (i) plus amortisation of intangible fixed assets during such period.

"Change of Control Event" means a person or group of persons acting in concert (other than Geveran) gaining Decisive Influence over the Issuer.

"**Compliance Certificate**" means a statement substantially in the form as set out in Attachment 1 hereto.

"Credit Facility" means the EUR 545,000,000 multi-currency term and revolving credit facility with an additional EUR 75,000,000 accordion option, as amended from time to time, entered into between, inter alia, Axactor Platform Holding AB and Axactor Portfolio Holding AB as borrowers, the Issuer as guarantor, DNB Bank ASA and Nordea Bank Abp, filial i Norge as lenders and DNB Bank ASA as agent.

"CSD" means the central securities depository in which the Bonds are registered, being Verdipapirsentralen ASA (VPS).

"**De-Listing Event**" means an event where the Issuer's shares are de-listed from Oslo Børs (the Oslo Stock Exchange).

"Decisive Influence" means a person having, as a result of an agreement or through the ownership of shares or interests in another person (directly or indirectly):

- (a) a majority of the voting rights in that other person; or
- (b) a right to elect or remove a majority of the members of the board of directors of that other person.

"**Default Notice**" means a written notice to the Issuer as described in Clause 14.2 (*Acceleration of the Bonds*).

**"Default Repayment Date"** means the settlement date set out by the Bond Trustee in a Default Notice requesting early redemption of the Bonds.

"**Distribution**" means, whether in cash or kind, any (i) payment of dividend on shares, (ii) repurchase of own shares, (iii) redemption of share capital or other restricted equity with repayment to shareholders, or (iv) other similar distribution (including, but not limited to total return swaps related to shares in the Issuer), granting of any loans or other transfers of value to the direct and/or indirect shareholders of any Group Company or the affiliates of such direct and/or indirect shareholders (including group contributions).

"Event of Default" means any of the events or circumstances specified in Clause 14.1 (*Events of Default*).

### "Exchange" means:

- (a) Oslo Børs (the Oslo Stock Exchange); or
- (b) any regulated market as such term is understood in accordance with the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive 2014/65/EU (MiFID II) and Regulation (EU) No. 600/2014 on markets in financial instruments (MiFIR).

"Existing EUR 140 million Bond Issue" means Axactor SE FRN Senior Unsecured bond issue 2021/2024 with ISIN NO 001 0924715 pursuant to bond terms entered into between Axactor SE as the issuer and Nordic Trustee AS as bond trustee for the bondholders, which was incurred for and refinanced the loan in the form of B-Notes (as defined in the Existing Unsecuredd Bond Issue).

**"Existing Unsecured Bond Issue**" means Axactor SE FRN Senior Unsecured Bond Issue 2021/2024 with ISIN NO 001 0914666 pursuant to bond terms entered into between Axactor SE as the issuer and Nordic Trustee AS as bond trustee for the bondholders thereunder.

### "Finance Documents"

- (a) means these Bond Terms;
- (b) the Bond Trustee Fee Agreement; and
- (c) any other document designated by the Issuer and the Bond Trustee as a Finance Document.

"Financial Covenants" means the financial undertakings set out in Clause 13.13 (*Financial Covenants*).

"Financial Indebtedness" means any indebtedness for or in respect of:

- (a) moneys borrowed (and debit balances at banks or other financial institutions);
- (b) any amount raised by acceptance under any acceptance credit facility or dematerialized equivalent;
- (c) any amount raised pursuant to any note purchase facility or the issue of bonds, notes, debentures, loan stock or any similar instrument, including the Bonds;
- (d) the amount of any liability in respect of any lease or hire purchase contract which would, in accordance with the Accounting Standard, be capitalized as an asset and booked as a corresponding liability in the balance sheet;
- (e) receivables sold or discounted (other than any receivables to the extent they are sold on a non-recourse basis provided that the requirements for de-recognition under the Accounting Standard are met);
- (f) any derivative transaction entered into and, when calculating the value of any derivative transaction, only the marked to market value (or, if any actual amount is due as a result of the termination or close-out of that derivative transaction, that amount shall be taken into account);
- (g) any counter-indemnity obligation in respect of a guarantee, bond, standby or documentary letter of credit or any other instrument issued by a bank or financial institution in respect of an underlying liability of a person which is not a Group Company which liability would fall within one of the other paragraphs of this definition;
- (h) any amount raised by the issue of redeemable shares which are redeemable (other than at the option of the Issuer) before the Maturity Date or are otherwise classified as borrowings under the Accounting Standard;
- (i) any amount of any liability under an advance or deferred purchase agreement, if (a) the primary reason behind entering into the agreement is to raise finance or (b) the agreement is in respect of the supply of assets or services and payment is due more than 120 calendar days after the date of supply;
- (j) any amount raised under any other transaction (including any forward sale or purchase agreement) having the commercial effect of a borrowing or otherwise being classified as a borrowing under the Accounting Standard; and
- (k) without double counting, the amount of any liability in respect of any guarantee for any of the items referred to in paragraphs a) to j) above.

"Financial Reports" means the Annual Financial Statements and the Interim Accounts.

"Financial Support" means any loans, guarantees, Security securing obligations of another person or other financial assistance (whether actual or contingent).

"First Call Date" means the Interest Payment Date falling in September 2025.

"GAAP" means generally accepted accounting practices and principles in the country in which the Issuer is incorporated including, if applicable, IFRS.

"Geveran" means Geveran Trading Co. Limited, a company indirectly controlled by trusts established by Mr. John Fredriksen for the benefit of his immediate family.

"Group" means the Issuer and its Subsidiaries from time to time.

"Group Book Value" means the total aggregate sum of the book value as per the Accounting Standard (adjusted so that any foreign exchange ("FX") rate conversion applied on a Calculation Date regarding assets denominated in other currencies than the Issuer's functional currency (currently being EUR), shall be replaced by a daily average FX rate for the last 6 months preceding each Calculation Date), all as per Group consolidated accounts, of all debt portfolios and REOs owned by any member of the Group and Reolux however adjusted for any profit sharing arrangements entered into by any member of the Group to the extent such arrangements constitute Financial Indebtedness and any related goodwill.

"Group Company" means any person which is a member of the Group.

"**IFRS**" means the International Financial Reporting Standards and guidelines and interpretations issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (or any predecessor and successor thereof) in force from time to time and to the extent applicable to the relevant financial statement.

"Initial Bond Issue" means the amount to be issued on the Issue Date as set out in Clause 2.1 (*Amount, denomination and ISIN of the Bonds*).

"**Initial Nominal Amount**" means the Nominal Amount of each Bond on the Issue Date as set out in Clause 2.1 (*Amount, denomination and ISIN of the Bonds*).

"Insolvent" means that a person:

- (a) is unable or admits inability to pay its debts as they fall due;
- (b) suspends making payments on any of its debts generally; or
- (c) is otherwise considered insolvent or bankrupt within the meaning of the relevant bankruptcy legislation of the jurisdiction which can be regarded as its centre of main interest as such term is understood pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2015/848 on insolvency proceedings (as amended from time to time).

"Interest Cover Ratio" means the ratio of Pro-Forma Adjusted Cash EBITDA to the Group's net interest expenses (other than the part of any lease payments determined as interest expenses in connection with leases in respect of real property or premises in the ordinary course of business) calculated for the Relevant Period.

"**Interest Payment Date**" means the last day of each Interest Period, the first Interest Payment Date being 15 December 2021 and the last Interest Payment Date being the Maturity Date.

"**Interest Period**" means, subject to adjustment in accordance with the Business Day Convention, the periods between 15 September, 15 December, 15 March and 15 June each year, provided however that an Interest Period shall not extend beyond the Maturity Date.

"**Interest Quotation Day**" means, in relation to any period for which Interest Rate is to be determined, 2 Quotation Business Days before the first day of the relevant Interest Period.

"**Interest Rate**" means the percentage rate per annum which is the aggregate of the Reference Rate for the relevant Interest Period plus the Margin.

"Interim Accounts" means the unaudited consolidated quarterly financial statements of the Issuer for the quarterly period ending on each 31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December in each year, prepared in accordance with the Accounting Standard.

"ISIN" means International Securities Identification Number.

"Issue Date" means 15 September 2021.

"Issuer" means the company designated as such in the preamble to these Bond Terms.

"Issuer's Bonds" means any Bonds which are owned by the Issuer or any Affiliate of the Issuer.

"Leverage Ratio" means Total Net Interest Bearing Debt over Pro-Forma Adjusted Cash EBITDA calculated for the Relevant Period.

### "Listing Failure Event" means:

- (a) that the Bonds (save for any Temporary Bonds) have not been admitted to listing on an Exchange within 6 months following the Issue Date;
- (b) in the case of a successful admission to listing, that a period of 6 months has elapsed since the Bonds ceased to be admitted to listing on an Exchange; or
- (c) that the Temporary Bonds have not been admitted to listing on the Exchange where the other Bonds are listed within 3 months following the issue date for such Temporary Bonds.

"Make Whole Amount" means an amount equal to the sum of the present value on the Repayment Date of:

- (a) the Nominal Amount of the redeemed Bonds at the price as set out paragraph (a) (ii) of Clause 10.2 (*Voluntary early redemption Call Option*) as if such payment originally had taken place on the First Call Date; and
- (b) the remaining interest payments of the redeemed Bonds, less any accrued and unpaid interest on the redeemed Bonds as at the Repayment Date, to the First Call Date,

where the present value shall be calculated by using a discount rate of 0.50 per cent. per annum, and where the Interest Rate applied for the remaining interest payments until the First Call Date shall be the applicable Interest Rate on the Call Option Repayment Date.

"Managers" means Arctic Securities AS, DNB Markets, a part of DNB Bank ASA, Nordea Bank Abp, filial i Norge.

"Margin" means 5.35 per cent.

"Material Adverse Effect" means a material adverse effect on:

- (a) the ability of the Issuer to perform and comply with its obligations under any of the Finance Documents; or
- (b) the validity or enforceability of any of the Finance Documents.

"Maturity Date" means 15 September 2026, adjusted according to the Business Day Convention.

"**Maximum Issue Amount**" means the maximum amount that may be issued under these Bond Terms as set out in Clause 2.1 (*Amount, denomination and ISIN of the Bonds*).

"**Nominal Amount**" means the nominal value of each Bond at any time. The Nominal Amount may be amended pursuant to paragraph (j) of Clause 16.2 (*The duties and authority of the Bond Trustee*).

"Outstanding Bonds" means any Bonds not redeemed or otherwise discharged.

"**Overdue Amount**" means any amount required to be paid by the Issuer under any of the Finance Documents but not made available to the Bondholders on the relevant Payment Date or otherwise not paid on its applicable due date.

"**Partial Payment**" means a payment that is insufficient to discharge all amounts then due and payable under the Finance Documents.

"**Paying Agent**" means the legal entity appointed by the Issuer to act as its paying agent with respect to the Bonds in the CSD.

"Payment Date" means any Interest Payment Date or any Repayment Date.

### "Permitted Financial Indebtedness" means:

- (a) Any Financial Indebtedness (including the Bonds and any Additional Bonds) under the Finance Documents
- (b) Financial Indebtedness under any other facility or loan provided by a reputable credit institution or bank, or a syndicate of reputable credit institutions or banks, including
  - (i) the Credit Facility; and

- (ii) the Axactor Italy Debt (up until the repayment date of such debt in full to be no later than 31 December 2021);
- (c) Financial Indebtedness incurred:
  - (i) under the Existing Unsecured Bond Issue; and
  - (ii) under the Existing EUR 140 million Bond Issue (up until the call option repayment date of such bonds to be no later than 31 December 2021);
- (d) unsecured Financial Indebtedness incurred by the Issuer having a maturity date at least 6 months after (and with no call options being exercised prior to) the Maturity Date;
- (e) any intra-group loan or credit granted by a Group Company to another Group Company;
- (f) any Financial Indebtedness incurred by a Group Company under any hedging arrangements as part of the Group's ordinary course of business and for non-speculative purposes;
- (g) any Financial Indebtedness in form of leases in respect of real property or premises in the ordinary course of business;
- (h) other Financial Indebtedness in the ordinary course of business and not included in paragraph (a)-(g) up to EUR 5,000,000; and
- (i) any refinancing, amendment or replacement of any of (a)-(g) above from time to time.

### "Permitted Security" means:

- (a) Security granted in relation to the Permitted Financial Indebtedness incurred under paragraphs (b), (f) and (g) of that definition;
- (b) any lien arising by operation of law in the ordinary course of business;
- (c) any netting or set-off arrangement entered into by any Group Company in the ordinary course of its banking arrangements for the purpose of netting debit and credit balances of members of the Group (if applicable); and
- (d) any Security for obligations or liability incurred by any Group Company in the ordinary course of business and as part of the daily operation by any such Group Company.

"**Pro-Forma Adjusted Cash EBITDA**" means, in respect of any Relevant Period, the Cash EBITDA, adjusted by including 80% of the Pro-Forma Adjustments (without double counting).

"**Pro-Forma Adjustments**" means, in respect of any Relevant Period, the pro forma Cash EBITDA for the remainder of that Relevant Period for all portfolios without full twelve (12) months trading for a Group Company.

"**Put Option**" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Clause 10.3 (*Mandatory repurchase due to a Put Option Event*).

"Put Option Event" means a Change of Control Event or a De-Listing Event.

"**Put Option Repayment Date**" means the settlement date for the Put Option pursuant to Clause 10.3 (*Mandatory repurchase due to a Put Option Event*).

"Quotation Business Day" means a day which is a TARGET Day.

"Reference Rate" shall mean EURIBOR (European Interbank Offered Rate) being:

- (a) the interest rate displayed on Reuters screen EURIBOR01 (or through another system or website replacing it) as of or around 11:00 a.m. (Brussels time) on the Interest Quotation Day for the offering of deposits in Euro and for a period comparable to the relevant Interest Period; or
- (b) if no screen rate is available for the relevant Interest Period:
  - (i) the linear interpolation between the two closest relevant Interest Periods, and with the same number of decimals, quoted under paragraph (a) above; or
  - (ii) a rate for deposits in the currency of the Bonds for the relevant Interest Period as supplied to the Bond Trustee at its request quoted by a sufficient number of commercial banks reasonably selected by the Bond Trustee; or
- (c) if the interest rate under paragraph (a) is no longer available, the interest rate will be set by the Bond Trustee in consultation with the Issuer to:
  - (i) any relevant replacement reference rate generally accepted in the market; or
  - (ii) such interest rate that best reflects the interest rate for deposits in the currency of the Bonds offered for the relevant Interest Period.

In each case, if any such rate is below zero, the Reference Rate will be deemed to be zero.

"Relevant Jurisdiction" means the country in which the Bonds are issued, being Norway.

"Relevant Period" means, at the date of calculation, the 12 months immediately preceding such date.

"**Relevant Record Date**" means the date on which a Bondholder's ownership of Bonds shall be recorded in the CSD as follows:

- (a) in relation to payments pursuant to these Bond Terms, the date designated as the Relevant Record Date in accordance with the rules of the CSD from time to time; or
- (b) for the purpose of casting a vote with regard to Clause 15 (*Bondholders' Decisions*), the date falling on the immediate preceding Business Day to the date of that Bondholders' decision being made, or another date as accepted by the Bond Trustee.

"REO" means real estate owned assets.

"**Reolux**" means Reolux Holding S.à r.l, a joint venture controlled by the Issuer holding 50 per cent. of the shares, with Geveran controlling the remaining shares, and to be deconsolidated from the Group's financials.

"**Repayment Date**" means any Call Option Repayment Date, the Default Repayment Date, the Put Option Repayment Date, the Tax Event Repayment Date, the Mandatory Redemption Repayment Date or the Maturity Date.

"Securities Trading Act" means the Securities Trading Act of 2007 no. 75 of the Relevant Jurisdiction.

"Security" means a mortgage, charge, pledge, lien, security assignment or other security interest securing any obligation of any person or any other agreement or arrangement having a similar effect.

"Subsidiary" means a company over which another company has Decisive Influence.

"Summons" means the call for a Bondholders' Meeting or a Written Resolution as the case may be.

"Surviving ISIN" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Clause 6.4 (*Settlement in cash or in kind*).

"**Tap Issue**" has the meaning ascribed to such term in Clause 2.1 (*Amount, denomination and ISIN of the Bonds*).

"Tap Issue Addendum" has the meaning ascribed to such term in Clause 2.1 (Amount, denomination and ISIN of the Bonds).

**"TARGET Day"** means any day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross Settlement Express Transfer payment system is open for the settlement of payments in euro.

**"Tax Event Repayment Date"** means the date set out in a notice from the Issuer to the Bondholders pursuant to Clause 10.4 (*Early redemption option due to a tax event*).

"Temporary Bonds" has the meaning ascribed to such term in Clause 2.1 (Amount, denomination and ISIN of the Bonds).

"Total Loan to Value Ratio" means Total Net Interest Bearing Debt to Group Book Value.

"**Total Net Interest Bearing Debt**" means the aggregate amount of all interest bearing debt of the Group and Reolux at any time on a consolidated basis according to the Accounting Standard (adjusted so that any foreign exchange ("FX") rate conversion applied on a Calculation Date regarding assets denominated in other currencies than the Issuer's functional currency (currently being EUR), shall be replaced by a daily average FX rate for the last 6 months preceding each Calculation Date), but:

- (a) for the avoidance of doubt, excluding any debt obligations to any other member of the Group and leases in respect of real property or premises in the ordinary course of business;
- (b) excluding any Bonds owned by the Issuer;
- (c) including, in the case of financial leases only, their capitalised value; and
- (d) deducting the aggregate amount of free Cash and Cash Equivalents held by any member of the Group at that time,

and so that no amount shall be included or excluded more than once.

"Total Secured Loan to Value Ratio" means Total Secured Net Interest Bearing Debt to Group Book Value.

"Total Secured Net Interest Bearing Debt" means the aggregate amount of all interest bearing debt of the Group and Reolux with any Security at any time on a consolidated basis according to the Accounting Standard (adjusted so that any foreign exchange ("FX") rate conversion applied on a Calculation Date regarding assets denominated in other currencies than the Issuer's functional currency (currently being EUR), shall be replaced by a daily average FX rate for the last 6 months preceding each Calculation Date), but:

- (a) for the avoidance of doubt, excluding any debt obligations to any other member of the Group and leases in respect of real property or premises in the ordinary course of business;
- (b) excluding any Bonds owned by the Issuer;
- (c) including, in the case of financial leases only, their capitalised value; and
- (d) deducting the aggregate amount of free Cash and Cash Equivalents held by any member of the Group at that time,

and so that no amount shall be included or excluded more than once.

"Voting Bonds" means the Outstanding Bonds less the Issuer's Bonds.

"Written Resolution" means a written (or electronic) solution for a decision making among the Bondholders, as set out in Clause 15.5 (*Written Resolutions*).

#### 1.2 Construction

In these Bond Terms, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) headings are for ease of reference only;
- (b) words denoting the singular number will include the plural and vice versa;
- (c) references to Clauses are references to the Clauses of these Bond Terms;

- (d) references to a time are references to Central European time unless otherwise stated;
- (e) references to a provision of "**law**" is a reference to that provision as amended or reenacted, and to any regulations made by the appropriate authority pursuant to such law;
- (f) references to a "**regulation**" includes any regulation, rule, official directive, request or guideline by any official body;
- (g) references to a "**person**" means any individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, unincorporated organization, government, or any agency or political subdivision thereof or any other entity, whether or not having a separate legal personality;
- (h) references to Bonds being "redeemed" means that such Bonds are cancelled and discharged in the CSD in a corresponding amount, and that any amounts so redeemed may not be subsequently re-issued under these Bond Terms;
- (i) references to Bonds being "purchased" or "repurchased" by the Issuer means that such Bonds may be dealt with by the Issuer as set out in Clause 11.1 (*Issuer's purchase of Bonds*);
- (j) references to persons "**acting in concert**" shall be interpreted pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Securities Trading Act; and
- (k) an Event of Default is "continuing" if it has not been remedied or waived.

# 2. THE BONDS

# 2.1 Amount, denomination and ISIN of the Bonds

(a) The Issuer has resolved to issue a series of Bonds in the maximum amount of EUR 400,000,000 (the "Maximum Issue Amount"). The Bonds may be issued on different issue dates and the Initial Bond Issue will be in the amount of EUR 300,000,000. The Issuer may, provided that the conditions set out in Clause 6.3 (*Tap Issues*) are met, at one or more occasions issue Additional Bonds (each a "Tap Issue") until the Nominal Amount of all Additional Bonds equals in aggregate the Maximum Issue Amount less the Initial Bond Issue. Each Tap Issue will be subject to identical terms as the Bonds issued pursuant to the Initial Bond Issue in all respects as set out in these Bond Terms, except that Additional Bonds may be issued at a different price than for the Initial Bond Issue and which may be below or above the Nominal Amount. The Bond Trustee shall prepare an addendum to these Bond Terms evidencing the terms of each Tap Issue (a "Tap Issue Addendum").

If the Bonds are listed on an Exchange and there is a requirement for a new prospectus in order for the Additional Bonds to be listed together with the Bonds, the Additional Bonds may be issued under a separate ISIN (such Bonds referred to as the "**Temporary Bonds**"). Upon the approval of the prospectus, the Issuer shall (i) notify the Bond Trustee, the Exchange and the Paying Agent and (ii) ensure that the Temporary Bonds are converted into the ISIN for the Bonds.

- (b) The Bonds are denominated in Euro (EUR), being the single currency of the participating member states in accordance with the legislation of the European Community relating to Economic and Monetary Union.
- (c) The Initial Nominal Amount of each Bond is EUR 10,000.
- (d) The ISIN of the Bonds is set out on the front page. These Bond Terms apply with identical terms and conditions to (i) all Bonds issued under this ISIN, (ii) any Temporary Bonds and (iii) any Overdue Amounts issued under one or more separate ISIN in accordance with the regulations of the CSD from time to time.
- (e) Holders of Overdue Amounts related to interest claims will not have any other rights under these Bond Terms than their claim for payment of such interest claim which claim shall be subject to paragraph (b) of Clause 15.1 (*Authority of the Bondholders' Meeting*).

#### 2.2 Tenor of the Bonds

The tenor of the Bonds is from and including the Issue Date to but excluding the Maturity Date.

#### 2.3 Use of proceeds

- (a) The Issuer will use the net proceeds from the Initial Bond Issue:
  - (i) to repay the Existing EUR 140 million Bond Issue; and
  - (ii) to repay the Axactor Italy Debt;
  - (iii) any remaining amount, for general corporate purposes.
- (b) The Issuer will use the net proceeds from the issuance of any Additional Bonds for general corporate purposes.

#### 2.4 Status of the Bonds

The Bonds will constitute senior debt obligations of the Issuer. The Bonds will rank pari passu between themselves and will rank at least pari passu with all other obligations of the Issuer (save for such claims which are preferred by bankruptcy, insolvency, liquidation or other similar laws of general application).

#### 2.5 Transaction Security

The Bonds are unsecured.

#### **3.** THE BONDHOLDERS

#### **3.1 Bond Terms binding on all Bondholders**

- (a) By virtue of being registered as a Bondholder (directly or indirectly) with the CSD, the Bondholders are bound by these Bond Terms and any other Finance Document, without any further action required to be taken or formalities to be complied with by the Bond Trustee, the Bondholders, the Issuer or any other party.
- (b) The Bond Trustee is always acting with binding effect on behalf of all the Bondholders.

# 3.2 Limitation of rights of action

- (a) No Bondholder is entitled to take any enforcement action, instigate any insolvency procedures, or take other legal action against the Issuer or any other party in relation to any of the liabilities of the Issuer or any other party under or in connection with the Finance Documents, other than through the Bond Trustee and in accordance with these Bond Terms, provided, however, that the Bondholders shall not be restricted from exercising any of their individual rights derived from these Bond Terms, including the right to exercise the Put Option.
- (b) Each Bondholder shall immediately upon request by the Bond Trustee provide the Bond Trustee with any such documents, including a written power of attorney (in form and substance satisfactory to the Bond Trustee), as the Bond Trustee deems necessary for the purpose of exercising its rights and/or carrying out its duties under the Finance Documents. The Bond Trustee is under no obligation to represent a Bondholder which does not comply with such request.

# **3.3** Bondholders' rights

- (a) If a beneficial owner of a Bond not being registered as a Bondholder wishes to exercise any rights under the Finance Documents, it must obtain proof of ownership of the Bonds, acceptable to the Bond Trustee.
- (b) A Bondholder (whether registered as such or proven to the Bond Trustee's satisfaction to be the beneficial owner of the Bond as set out in paragraph (a) above) may issue one or more powers of attorney to third parties to represent it in relation to some or all of the Bonds held or beneficially owned by such Bondholder. The Bond Trustee shall only have to examine the face of a power of attorney or similar evidence of authorisation that has been provided to it pursuant to this Clause 3.3 (*Bondholders' rights*) and may assume that it is in full force and effect, unless otherwise is apparent from its face or the Bond Trustee has actual knowledge to the contrary.

# 4. ADMISSION TO LISTING

The Issuer shall use its reasonable endeavours to ensure that the Bonds are listed on an Exchange within 6 months of the Issue Date and thereafter remain listed on an Exchange until the Bonds have been redeemed in full. The Issuer shall use its reasonable endeavours to ensure that any Temporary Bonds are listed on an Exchange within 3 months of the issue date for such Temporary Bonds.

# 5. **REGISTRATION OF THE BONDS**

# 5.1 Registration in the CSD

The Bonds shall be registered in dematerialised form in the CSD according to the relevant securities registration legislation and the requirements of the CSD.

# 5.2 **Obligation to ensure correct registration**

The Issuer will at all times ensure that the registration of the Bonds in the CSD is correct and shall immediately upon any amendment or variation of these Bond Terms give notice to the CSD of any such amendment or variation.

#### 5.3 Country of issuance

The Bonds have not been issued under any other country's legislation than that of the Relevant Jurisdiction. Save for the registration of the Bonds in the CSD, the Issuer is under no obligation to register, or cause the registration of, the Bonds in any other registry or under any other legislation than that of the Relevant Jurisdiction.

#### 6. CONDITIONS FOR DISBURSEMENT

#### 6.1 Conditions precedent for disbursement to the Issuer

- (a) Payment of the net proceeds from the issuance of the Bonds (net of fees and legal costs of the Managers and any other costs and expenses incurred in connection with the Bond Issue) to the Issuer shall be conditional on the Bond Trustee having received in due time (as determined by the Bond Trustee) prior to the Issue Date each of the following documents, in form and substance satisfactory to the Bond Trustee:
  - (i) these Bond Terms duly executed by all parties hereto;
  - (ii) copies of all necessary corporate resolutions of the Issuer to issue the Bonds and execute the Finance Documents to which it is a party;
  - (iii) a copy of a power of attorney (unless included in the corporate resolutions) from the Issuer to relevant individuals for their execution of the Finance Documents to which it is a party;
  - (iv) copies of the Issuer's articles of association and of a full extract from the relevant company register in respect of the Issuer evidencing that the Issuer is validly existing;
  - (v) copies of the Issuer's latest Financial Reports (if any);
  - (vi) confirmation that the applicable prospectus requirements (ref the EU prospectus regulation ((EU) 2017/1129)) concerning the issuance of the Bonds have been fulfilled;
  - (vii) copies of any necessary governmental approval, consent or waiver (as the case may be) required at such time to issue the Bonds;
  - (viii) confirmation that the Bonds are registered in the CSD (by obtaining an ISIN for the Bonds);
  - (ix) copies of any written documentation used in marketing the Bonds or made public by the Issuer or any Manager in connection with the issuance of the Bonds;
  - (x) the Bond Trustee Fee Agreement duly executed by the parties thereto; and
  - (xi) legal opinions or other statements as may be required by the Bond Trustee (including in respect of corporate matters relating to the Issuer and the legality, validity and enforceability of these Bond Terms and the Finance Documents).

(b) The Bond Trustee, acting in its sole discretion, may, regarding this Clause 6.1 (Conditions precedent for disbursement to the Issuer), waive the requirements for documentation or decide that delivery of certain documents shall be made subject to an agreed closing procedure between the Bond Trustee and the Issuer.

#### 6.2 Disbursement of the proceeds

Disbursement of the proceeds from the issuance of the Bonds is conditional on the Bond Trustee's confirmation to the Paying Agent that the conditions in Clause 6.1 (*Conditions precedent for disbursement to the Issuer*) have been either satisfied in the Bond Trustee's discretion or waived by the Bond Trustee pursuant to paragraph (c) of Clause 6.1 (*Conditions precedent for disbursement to the Issuer*) above.

#### 6.3 Tap Issues

The Issuer may issue Additional Bonds if:

- (a) a Tap Issue Addendum is duly executed by all parties thereto;
- (b) the amount of the aggregate of (i) the Outstanding Bonds prior to such Tap Issue and (ii) the requested amount for such Tap Issue does not exceed the Maximum Issue Amount;
- (c) no Event of Default has occurred or would occur as a result of the making of such Tap Issue;
- (d) the Issuer confirms that the conditions precedent documents received by the Bond Trustee in connection with the Issue Date are still valid, or provides updates of such documents to the Bond Trustee;
- (e) such Tap Issue is in compliance with applicable laws and regulations as of the time of such Tap Issue; and
- (f) the representations and warranties contained in Clause 7 (*Representations and Warranties*) of these Bond Terms are true and correct in all material respects and repeated by the Issuer as at the date of issuance of such Additional Bonds.

#### 7. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

The Issuer makes the representations and warranties set out in this Clause 7 (*Representations and warranties*), in respect of itself and in respect of each Group Company to the Bond Trustee (on behalf of the Bondholders) at the following times and with reference to the facts and circumstances then existing:

- (a) at the date of these Bond Terms;
- (b) at the Issue Date; and
- (c) at the date of issuance of any Additional Bonds.

# 7.1 Status

It is a limited liability company, duly incorporated and validly existing and registered under the laws of its jurisdiction of incorporation, and has the power to own its assets and carry on its business as it is being conducted.

# 7.2 Power and authority

It has the power to enter into, perform and deliver, and has taken all necessary action to authorise its entry into, performance and delivery of, these Bond Terms and any other Finance Document to which it is a party and the transactions contemplated by those Finance Documents.

# 7.3 Valid, binding and enforceable obligations

These Bond Terms and each other Finance Document to which it is a party constitutes (or will constitute, when executed by the respective parties thereto) its legal, valid and binding obligations, enforceable in accordance with their respective terms, and (save as provided for therein) no further registration, filing, payment of tax or fees or other formalities are necessary or desirable to render the said documents enforceable against it.

# 7.4 Non-conflict with other obligations

The entry into and performance by it of these Bond Terms and any other Finance Document to which it is a party and the transactions contemplated thereby do not and will not conflict with (i) any law or regulation or judicial or official order; (ii) its constitutional documents; or (iii) any agreement or instrument which is binding upon it or any of its assets.

# 7.5 No Event of Default

- (a) No Event of Default exists or is likely to result from the making of any drawdown under these Bond Terms or the entry into, the performance of, or any transaction contemplated by, any Finance Document.
- (b) No other event or circumstance has occurred which constitutes (or with the expiry of any grace period, the giving of notice, the making of any determination or any combination of any of the foregoing, would constitute) a default or termination event (howsoever described) under any other agreement or instrument which is binding on it or any of its Subsidiaries or to which its (or any of its Subsidiaries') assets are subject which has or is likely to have a Material Adverse Effect.

# 7.6 Authorizations and consents

All authorisations, consents, approvals, resolutions, licenses, exemptions, filings, notarizations or registrations required:

- (a) to enable it to enter into, exercise its rights and comply with its obligations under these Bond Terms or any other Finance Document to which it is a party; and
- (b) to carry on its business as presently conducted and as contemplated by these Bond Terms,

have been obtained or effected and are in full force and effect.

# 7.7 Litigation

No litigation, arbitration or administrative proceedings or investigations of or before any court, arbitral body or agency which, if adversely determined, is likely to have a Material Adverse Effect have (to the best of its knowledge and belief) been started or threatened against it or any of its Subsidiaries.

# 7.8 Financial Reports

Its most recent Financial Reports fairly and accurately represent the assets and liabilities and financial condition as at their respective dates, and have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting Standard, consistently applied.

# 7.9 No Material Adverse Effect

Since the date of the most recent Financial Reports, there has been no change in its business, assets or financial condition that is likely to have a Material Adverse Effect.

# 7.10 No misleading information

Any factual information provided by it to the Bondholders or the Bond Trustee for the purposes of the issuance of the Bonds was true and accurate in all material respects as at the date it was provided or as at the date (if any) at which it is stated.

# 7.11 No withholdings

The Issuer is not required to make any deduction or withholding from any payment which it may become obliged to make to the Bond Trustee or the Bondholders under these Bond Terms.

# 7.12 Pari passu ranking

Its payment obligations under these Bond Terms or any other Finance Document to which it is a party ranks as set out in Clause 2.4 (*Status of the Bonds*).

# 7.13 Security

No Security exists over any of the present assets of any Group Company in conflict with these Bond Terms.

# 8. PAYMENTS IN RESPECT OF THE BONDS

# 8.1 Covenant to pay

- (a) The Issuer will unconditionally make available to or to the order of the Bond Trustee and/or the Paying Agent all amounts due on each Payment Date pursuant to the terms of these Bond Terms at such times and to such accounts as specified by the Bond Trustee and/or the Paying Agent in advance of each Payment Date or when other payments are due and payable pursuant to these Bond Terms.
- (b) All payments to the Bondholders in relation to the Bonds shall be made to each Bondholder registered as such in the CSD at the Relevant Record Date, by, if no specific order is made by the Bond Trustee, crediting the relevant amount to the bank account nominated by such Bondholder in connection with its securities account in the CSD.
- (c) Payment constituting good discharge of the Issuer's payment obligations to the Bondholders under these Bond Terms will be deemed to have been made to each

Bondholder once the amount has been credited to the bank holding the bank account nominated by the Bondholder in connection with its securities account in the CSD. If the paying bank and the receiving bank are the same, payment shall be deemed to have been made once the amount has been credited to the bank account nominated by the Bondholder in question.

(d) If a Payment Date or a date for other payments to the Bondholders pursuant to the Finance Documents falls on a day on which either of the relevant CSD settlement system or the relevant currency settlement system for the Bonds are not open, the payment shall be made on the first following possible day on which both of the said systems are open, unless any provision to the contrary has been set out for such payment in the relevant Finance Document.

### 8.2 Default interest

- (a) Default interest will accrue on any Overdue Amount from and including the Payment Date on which it was first due to and excluding the date on which the payment is made at the Interest Rate plus 3 percentage points per annum.
- (b) Default interest accrued on any Overdue Amount pursuant to this Clause 8.2 (*Default interest*) will be added to the Overdue Amount on each Interest Payment Date until the Overdue Amount and default interest accrued thereon have been repaid in full.
- (c) Upon the occurrence of a Listing Failure Event and for as long as such Listing Failure Event is continuing, the interest on any principal amount outstanding under these Bonds Terms will accrue at the Interest Rate plus 1 percentage point per annum. In the event the Listing Failure Event relates to Temporary Bonds, the Interest Rate will only be increased in respect of such Temporary Bonds.

# 8.3 Partial Payments

- (a) If the Paying Agent or the Bond Trustee receives a Partial Payment, such Partial Payment shall, in respect of the Issuer's debt under the Finance Documents be considered made for discharge of the debt of the Issuer in the following order of priority:
  - (i) firstly, towards any outstanding fees, liabilities and expenses of the Bond Trustee;
  - (ii) secondly, towards accrued interest due but unpaid; and
  - (iii) thirdly, towards any other outstanding amounts due but unpaid under the Finance Documents.
- (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) above, any Partial Payment which is distributed to the Bondholders, shall, after the above mentioned deduction of outstanding fees, liabilities and expenses, be applied (i) firstly towards any principal amount due but unpaid and (ii) secondly, towards accrued interest due but unpaid, in the following situations;
  - (i) the Bond Trustee has served a Default Notice in accordance with Clause 14.2 (*Acceleration of the Bonds*), or
  - (ii) as a result of a resolution according to Clause 15 (Bondholders' decisions).

# 8.4 Taxation

- (a) The Issuer is responsible for withholding any withholding tax imposed by applicable law on any payments to be made by it in relation to the Finance Documents.
- (b) The Issuer shall, if any tax is withheld in respect of the Bonds under the Finance Documents:
  - gross up the amount of the payment due from it up to such amount which is necessary to ensure that the Bondholders or the Bond Trustee, as the case may be, receive a net amount which is (after making the required withholding) equal to the payment which would have been received if no withholding had been required; and
  - (ii) at the request of the Bond Trustee, deliver to the Bond Trustee evidence that the required tax deduction or withholding has been made.
- (c) Any public fees levied on the trade of Bonds in the secondary market shall be paid by the Bondholders, unless otherwise provided by law or regulation, and the Issuer shall not be responsible for reimbursing any such fees.

# 8.5 Currency

- (a) All amounts payable under the Finance Documents shall be payable in the denomination of the Bonds set out in Clause 2.1 (*Amount, denomination and ISIN of the Bonds*). If, however, the denomination differs from the currency of the bank account connected to the Bondholder's account in the CSD, any cash settlement may be exchanged and credited to this bank account.
- (b) Any specific payment instructions, including foreign exchange bank account details, to be connected to the Bondholder's account in the CSD must be provided by the relevant Bondholder to the Paying Agent (either directly or through its account manager in the CSD) within 5 Business Days prior to a Payment Date. Depending on any currency exchange settlement agreements between each Bondholder's bank and the Paying Agent, and opening hours of the receiving bank, cash settlement may be delayed, and payment shall be deemed to have been made once the cash settlement has taken place, provided, however, that no default interest or other penalty shall accrue for the account of the Issuer for such delay.

#### 8.6 Set-off and counterclaims

The Issuer may not apply or perform any counterclaims or set-off against any payment obligations pursuant to these Bond Terms or any other Finance Document.

# 9. INTEREST

# 9.1 Calculation of interest

(a) Each Outstanding Bond will accrue interest at the Interest Rate on the Nominal Amount for each Interest Period, commencing on and including the first date of the Interest Period, and ending on but excluding the last date of the Interest Period.

- (b) Any Additional Bond will accrue interest at the Interest Rate on the Nominal Amount commencing on the first date of the Interest Period in which the Additional Bonds are issued and thereafter in accordance with paragraph (a) above.
- (c) Interest shall be calculated on the basis of the actual number of days in the Interest Period in respect of which payment is being made divided by 360 (actual/360-days basis). The Interest Rate will be reset at each Interest Quotation Day by the Bond Trustee, who will notify the Issuer and the Paying Agent and, if the Bonds are listed, the Exchange, of the new Interest Rate and the actual number of calendar days for the next Interest Period.

# 9.2 Payment of interest

Interest shall fall due on each Interest Payment Date for the corresponding preceding Interest Period and, with respect to accrued interest on the principal amount then due and payable, on each Repayment Date.

#### 10. REDEMPTION AND REPURCHASE OF BONDS

#### **10.1** Redemption of Bonds

The Outstanding Bonds will mature in full on the Maturity Date and shall be redeemed by the Issuer on the Maturity Date at a price equal to 100 per cent. of the Nominal Amount.

#### **10.2** Voluntary early redemption - Call Option

- (a) The Issuer may redeem all or part of the Outstanding Bonds (the "**Call Option**") on any Business Day from and including:
  - (i) the Issue Date to, but not including, the First Call Date at a price equal to the Make Whole Amount;
  - (ii) the First Call Date to, but not including, the Interest Payment Date in March 2026 at a price equal to 101.070 per cent. of the Nominal Amount for each redeemed Bond; and
  - (iii) the Interest Payment Date in March 2026 to, but not including, the Maturity Date at a price equal to 100.535 per cent. of the Nominal Amount for each redeemed Bond
- (b) Any redemption of Bonds pursuant to Clause 10.2 (a) above shall be determined based upon the redemption prices applicable on the Call Option Repayment Date.
- (c) The Call Option may be exercised by the Issuer by written notice to the Bond Trustee at least 10 Business Days prior to the proposed Call Option Repayment Date. Such notice sent by the Issuer is irrevocable and shall specify the Call Option Repayment Date. Unless the Make Whole Amount is set out in the written notice where the Issuer exercises the Call Option, the Issuer shall calculate the Make Whole Amount and provide such calculation by written notice to the Bond Trustee as soon as possible and at the latest within 3 Business Days from the date of the notice. Any redemption notice given in respect of redemptions of Bonds may, at the Issuer's discretion, be subject to the satisfaction of one or more conditions precedent, to be satisfied at least 3 Business Days prior to such Call Option Repayment Date.

(d) Any Call Option exercised in part will be used for pro rata payment to the Bondholders in accordance with the applicable regulations of the CSD.

### 10.3 Mandatory repurchase due to a Put Option Event

- (a) Upon the occurrence of a Put Option Event, each Bondholder will have the right (the "**Put Option**") to require that the Issuer purchases all or some of the Bonds held by that Bondholder at a price equal to 101 per cent. of the Nominal Amount.
- (b) The Put Option must be exercised within 15 Business Days after the Issuer has given notice to the Bond Trustee and the Bondholders that a Put Option Event has occurred pursuant to Clause 12.3 (*Put Option Event*). Once notified, the Bondholders' right to exercise the Put Option is irrevocable.
- (c) Each Bondholder may exercise its Put Option by written notice to its account manager for the CSD, who will notify the Paying Agent of the exercise of the Put Option. The Put Option Repayment Date will be the 5<sup>th</sup> Business Day after the end of 15 Business Days exercise period referred to in paragraph (b) above. However, the settlement of the Put Option will be based on each Bondholders holding of Bonds at the Put Option Repayment Date.
- (d) If Bonds representing more than 90.00 per cent. of the Outstanding Bonds have been repurchased pursuant to this Clause 10.3 (*Mandatory repurchase due to a Put Option Event*), the Issuer is entitled to repurchase all the remaining Outstanding Bonds at the price stated in paragraph (a) above by notifying the remaining Bondholders of its intention to do so no later than 10 Business Days after the Put Option Repayment Date. Such notice sent by the Issuer is irrevocable and shall specify the Call Option Repayment Date.

# 10.4 Early redemption option due to a tax event

If the Issuer is or will be required to gross up any withheld tax imposed by law from any payment in respect of the Bonds under the Finance Documents pursuant to Clause 8.4 (*Taxation*) as a result of a change in applicable law implemented after the date of these Bond Terms, the Issuer will have the right to redeem all, but not only some, of the Outstanding Bonds at a price equal to 100 per cent. of the Nominal Amount. The Issuer shall give written notice of such redemption to the Bond Trustee and the Bondholders at least 20 Business Days prior to the Tax Event Repayment Date, provided that no such notice shall be given earlier than 40 Business Days prior to the earliest date on which the Issuer would be obliged to withhold such tax were a payment in respect of the Bonds then due.

#### 11. PURCHASE AND TRANSFER OF BONDS

#### **11.1** Issuer's purchase of Bonds

The Issuer may purchase and hold Bonds and such Bonds may be retained or, sold or cancelled in the Issuer's sole discretion (including with respect to Bonds purchased pursuant to Clause 10.3 (*Mandatory repurchase due to a Put Option Event*)).

# 11.2 Restrictions

- (a) Certain purchase or selling restrictions may apply to Bondholders under applicable local laws and regulations from time to time. Neither the Issuer nor the Bond Trustee shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with such laws and regulations and each Bondholder is responsible for ensuring compliance with the relevant laws and regulations at its own cost and expense.
- (b) A Bondholder who has purchased Bonds in breach of applicable restrictions may, notwithstanding such breach, benefit from the rights attached to the Bonds pursuant to these Bond Terms (including, but not limited to, voting rights), provided that the Issuer shall not incur any additional liability by complying with its obligations to such Bondholder.

# **12. INFORMATION UNDERTAKINGS**

# 12.1 Financial Reports

- (a) The Issuer shall prepare Annual Financial Statements in the English language and make them available on its website (alternatively on another relevant information platform) as soon as they become available, and not later than four months after the end of the financial year.
- (b) The Issuer shall prepare Interim Accounts in the English language and make them available on its website (alternatively on another relevant information platform) as soon as they become available, and not later than two months after the end of the relevant interim period.

# 12.2 Requirements as to Financial Reports

- (a) The Issuer shall supply to the Bond Trustee, in connection with the publication of its Financial Reports pursuant to Clause 12.1 (*Financial Reports*), a Compliance Certificate with a copy of the Financial Reports attached thereto. The Compliance Certificate shall be duly signed by the chief executive officer or the chief financial officer of the Issuer, certifying inter alia that the Financial Reports are fairly representing its financial condition as at the date of those financial statements and setting out (in reasonable detail) computations evidencing compliance with Clause 13 (*Financial Covenants*) as at such date.
- (b) The Issuer shall procure that the Financial Reports delivered pursuant to Clause 12.1 (*Financial Reports*) are prepared using the Accounting Standard consistently applied.

# 12.3 Put Option Event

The Issuer shall inform the Bond Trustee in writing as soon as possible after becoming aware that a Put Option Event has occurred.

# 12.4 Listing Failure Event

The Issuer shall promptly inform the Bond Trustee in writing if a Listing Failure Event has occurred. However, no Event of Default shall occur if the Issuer fails (i) to list the Bonds in accordance with Clause 4 (*Admission to listing*) or (ii) to inform of such Listing Failure Event,

only default interest in accordance with paragraph (c) of Clause 8.2 (*Default interest*) will accrue as long as such Listing Failure Event is continuing.

#### 12.5 Information: Miscellaneous

The Issuer shall:

- (a) promptly inform the Bond Trustee in writing of any Event of Default or any event or circumstance which the Issuer understands or could reasonably be expected to understand may lead to an Event of Default and the steps, if any, being taken to remedy it;
- (b) at the request of the Bond Trustee, report the balance of the Issuer's Bonds (to the best of its knowledge, having made due and appropriate enquiries);
- (c) send the Bond Trustee copies of any statutory notifications of the Issuer, including but not limited to in connection with mergers, de-mergers and reduction of the Issuer's share capital or equity;
- (d) if the Bonds are listed on an Exchange, send a copy to the Bond Trustee of its notices to the Exchange;
- (e) if the Issuer and/or the Bonds are rated, inform the Bond Trustee of its and/or the rating of the Bonds, and any changes to such rating;
- (f) inform the Bond Trustee of changes in the registration of the Bonds in the CSD; and
- (g) within a reasonable time, provide such information about the Issuer's business, assets and financial condition as the Bond Trustee may reasonably request.

#### 13. GENERAL AND FINANCIAL UNDERTAKINGS

The Issuer undertakes to (and shall, where applicable, procure that the other Group Companies will) comply with the undertakings set forth in this Clause 13 (*General and financial Undertakings*).

# 13.1 Authorisations

The Issuer shall, and shall procure that each other Group Company will, in all material respects obtain, maintain and comply with the terms of any authorisation, approval, license and consent required for the conduct of its business as carried out from time to time.

#### **13.2** Compliance with laws

The Issuer shall, and shall procure that each other Group Company will, comply in all material respects with all laws and regulations to which it may be subject from time to time.

# **13.3** Continuation of business

The Issuer shall procure that no material change is made to the general nature of the business from that carried on by the Group at the Issue Date.

# 13.4 Corporate status

The Issuer shall not change its type of organization or jurisdiction of incorporation, other than the conversion of the Issuer into a Norwegian public company.

### 13.5 Mergers and de-mergers

- (a) The Issuer shall not, and shall procure that no other Group Company will, carry out:
  - (i) any merger or other business combination or corporate reorganisation involving the consolidation of assets and obligations of the Issuer or any other Group Company with any other person other than with a Group Company; or
  - (ii) any demerger or other corporate reorganisation having the same or equivalent effect as a demerger involving the Issuer and any Group Company;

if such merger, demerger, combination or reorganisation would have a Material Adverse Effect.

### 13.6 Financial Indebtedness

- (a) Except as permitted under paragraph (b) below, the Issuer shall not, and shall procure that no other Group Company will, incur any additional Financial Indebtedness or maintain or prolong any existing Financial Indebtedness.
- (b) Paragraph (a) above shall not prohibit any Group Company to incur, maintain or prolong any Permitted Financial Indebtedness.

# 13.7 Negative pledge

- (a) Except as permitted under paragraph (b) below, the Issuer shall not, and shall procure that no other Group Company will, create or allow to subsist, retain, provide, prolong or renew any Security over any of its/their assets (whether present or future).
- (b) Paragraph (a) above does not apply to any Permitted Security.

# 13.8 Financial support

- (a) The Issuer shall not, and shall procure that no other Group Company will, be a creditor in respect of any Financial Support to or for the benefit of any person not being a Group Company, other than:
  - (i) in the ordinary course of business (including, for the avoidance of doubt, in the form of shareholder loans granted by a Group Company to a joint venture in which the relevant Group Company holds an interest);
  - (ii) intra-group loans made, granted or given by any Group Company to or for the benefit of any other Group Company;
  - (iii) Financial Support granted in connection with leases in respect of real property or premises in the ordinary course of business; or

(iv) Financial Support in the form of Security or guarantees from Group Companies granted in relation to the Permitted Financial Indebtedness incurred under paragraph (b) of the definition "Permitted Financial Indebtedness".

# 13.9 Disposals

The Issuer shall not, and shall procure that no other Group Company will, sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of its assets (including shares or other securities in any person) or operations, unless such sale, transfer or disposal is carried out in the ordinary course of business at fair market value, on terms and conditions customary for such transactions and would not have a Material Adverse Effect.

#### 13.10 Related party transactions

Without limiting Clause 13.2 (*Compliance with laws*), the Issuer shall, and shall procure that each other Group Company will, conduct all business transactions with any Affiliate which is not a Group Company on an arm's length basis and at fair market value.

#### 13.11 Dividends

The Issuer shall not, during the term of the Bonds, declare or make any Distribution to its shareholders exceeding, for each financial year, 50 per cent. of the Issuer's consolidated net profit after taxes based on the audited annual accounts for the previous financial year. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Issuer may purchase own shares in relation the employee share option programme or other purchases for up to 5 per cent. of outstanding shares in total during the tenor of the Bonds.

#### 13.12 Subsidiaries' distributions:

Save for obligations under the Permitted Financial Indebtedness, the Issuer shall not permit any Group Company to create or permit to exist any contractual obligation (or encumbrance) restricting the right of any Group Company to:

- (a) make Distributions to its shareholders;
- (b) service any Financial Indebtedness to the Issuer;
- (c) make any loans to the Issuer; or
- (d) transfer any of its assets and properties to the Issuer,

if the creation of such contractual obligation would prevent the Issuer from complying with any of its obligations under these Bond Terms. Notwithstanding the foregoing, and to the extent not prevented by any applicable legal prohibitions, restrictions on financial assistance, dividend restrictions or the incurrence of personal liability of management or shareholders, the Issuer shall procure that the Group Companies always make the required Distributions in the form of dividends, loans or otherwise to enable the Issuer to service its payment obligations under the Bonds.

#### **13.13** Financial Covenants

- (a) The Issuer shall maintain:
  - (i) an Interest Cover Ratio of minimum 4.0x;

- (ii) a Leverage Ratio of maximum 4.0x;
- (iii) a Total Loan to Value Ratio of maximum 80%; and
- (iv) a Total Secured Loan to Value Ratio of maximum 65%
- (b) The Issuer undertakes to comply with the above Financial Covenants (i-iv) at all times, such compliance to be measured on each Calculation Date, and certified by way of a Compliance Certificate provided by the Issuer in writing to the Bond Trustee no later than together with publication of each set of Interim Accounts and Annual Financial Statements. The Financial Covenants shall be calculated on a consolidated basis for the Group.

#### 14. EVENTS OF DEFAULT AND ACCELERATION OF THE BONDS

#### 14.1 Events of Default

Each of the events or circumstances set out in this Clause 14.1 (*Events of Default*) shall constitute an Event of Default:

(a) Non-payment

The Issuer fails to pay any amount payable by it under the Finance Documents when such amount is due for payment, unless:

- (i) its failure to pay is caused by administrative or technical error in payment systems or the CSD and payment is made within 5 Business Days following the original due date; or
- (ii) in the discretion of the Bond Trustee, the Issuer has substantiated that it is likely that such payment will be made in full within 5 Business Days following the original due date.
- (b) Breach of other obligations

The Issuer does not comply with any provision of the Finance Documents other than set out under paragraph (a) (*Non-payment*) above, unless such failure is capable of being remedied and is remedied within 20 Business Days after the earlier of the Issuer's actual knowledge thereof, or notice thereof is given to the Issuer by the Bond Trustee.

(c) Misrepresentation

Any representation, warranty or statement (including statements in Compliance Certificates) made by the Issuer under or in connection with any Finance Documents is or proves to have been incorrect, inaccurate or misleading in any material respect when made.

(d) Cross default

If for any Group Company:

- (i) any Financial Indebtedness is not paid when due nor within any applicable grace period; or
- (ii) any Financial Indebtedness is declared to be or otherwise becomes due and payable prior to its specified maturity as a result of an event of default (however described); or
- (iii) any commitment for any Financial Indebtedness is cancelled or suspended by a creditor as a result of an event of default (however described), or
- (iv) any creditor becomes entitled to declare any Financial Indebtedness due and payable prior to its specified maturity as a result of an event of default (however described),

provided however that the aggregate amount of such Financial Indebtedness or commitment for Financial Indebtedness falling within paragraphs (i) to (iv) above exceeds a total of EUR 5,000,000 (or the equivalent thereof in any other currency).

(e) Insolvency and insolvency proceedings

Any Group Company:

- (i) is Insolvent; or
- (ii) is object of any corporate action or any legal proceedings is taken in relation to:
  - (A) the suspension of payments, a moratorium of any indebtedness, windingup, dissolution, administration or reorganisation (by way of voluntary arrangement, scheme of arrangement or otherwise) other than a solvent liquidation or reorganization; or
  - (B) a composition, compromise, assignment or arrangement with any creditor which may materially impair its ability to perform its obligations under these Bond Terms; or
  - (C) the appointment of a liquidator (other than in respect of a solvent liquidation), receiver, administrative receiver, administrator, compulsory manager or other similar officer of any of its assets; or
  - (D) enforcement of any Security over any of its or their assets having an aggregate value exceeding the threshold amount set out in paragraph (d) (*Cross default*) above of this Clause 14.1 (*Events of Default*); or
  - (E) for (A) (D) above, any analogous procedure or step is taken in any jurisdiction in respect of any such company,

however this shall not apply to any petition which is frivolous or vexatious and is discharged, stayed or dismissed within 20 Business Days of commencement.

(f) Creditor's process

Any expropriation, attachment, sequestration, distress or execution affects any asset or assets of any Group Company having an aggregate value exceeding the threshold amount set out in paragraph (d) (*Cross default*) above of this Clause 14.1 (*Events of Default*) and is not discharged within 20 Business Days.

# (g) Unlawfulness

It is or becomes unlawful for the Issuer to perform or comply with any of its obligations under the Finance Documents to the extent this may materially impair:

- (i) the ability of the Issuer to perform its obligations under these Bond Terms; or
- (ii) the ability of the Bond Trustee to exercise any material right or power vested to it under the Finance Documents.

# 14.2 Acceleration of the Bonds

If an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Bond Trustee may, in its discretion in order to protect the interests of the Bondholders, or upon instruction received from the Bondholders pursuant to Clause 14.3 (*Bondholders' instructions*) below, by serving a Default Notice:

- (a) declare that the Outstanding Bonds, together with accrued interest and all other amounts accrued or outstanding under the Finance Documents be immediately due and payable, at which time they shall become immediately due and payable; and/or
- (b) exercise any or all of its rights, remedies, powers or discretions under the Finance Documents or take such further measures as are necessary to recover the amounts outstanding under the Finance Documents.

# 14.3 Bondholders' instructions

The Bond Trustee shall serve a Default Notice pursuant to Clause 14.2 (Acceleration of the Bonds) if:

- (a) the Bond Trustee receives a demand in writing from Bondholders representing a simple majority of the Voting Bonds, that an Event of Default shall be declared, and a Bondholders' Meeting has not made a resolution to the contrary; or
- (b) the Bondholders' Meeting, by a simple majority decision, has approved the declaration of an Event of Default.

# 14.4 Calculation of claim

The claim derived from the Outstanding Bonds due for payment as a result of the serving of a Default Notice will be calculated at the call prices set out in Clause 10.2 (*Voluntary early redemption – Call Option*), as applicable at the following dates (and regardless of the Default Repayment Date set out in the Default Notice);

(a) for any Event of Default arising out of a breach of paragraph (a) (*Non-payment*) of Clause 14.1 (*Events of Default*), the claim will be calculated at the call price applicable at the date when such Event of Default occurred; and

(b) for any other Event of Default, the claim will be calculated at the call price applicable at the date when the Default Notice was served by the Bond Trustee.

However, if the situations described in (a) or (b) above takes place prior to the First Call Date, the calculation shall be based on the call price applicable on the First Call Date.

#### **15. BONDHOLDERS' DECISIONS**

#### 15.1 Authority of the Bondholders' Meeting

- (a) A Bondholders' Meeting may, on behalf of the Bondholders, resolve to alter any of these Bond Terms, including, but not limited to, any reduction of principal or interest and any conversion of the Bonds into other capital classes.
- (b) The Bondholders' Meeting cannot resolve that any overdue payment of any instalment shall be reduced unless there is a pro rata reduction of the principal that has not fallen due, but may resolve that accrued interest (whether overdue or not) shall be reduced without a corresponding reduction of principal.
- (c) The Bondholders' Meeting may not adopt resolutions which will give certain Bondholders an unreasonable advantage at the expense of other Bondholders.
- (d) Subject to the power of the Bond Trustee to take certain action as set out in Clause 16.1 (*Power to represent the Bondholders*), if a resolution by, or an approval of, the Bondholders is required, such resolution may be passed at a Bondholders' Meeting. Resolutions passed at any Bondholders' Meeting will be binding upon all Bondholders.
- (e) At least 50 per cent. of the Voting Bonds must be represented at a Bondholders' Meeting for a quorum to be present.
- (f) Resolutions will be passed by simple majority of the Voting Bonds represented at the Bondholders' Meeting, unless otherwise set out in paragraph (g) below.
- (g) Save for any amendments or waivers which can be made without resolution pursuant to section (i) and (ii) of Clause 17.1 (*Procedure for amendments and waivers*), a majority of at least 2/3 of the Voting Bonds represented at the Bondholders' Meeting is required for approval of any waiver or amendment of these Bond Terms.

# 15.2 Procedure for arranging a Bondholders' Meeting

- (a) A Bondholders' Meeting shall be convened by the Bond Trustee upon the request in writing of:
  - (i) the Issuer;
  - (ii) Bondholders representing at least 1/10 of the Voting Bonds;
  - (iii) the Exchange, if the Bonds are listed and the Exchange is entitled to do so pursuant to the general rules and regulations of the Exchange; or
  - (iv) the Bond Trustee.

The request shall clearly state the matters to be discussed and resolved.

- (b) If the Bond Trustee has not convened a Bondholders' Meeting within 10 Business Days after having received a valid request for calling a Bondholders' Meeting pursuant to paragraph (a) above, then the requesting party may call the Bondholders' Meeting itself.
- (c) Summons to a Bondholders' Meeting must be sent no later than 10 Business Days prior to the proposed date of the Bondholders' Meeting. The Summons shall be sent to all Bondholders registered in the CSD at the time the Summons is sent from the CSD. If the Bonds are listed, the Issuer shall ensure that the Summons is published in accordance with the applicable regulations of the Exchange. The Summons shall also be published on the website of the Bond Trustee (alternatively by press release or other relevant information platform).
- (d) Any Summons for a Bondholders' Meeting must clearly state the agenda for the Bondholders' Meeting and the matters to be resolved. The Bond Trustee may include additional agenda items to those requested by the person calling for the Bondholders' Meeting in the Summons. If the Summons contains proposed amendments to these Bond Terms, a description of the proposed amendments must be set out in the Summons.
- (e) Items which have not been included in the Summons may not be put to a vote at the Bondholders' Meeting.
- (f) By written notice to the Issuer, the Bond Trustee may prohibit the Issuer from acquiring or dispose of Bonds during the period from the date of the Summons until the date of the Bondholders' Meeting, unless the acquisition of Bonds is made by the Issuer pursuant to Clause 10 (*Redemption and Repurchase of Bonds*).
- (g) A Bondholders' Meeting may be held on premises selected by the Bond Trustee, or if paragraph (b) above applies, by the person convening the Bondholders' Meeting (however to be held in the capital of the Relevant Jurisdiction). The Bondholders' Meeting will be opened and, unless otherwise decided by the Bondholders' Meeting, chaired by the Bond Trustee. If the Bond Trustee is not present, the Bondholders' Meeting will be opened by a Bondholder and be chaired by a representative elected by the Bondholders' Meeting will be opened by a Bondholder and be chaired by a representative elected by the Bondholders' Meeting will be opened by a Bondholder and be chaired by a representative, the "Chairperson").
- (h) Each Bondholder, the Bond Trustee and, if the Bonds are listed, representatives of the Exchange, or any person or persons acting under a power of attorney for a Bondholder, shall have the right to attend the Bondholders' Meeting (each a "Representative"). The Chairperson may grant access to the meeting to other persons not being Representatives, unless the Bondholders' Meeting decides otherwise. In addition, each Representative has the right to be accompanied by an advisor. In case of dispute or doubt with regard to whether a person is a Representative or entitled to vote, the Chairperson will decide who may attend the Bondholders' Meeting and exercise voting rights.
- (i) Representatives of the Issuer have the right to attend the Bondholders' Meeting. The Bondholders Meeting may resolve to exclude the Issuer's representatives and/or any person holding only Issuer's Bonds (or any representative of such person) from

participating in the meeting at certain times, however, the Issuer's representative and any such other person shall have the right to be present during the voting.

- (j) Minutes of the Bondholders' Meeting must be recorded by, or by someone acting at the instruction of, the Chairperson. The minutes must state the number of Voting Bonds represented at the Bondholders' Meeting, the resolutions passed at the meeting, and the results of the vote on the matters to be decided at the Bondholders' Meeting. The minutes shall be signed by the Chairperson and at least one other person. The minutes will be deposited with the Bond Trustee who shall make available a copy to the Bondholders and the Issuer upon request.
- (k) The Bond Trustee will ensure that the Issuer, the Bondholders and the Exchange are notified of resolutions passed at the Bondholders' Meeting and that the resolutions are published on the website of the Bond Trustee (or other relevant electronically platform or press release).
- (1) The Issuer shall bear the costs and expenses incurred in connection with convening a Bondholders' Meeting regardless of who has convened the Bondholders' Meeting, including any reasonable costs and fees incurred by the Bond Trustee.

# 15.3 Voting rules

- (a) Each Bondholder (or person acting for a Bondholder under a power of attorney) may cast one vote for each Voting Bond owned on the Relevant Record Date, ref. Clause 3.3 (*Bondholders' rights*). The Chairperson may, in its sole discretion, decide on accepted evidence of ownership of Voting Bonds.
- (b) Issuer's Bonds shall not carry any voting rights. The Chairperson shall determine any question concerning whether any Bonds will be considered Issuer's Bonds.
- (c) For the purposes of this Clause 15 (Bondholders' decisions), a Bondholder that has a Bond registered in the name of a nominee will, in accordance with Clause 3.3 (Bondholders' rights), be deemed to be the owner of the Bond rather than the nominee. No vote may be cast by any nominee if the Bondholder has presented relevant evidence to the Bond Trustee pursuant to Clause 3.3 (Bondholders' rights) stating that it is the owner of the Bonds voted for. If the Bondholder has voted directly for any of its nominee registered Bonds, the Bondholder's votes shall take precedence over votes submitted by the nominee for the same Bonds.
- (d) Any of the Issuer, the Bond Trustee and any Bondholder has the right to demand a vote by ballot. In case of parity of votes, the Chairperson will have the deciding vote.

#### 15.4 Repeated Bondholders' Meeting

(a) Even if the necessary quorum set out in paragraph (e) of Clause 15.1 (Authority of the Bondholders' Meeting) is not achieved, the Bondholders' Meeting shall be held and voting completed for the purpose of recording the voting results in the minutes of the Bondholders' Meeting. The Bond Trustee or the person who convened the initial Bondholders' Meeting may, within 10 Business Days of that Bondholders' Meeting, convene a repeated meeting with the same agenda as the first meeting.

- (b) The provisions and procedures regarding Bondholders' Meetings as set out in Clause 15.1 (Authority of the Bondholders' Meeting), Clause 15.2 (Procedure for arranging a Bondholders' Meeting) and Clause 15.3 (Voting rules) shall apply mutatis mutandis to a repeated Bondholders' Meeting, with the exception that the quorum requirements set out in paragraph (d) of Clause 15.1 (Authority of the Bondholders' Meeting) shall not apply to a repeated Bondholders' Meeting. A Summons for a repeated Bondholders' Meeting shall also contain the voting results obtained in the initial Bondholders' Meeting.
- (c) A repeated Bondholders' Meeting may only be convened once for each original Bondholders' Meeting. A repeated Bondholders' Meeting may be convened pursuant to the procedures of a Written Resolution in accordance with Clause 15.5 (Written Resolutions), even if the initial meeting was held pursuant to the procedures of a Bondholders' Meeting in accordance with Clause 15.2 (Procedure for arranging a Bondholders' Meeting) and vice versa.

#### 15.5 Written Resolutions

- (a) Subject to these Bond Terms, anything which may be resolved by the Bondholders in a Bondholders' Meeting pursuant to Clause 15.1 (*Authority of the Bondholders' Meeting*) may also be resolved by way of a Written Resolution. A Written Resolution passed with the relevant majority is as valid as if it had been passed by the Bondholders in a Bondholders' Meeting, and any reference in any Finance Document to a Bondholders' Meeting shall be construed accordingly.
- (b) The person requesting a Bondholders' Meeting may instead request that the relevant matters are to be resolved by Written Resolution only, unless the Bond Trustee decides otherwise.
- (c) The Summons for the Written Resolution shall be sent to the Bondholders registered in the CSD at the time the Summons is sent from the CSD and published at the Bond Trustee's web site, or other relevant electronic platform or via press release.
- (d) The provisions set out in Clause 15.1 (Authority of the Bondholders' Meeting), 15.2 (Procedure for arranging a Bondholder's Meeting), Clause 15.3 (Voting Rules) and Clause 15.4 (Repeated Bondholders' Meeting) shall apply mutatis mutandis to a Written Resolution, except that:
  - (i) the provisions set out in paragraphs (g), (h) and (i) of Clause 15.2 (*Procedure for arranging Bondholders Meetings*); or
  - (ii) provisions which are otherwise in conflict with the requirements of this Clause 15.5 (*Written Resolution*),

shall not apply to a Written Resolution.

- (e) The Summons for a Written Resolution shall include:
  - (i) instructions as to how to vote to each separate item in the Summons (including instructions as to how voting can be done electronically if relevant); and

- (ii) the time limit within which the Bond Trustee must have received all votes necessary in order for the Written Resolution to be passed with the requisite majority (the "Voting Period"), which shall be at least 10 Business Days but not more than 15 Business Days from the date of the Summons.
- (f) Only Bondholders of Voting Bonds registered with the CSD on the Relevant Record Date, or the beneficial owner thereof having presented relevant evidence to the Bond Trustee pursuant to Clause 3.3 (*Bondholders' rights*), will be counted in the Written Resolution.
- (g) A Written Resolution is passed when the requisite majority set out in paragraph (e) or paragraph (f) of Clause 15.1 (*Authority of Bondholders' Meeting*) has been obtained, based on a quorum of the total number of Voting Bonds, even if the Voting Period has not yet expired. A Written Resolution will also be resolved if the sufficient numbers of negative votes are received prior to the expiry of the Voting Period.
- (h) The effective date of a Written Resolution passed prior to the expiry of the Voting Period is the date when the resolution is approved by the last Bondholder that results in the necessary voting majority being obtained.
- (i) If no resolution is passed prior to the expiry of the Voting Period, the number of votes shall be calculated at the close of business on the last day of the Voting Period, and a decision will be made based on the quorum and majority requirements set out in paragraphs (e) to (g) of Clause 15.1 (*Authority of Bondholders' Meeting*).

# 16. THE BOND TRUSTEE

#### **16.1 Power to represent the Bondholders**

- (a) The Bond Trustee has power and authority to act on behalf of, and/or represent, the Bondholders in all matters, including but not limited to taking any legal or other action, including enforcement of these Bond Terms, and the commencement of bankruptcy or other insolvency proceedings against the Issuer, or others.
- (b) The Issuer shall promptly upon request provide the Bond Trustee with any such documents, information and other assistance (in form and substance satisfactory to the Bond Trustee), that the Bond Trustee deems necessary for the purpose of exercising its and the Bondholders' rights and/or carrying out its duties under the Finance Documents.

# 16.2 The duties and authority of the Bond Trustee

- (a) The Bond Trustee shall represent the Bondholders in accordance with the Finance Documents, including, inter alia, by following up on the delivery of any Compliance Certificates and such other documents which the Issuer is obliged to disclose or deliver to the Bond Trustee pursuant to the Finance Documents and, when relevant, in relation to accelerating and enforcing the Bonds on behalf of the Bondholders.
- (b) The Bond Trustee is not obligated to assess or monitor the financial condition of the Issuer unless to the extent expressly set out in these Bond Terms, or to take any steps to ascertain whether any Event of Default has occurred. Until it has actual knowledge to the contrary, the Bond Trustee is entitled to assume that no Event of Default has

occurred. The Bond Trustee is not responsible for the valid execution or enforceability of the Finance Documents, or for any discrepancy between the indicative terms and conditions described in any marketing material presented to the Bondholders prior to issuance of the Bonds and the provisions of these Bond Terms.

- (c) The Bond Trustee is entitled to take such steps that it, in its sole discretion, considers necessary or advisable to protect the rights of the Bondholders in all matters pursuant to the terms of the Finance Documents. The Bond Trustee may submit any instructions received by it from the Bondholders to a Bondholders' Meeting before the Bond Trustee takes any action pursuant to the instruction.
- (d) The Bond Trustee is entitled to engage external experts when carrying out its duties under the Finance Documents.
- (e) The Bond Trustee shall hold all amounts recovered on behalf of the Bondholders on separated accounts.
- (f) The Bond Trustee will ensure that resolutions passed at the Bondholders' Meeting are properly implemented, provided, however, that the Bond Trustee may refuse to implement resolutions that may be in conflict with these Bond Terms, any other Finance Document, or any applicable law.
- (g) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Finance Documents to the contrary, the Bond Trustee is not obliged to do or omit to do anything if it would or might in its reasonable opinion constitute a breach of any law or regulation.
- (h) If the cost, loss or liability which the Bond Trustee may incur (including reasonable fees payable to the Bond Trustee itself) in:
  - (i) complying with instructions of the Bondholders; or
  - (ii) taking any action at its own initiative,

will not, in the reasonable opinion of the Bond Trustee, be covered by the Issuer or the relevant Bondholders pursuant to paragraphs (e) and (g) of Clause 16.4 (*Expenses, liability and indemnity*), the Bond Trustee may refrain from acting in accordance with such instructions, or refrain from taking such action, until it has received such funding or indemnities (or adequate security has been provided therefore) as it may reasonably require.

- (i) The Bond Trustee shall give a notice to the Bondholders before it ceases to perform its obligations under the Finance Documents by reason of the non-payment by the Issuer of any fee or indemnity due to the Bond Trustee under the Finance Documents.
- (j) The Bond Trustee may instruct the CSD to split the Bonds to a lower nominal value in order to facilitate partial redemptions, write downs or restructurings of the Bonds or in other situations where such split is deemed necessary.

# 16.3 Equality and conflicts of interest

- (a) The Bond Trustee shall not make decisions which will give certain Bondholders an unreasonable advantage at the expense of other Bondholders. The Bond Trustee shall, when acting pursuant to the Finance Documents, act with regard only to the interests of the Bondholders and shall not be required to have regard to the interests or to act upon or comply with any direction or request of any other person, other than as explicitly stated in the Finance Documents.
- (b) The Bond Trustee may act as agent, trustee, representative and/or security agent for several bond issues relating to the Issuer notwithstanding potential conflicts of interest. The Bond Trustee is entitled to delegate its duties to other professional parties.

#### 16.4 Expenses, liability and indemnity

- (a) The Bond Trustee will not be liable to the Bondholders for damage or loss caused by any action taken or omitted by it under or in connection with any Finance Document, unless directly caused by its gross negligence or wilful misconduct. The Bond Trustee shall not be responsible for any indirect or consequential loss. Irrespective of the foregoing, the Bond Trustee shall have no liability to the Bondholders for damage caused by the Bond Trustee acting in accordance with instructions given by the Bondholders in accordance with these Bond Terms.
- (b) The Bond Trustee will not be liable to the Issuer for damage or loss caused by any action taken or omitted by it under or in connection with any Finance Document, unless caused by its gross negligence or wilful misconduct. The Bond Trustee shall not be responsible for any indirect or consequential loss.
- (c) Any liability for the Bond Trustee for damage or loss is limited to the amount of the Outstanding Bonds. The Bond Trustee is not liable for the content of information provided to the Bondholders by or on behalf of the Issuer or any other person.
- (d) The Bond Trustee shall not be considered to have acted negligently in:
  - (i) acting in accordance with advice from or opinions of reputable external experts; or
  - (ii) taking, delaying or omitting any action if acting with reasonable care and provided the Bond Trustee considers that such action is in the interests of the Bondholders.
- (e) The Issuer is liable for, and will indemnify the Bond Trustee fully in respect of, all losses, expenses and liabilities incurred by the Bond Trustee as a result of negligence by the Issuer (including its directors, management, officers, employees and agents) in connection with the performance of the Bond Trustee's obligations under the Finance Documents, including losses incurred by the Bond Trustee as a result of the Bond Trustee's actions based on misrepresentations made by the Issuer in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, the entering into or performance under the Finance Documents, and for as long as any amounts are outstanding under or pursuant to the Finance Documents.

- (f) The Issuer shall cover all costs and expenses incurred by the Bond Trustee in connection with it fulfilling its obligations under the Finance Documents. The Bond Trustee is entitled to fees for its work and to be indemnified for costs, losses and liabilities on the terms set out in the Finance Documents. The Bond Trustee's obligations under the Finance Documents are conditioned upon the due payment of such fees and indemnifications. The fees of the Bond Trustee will be further set out in the Bond Trustee Fee Agreement.
- (g) The Issuer shall on demand by the Bond Trustee pay all costs incurred for external experts engaged after the occurrence of an Event of Default, or for the purpose of investigating or considering (i) an event or circumstance which the Bond Trustee reasonably believes is or may lead to an Event of Default or (ii) a matter relating to the Issuer or any of the Finance Documents which the Bond Trustee reasonably believes may constitute or lead to a breach of any of the Finance Documents or otherwise be detrimental to the interests of the Bondholders under the Finance Documents.
- (h) Fees, costs and expenses payable to the Bond Trustee which are not reimbursed in any other way due to an Event of Default, the Issuer being Insolvent or similar circumstances pertaining to the Issuer, may be covered by making an equal reduction in the proceeds to the Bondholders hereunder of any costs and expenses incurred by the Bond Trustee in connection therewith. The Bond Trustee may withhold funds from any escrow account (or similar arrangement) or from other funds received from the Issuer or any other person, and to set-off and cover any such costs and expenses from those funds.
- (i) As a condition to effecting any instruction from the Bondholders (including, but not limited to, instructions set out in Clause 14.3 (*Bondholders' instructions*) or Clause 15.2 (*Procedure for arranging a Bondholders' Meeting*)), the Bond Trustee may require satisfactory Security, guarantees and/or indemnities for any possible liability and anticipated costs and expenses from those Bondholders who have given that instruction and/or who voted in favour of the decision to instruct the Bond Trustee.

# 16.5 Replacement of the Bond Trustee

- (a) The Bond Trustee may be replaced by a majority of 2/3 of Voting Bonds in accordance with the procedures set out in Clause 15 (*Bondholders' Decisions*), and the Bondholders may resolve to replace the Bond Trustee without the Issuer's approval.
- (b) The Bond Trustee may resign by giving notice to the Issuer and the Bondholders, in which case a successor Bond Trustee shall be elected pursuant to this Clause 16.5 (*Replacement of the Bond Trustee*), initiated by the retiring Bond Trustee.
- (c) If the Bond Trustee is Insolvent, or otherwise is permanently unable to fulfil its obligations under these Bond Terms, the Bond Trustee shall be deemed to have resigned and a successor Bond Trustee shall be appointed in accordance with this Clause 16.5 (*Replacement of the Bond Trustee*). The Issuer may appoint a temporary Bond Trustee until a new Bond Trustee is elected in accordance with paragraph (a) above.
- (d) The change of Bond Trustee shall only take effect upon execution of all necessary actions to effectively substitute the retiring Bond Trustee, and the retiring Bond Trustee

undertakes to co-operate in all reasonable manners without delay to such effect. The retiring Bond Trustee shall be discharged from any further obligation in respect of the Finance Documents from the change takes effect, but shall remain liable under the Finance Documents in respect of any action which it took or failed to take whilst acting as Bond Trustee. The retiring Bond Trustee remains entitled to any benefits and any unpaid fees or expenses under the Finance Documents before the change has taken place.

(e) Upon change of Bond Trustee, the Issuer shall co-operate in all reasonable manners without delay to replace the retiring Bond Trustee with the successor Bond Trustee and release the retiring Bond Trustee from any future obligations under the Finance Documents and any other documents.

#### 17. AMENDMENTS AND WAIVERS

#### 17.1 Procedure for amendments and waivers

The Issuer and the Bond Trustee (acting on behalf of the Bondholders) may agree to amend the Finance Documents or waive a past default or anticipated failure to comply with any provision in a Finance Document, provided that:

- such amendment or waiver is not detrimental to the rights and benefits of the Bondholders in any material respect, or is made solely for the purpose of rectifying obvious errors and mistakes;
- (ii) such amendment or waiver is required by applicable law, a court ruling or a decision by a relevant authority; or
- (iii) such amendment or waiver has been duly approved by the Bondholders in accordance with Clause 15 (*Bondholders' Decisions*).

#### 17.2 Authority with respect to documentation

If the Bondholders have resolved the substance of an amendment to any Finance Document, without resolving on the specific or final form of such amendment, the Bond Trustee shall be considered authorised to draft, approve and/or finalise (as applicable) any required documentation or any outstanding matters in such documentation without any further approvals or involvement from the Bondholders being required.

#### 17.3 Notification of amendments or waivers

- (a) The Bond Trustee shall as soon as possible notify the Bondholders of any amendments or waivers made in accordance with this Clause 17 (*Amendments and waivers*), setting out the date from which the amendment or waiver will be effective, unless such notice according to the Bond Trustee's sole discretion is unnecessary. The Issuer shall ensure that any amendment to these Bond Terms is duly registered with the CSD.
- (b) Prior to agreeing to an amendment or granting a waiver in accordance with Clause 17.1 (*Procedure for amendments and waivers*), the Bond Trustee may inform the Bondholders of such waiver or amendment at a relevant information platform.

# **18. MISCELLANEOUS**

# **18.1** Limitation of claims

All claims under the Finance Documents for payment, including interest and principal, will be subject to the legislation regarding time-bar provisions of the Relevant Jurisdiction.

# 18.2 Access to information

- (a) These Bond Terms will be made available to the public and copies may be obtained from the Bond Trustee or the Issuer. The Bond Trustee will not have any obligation to distribute any other information to the Bondholders or any other person, and the Bondholders have no right to obtain information from the Bond Trustee, other than as explicitly stated in these Bond Terms or pursuant to statutory provisions of law.
- (b) In order to carry out its functions and obligations under these Bond Terms, the Bond Trustee will have access to the relevant information regarding ownership of the Bonds, as recorded and regulated with the CSD.
- (c) The information referred to in paragraph (b) above may only be used for the purposes of carrying out their duties and exercising their rights in accordance with the Finance Documents and shall not disclose such information to any Bondholder or third party unless necessary for such purposes.

# **18.3** Notices, contact information

Written notices to the Bondholders made by the Bond Trustee will be sent to the Bondholders via the CSD with a copy to the Issuer and the Exchange (if the Bonds are listed). Any such notice or communication will be deemed to be given or made via the CSD, when sent from the CSD.

- (a) The Issuer's written notifications to the Bondholders will be sent to the Bondholders via the Bond Trustee or through the CSD with a copy to the Bond Trustee and the Exchange (if the Bonds are listed).
- (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) above and provided that such written notification does not require the Bondholders to take any action under the Finance Documents, the Issuer's written notifications to the Bondholders may be published by the Bond Trustee on a relevant information platform only.
- (c) Unless otherwise specifically provided, all notices or other communications under or in connection with these Bond Terms between the Bond Trustee and the Issuer will be given or made in writing, by letter, e-mail or fax. Any such notice or communication will be deemed to be given or made as follows:
  - (i) if by letter, when delivered at the address of the relevant party;
  - (ii) if by e-mail, when received;
  - (iii) if by fax, when received; and
  - (iv) if by publication on a relevant information platform, when published.

- (d) The Issuer and the Bond Trustee shall each ensure that the other party is kept informed of changes in postal address, e-mail address, telephone and fax numbers and contact persons.
- (e) When determining deadlines set out in these Bond Terms, the following will apply (unless otherwise stated):
  - (i) if the deadline is set out in days, the first day of the relevant period will not be included and the last day of the relevant period will be included;
  - (ii) if the deadline is set out in weeks, months or years, the deadline will end on the day in the last week or the last month which, according to its name or number, corresponds to the first day the deadline is in force. If such day is not a part of an actual month, the deadline will be the last day of such month; and
  - (iii) if a deadline ends on a day which is not a Business Day, the deadline is postponed to the next Business Day.

# 18.4 Defeasance

- (a) Subject to paragraph (b) below and provided that:
  - (i) an amount sufficient for the payment of principal and interest on the Outstanding Bonds to the relevant Repayment Date (including, to the extent applicable, any premium payable upon exercise of a Call Option), and always subject to paragraph
     (c) below (the "Defeasance Amount") is credited by the Issuer to an account in a financial institution acceptable to the Bond Trustee (the "Defeasance Account");
  - (ii) the Defeasance Account is irrevocably pledged and blocked in favour of the Bond Trustee on such terms as the Bond Trustee shall request (the "Defeasance Pledge"); and
  - (iii) the Bond Trustee has received such legal opinions and statements reasonably required by it, including (but not necessarily limited to) with respect to the validity and enforceability of the Defeasance Pledge, then the Issuer will be relieved from its obligations under paragraph (a) of Clause 12.2 (*Requirements as to Financial Reports*), Clause 12.3 (*Put Option Event*), Clause 12.5 (*Information: Miscellaneous*) and Clause 13 (*General and financial undertakings*).
- (b) The Bond Trustee shall be authorised to apply any amount credited to the Defeasance Account towards any amount payable by the Issuer under any Finance Document on the due date for the relevant payment until all obligations of the Issuer and all amounts outstanding under the Finance Documents are repaid and discharged in full.
- (c) The Bond Trustee may, if the Defeasance Amount cannot be finally and conclusively determined, decide the amount to be deposited to the Defeasance Account in its discretion, applying such buffer amount as it deems necessary.

A defeasance established according to this Clause 18.4 (Defeasance) may not be reversed.

# **19. GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION**

# 19.1 Governing law

These Bond Terms are governed by the laws of the Relevant Jurisdiction, without regard to its conflict of law provisions.

# **19.2** Main jurisdiction

The Bond Trustee and the Issuer agree for the benefit of the Bond Trustee and the Bondholders that the City Court of the capital of the Relevant Jurisdiction shall have jurisdiction with respect to any dispute arising out of or in connection with these Bond Terms. The Issuer agrees for the benefit of the Bond Trustee and the Bondholders that any legal action or proceedings arising out of or in connection with these Bond Terms against the Issuer or any of its assets may be brought in such court.

# **19.3** Alternative jurisdiction

Clause 19 (*Governing law and jurisdiction*) is for the exclusive benefit of the Bond Trustee and the Bondholders and the Bond Trustee have the right:

- (a) to commence proceedings against the Issuer or any of its assets in any court in any jurisdiction; and
- (b) to commence such proceedings, including enforcement proceedings, in any competent jurisdiction concurrently.

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These Bond Terms have been executed in two originals, of which the Issuer and the Bond Trustee shall retain one each.

# SIGNATURES:

The Issuer:	As Bond Trustee:
AXACTOR SE	NORDIC TRUSTEE AS
Johnny Tsolis	
By: Johnny Tsolis	By:
Position: CEO	Position:

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By:	By: Lars Erik Lærum
Position:	Position: Authorised signatory

# ATTACHMENT 1 COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE

[date]

# Axactor SE FRN bonds 2021/2026 ISIN NO0011093718

We refer to the Bond Terms for the above captioned Bonds made between Nordic Trustee AS as Bond Trustee on behalf of the Bondholders and the undersigned as Issuer. Pursuant to Clause 12.2 (*Requirements as to Financial Reports*) of the Bond Terms a Compliance Certificate shall be issued in connection with each delivery of Financial Reports to the Bond Trustee.

This letter constitutes the Compliance Certificate for the period [•].

Capitalised terms used herein will have the same meaning as in the Bond Terms.

With reference to Clause 12.2 (*Requirements as to Financial Reports*), we hereby certify that all information delivered under cover of this Compliance Certificate is true and accurate and there has been no material adverse change to the financial condition of the Issuer since the date of the last accounts or the last Compliance Certificate submitted to you. Copies of our latest consolidated [Annual Financial Statements] / [Interim Accounts] are enclosed.

[The Financial Covenants set out in Clause 13 (*Financial Covenants*) are met, please see the calculations and figures in respect of the ratios attached hereto.]

We confirm that, to the best of our knowledge, no Event of Default has occurred or is likely to occur.

Yours faithfully, **Axactor SE** 

Name of authorised person

Enclosure: Annual Financial Statements / Interim Accounts; [and any other written documentation]