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22 August 2018

### **All-Cash Offer**

**for**

**Phaunos Timber Fund Limited ("Phaunos")**

**by**

**Mahogany Bidco Limited ("Stafford Bidco")  
a company ultimately controlled by  
Stafford Capital Partners Limited ("Stafford")**

### **Extension of the Offer**

#### **Introduction**

On 3 July 2018, Stafford Bidco, a company wholly-owned by Stafford International Timberland Fund VIII and ultimately controlled by Stafford, announced an all-cash offer for Phaunos by Stafford Bidco, on behalf of Stafford International Timberland Fund VIII, pursuant to which Stafford Bidco would acquire the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Phaunos not already directly or indirectly owned by it or its concert parties (the "**Offer**").

The full terms and conditions of the Offer and the procedures for acceptance were set out in the offer document posted to Phaunos Shareholders on 31 July 2018 (the "**Offer Document**").

Unless otherwise stated, defined terms used but not defined in this announcement have the meanings set out in the Offer Document.

#### **Extension of the Offer**

The Offer, which remains subject to the terms and conditions set out in the Offer Document, is being extended and will remain open for acceptance until the next closing date, which will be **1.00 p.m. (London Time) on 5 September 2018**.

Should there be any further extension of the Offer, this will be publicly announced by 8.00 a.m. (London Time) on the Business Day following the day on which the Offer is otherwise due to expire, or such later time as the Panel may agree.

Phaunos Shareholders who have not yet accepted the Offer and who wish to do so should take action to accept the Offer as soon as possible. Details of the procedure for doing so are set out below and in the Offer Document.

### Procedures for acceptance of the Offer

To accept the Offer in respect of Phaunos Shares held in certificated form (that is, not in CREST), you should complete and return the Form of Acceptance so as to be received **by no later than 1.00 p.m. (London time) on 5 September 2018** in accordance with the procedure set out in the Form of Acceptance and Section C of Part II of the Offer Document.

To accept the Offer in respect of Phaunos Shares held in uncertificated form (that is, in CREST), you should ensure that an Electronic Acceptance is made by you or on your behalf and that settlement occurs **by no later than 1.00 p.m. (London time) on 5 September 2018** in accordance with the procedure set out in Section D of Part II of the Offer Document. If you are a CREST-sponsored member, you should refer to your CREST sponsor as only your CREST sponsor will be able to send the necessary TTE instruction(s) to Euroclear.

The Offer Document and a specimen Form of Acceptance are available on Stafford's website at [www.staffordcp.com](http://www.staffordcp.com).

Further copies of the Offer Document and the Form of Acceptance may be obtained by contacting the Receiving Agent, Computershare, on 0370 707 1011 (from within the UK) or on +44 370 707 1011 (if calling from outside the UK). Lines are open 8.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. (London time) Monday to Friday (excluding UK public holidays). Calls may be recorded and randomly monitored for security and training purposes. The helpline cannot provide advice on the merits of the Offer nor give any financial, legal or tax advice. If requested, copies will be provided, free of charge, within two business days of the request.

### Level of acceptances

As at 1.00 p.m. (London time) on 21 August 2018, being the First Closing Date, Stafford Bidco had received valid acceptances in respect of a total of 70,819,745 Phaunos Shares, representing, in aggregate, approximately 14.21 per cent. of the issued share capital of Phaunos, which Stafford Bidco may count towards the satisfaction of the Acceptance Condition. So far as Stafford Bidco is aware, of these acceptances, acceptances have been received in respect of a total of 23,223 Phaunos Shares, representing less than 0.1 per cent. of the issued share capital of Phaunos, from persons acting in concert with Stafford Bidco.

This figure does not include the 758,234 Phaunos Shares, representing approximately 0.15 per cent. of the issued share capital of Phaunos, held by Stafford, which will also count towards the satisfaction of the Acceptance Condition.

Therefore, the total number of Phaunos Shares which Stafford Bidco may count towards the satisfaction of the Acceptance Condition is 71,577,709 Phaunos Shares, representing, in aggregate, approximately 14.36 per cent. of the issued share capital of Phaunos.

The percentages of Phaunos Shares referred to in this announcement are based upon the figure of 498,360,117 Phaunos Shares in issue as at 10 August 2018 as published by Phaunos on 14 August 2018.

### Interests in relevant securities

As at the close of business on 21 August 2018 (the latest practicable date prior to the publication of this announcement), the following persons acting in concert with Stafford Bidco had an interest in, a right to subscribe in respect of, or a short position in relation to certain Phaunos relevant securities. The nature of the interests or rights concerned and number of Phaunos relevant securities to which these apply are listed below.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Nature of interest or rights concerned</i>	<i>Number of Phaunos Shares</i>
Stafford Capital Partners Limited	Beneficial Owner	758,234
Stephen Westwood <sup>1</sup>	Beneficial Owner	23,223

Save as disclosed above, as at the close of business of 21 August 2018 (the latest practicable date prior to the publication of this announcement), none of Stafford Bidco or Stafford, nor any of the Stafford Bidco Directors or the Stafford Directors (including, in each case, members of their immediate families, close relatives and related trusts), nor any person acting, or deemed to be acting, in concert with Stafford Bidco or Stafford (within the meaning of the Code) had:

- (a) any interest in, or right to subscribe for, relevant Phaunos securities;
- (b) any short position in respect of relevant Phaunos securities (whether conditional or absolute and whether in the money or otherwise), including any short position under a derivative, any agreement to sell or any delivery obligation or right to require another person to purchase or take delivery of, relevant securities of Phaunos;
- (c) procured an irrevocable commitment to accept the terms of the Offer in respect of relevant Phaunos securities; or
- (d) borrowed or lent any relevant securities of Phaunos (including, for these purposes, any financial collateral arrangements of the kind referred to in Note 4 on Rule 4.6 of the Code) save for any borrowed relevant securities which have been either on-lent or sold.

<sup>1</sup> Stephen Westwood is a director of CES Investments Limited which is an authorised representative of Lancea LLP, the financial adviser to Stafford and Stafford Bidco in connection with the Offer

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#### **Important notice**

Lancea LLP, which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority in the United Kingdom, is acting exclusively for Stafford and Stafford Bidco and for no one else in connection with the Offer and will not be responsible to anyone other than Stafford and Stafford Bidco for providing the protections afforded to its clients or for providing advice in connection with the Offer.

This announcement is for information purposes only and is not intended to and does not constitute, or form part of, an offer, invitation or the solicitation of an offer to purchase, otherwise acquire, subscribe for, sell or otherwise dispose of any securities, or the solicitation of any vote or approval in any jurisdiction, pursuant to the Offer or otherwise, nor shall there be any sale, issuance or transfer of securities of Phaunos in any jurisdiction in contravention of applicable law. The Offer is being made solely by means of the Offer Document and, in respect of Phaunos Shares held in certificated form, the Form of Acceptance, which contains the full terms and conditions of the Offer, including details of how to accept the Offer. Any approval, decision or other response to the Offer should be made only on the basis of the information in the Offer Document and, in respect of Phaunos Shares held in certificated form, the Form of Acceptance. Phaunos Shareholders are strongly advised to read the formal documentation in relation to the Offer and to consult their independent professional adviser immediately regarding any applicable tax consequences of the Offer.

#### **Cautionary notes regarding forward-looking statements**

This announcement, oral statements made regarding the Offer, and other information published by Stafford contain statements which are, or may be deemed to be, "forward-looking statements". Forward-looking statements are prospective in nature and are not based on historical facts, but rather on current expectations and projections of the management of Stafford about future events, and are therefore subject to risks and uncertainties which could cause actual results to differ materially from the future results expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements.

The forward-looking statements contained in this announcement include, among others, statements relating to the potential exposure of Phaunos to market risks and statements expressing management's expectations, beliefs, estimates, forecasts, projections and assumptions.

Although Stafford believes that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, Stafford can give no assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct. By their nature, forward-looking statements involve risk and uncertainty because they relate to events and depend on circumstances that will occur in the future. There are a number of factors that could cause actual results and developments to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements should therefore be construed in the light of such factors. All forward-looking statements contained in this announcement are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary notes contained or referred to in this section, and you are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements.

Neither Stafford nor any of its associates or directors, officers or advisers, provides any representation, assurance or guarantee that the occurrence of the events expressed or implied in any forward-looking statements in this announcement will actually occur.

Other than in accordance with their legal or regulatory obligations, Stafford is under no obligation, and Stafford expressly disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

No statement in this announcement is intended as a profit forecast or profit estimate.

### **Disclosure requirements of the Code**

Under Rule 8.3(a) of the Code, any person who is interested in 1% or more of any class of relevant securities of an offeree company or of any securities exchange offeror (being any offeror other than an offeror in respect of which it has been announced that its offer is, or is likely to be, solely in cash) must make an Opening Position Disclosure following the commencement of the offer period and, if later, following the announcement in which any securities exchange offeror is first identified. An Opening Position Disclosure must contain details of the person's interests and short positions in, and rights to subscribe for, any relevant securities of each of (i) the offeree company and (ii) any securities exchange offeror(s). An Opening Position Disclosure by a person to whom Rule 8.3(a) applies must be made by no later than 3.30 pm (London time) on the 10th business day following the commencement of the offer period and, if appropriate, by no later than 3.30 pm (London time) on the 10th business day following the announcement in which any securities exchange offeror is first identified. Relevant persons who deal in the relevant securities of the offeree company or of a securities exchange offeror prior to the deadline for making an Opening Position Disclosure must instead make a Dealing Disclosure.

Under Rule 8.3(b) of the Code, any person who is, or becomes, interested in 1% or more of any class of relevant securities of the offeree company or of any securities exchange offeror must make a Dealing Disclosure if the person deals in any relevant securities of the offeree company or of any securities exchange offeror. A Dealing Disclosure must contain details of the dealing concerned and of the person's interests and short positions in, and rights to subscribe for, any relevant securities of each of (i) the offeree company and (ii) any securities exchange offeror(s), save to the extent that these details have previously been disclosed under Rule 8. A Dealing Disclosure by a person to whom Rule 8.3(b) applies must be made by no later than 3.30 pm (London time) on the business day following the date of the relevant dealing.

If two or more persons act together pursuant to an agreement or understanding, whether formal or informal, to acquire or control an interest in relevant securities of an offeree company or a securities exchange offeror, they will be deemed to be a single person for the purpose of Rule 8.3.

Opening Position Disclosures must also be made by the offeree company and by any offeror and Dealing Disclosures must also be made by the offeree company, by any offeror and by any persons acting in concert with any of them (see Rules 8.1, 8.2 and 8.4).

Details of the offeree and offeror companies in respect of whose relevant securities Opening Position Disclosures and Dealing Disclosures must be made can be found in the Disclosure Table on the Panel's website at [www.thetakeoverpanel.org.uk](http://www.thetakeoverpanel.org.uk), including details of the number of relevant securities in issue, when the offer period commenced and when any offeror was first identified. You should contact the Panel's Market Surveillance Unit on +44 (0)20 7638 0129 if you are in any doubt as to whether you are required to make an Opening Position Disclosure or a Dealing Disclosure.

### **Rule 26 disclosure**

In accordance with Rule 26 of the Code, a copy of this announcement will be available at [www.staffordcp.com](http://www.staffordcp.com) by no later than 12 noon (London time) on 23 August 2018.

The content of the website referred to in this announcement is not incorporated into and does not form part of this announcement.

#### **Availability of hard copies**

You may request a hard copy of this announcement by contacting the Receiving Agent, Computershare, on 0370 707 1011 (from within the UK) or on +44 370 707 1011 (if calling from outside the UK). You may also request that all future documents, announcements and information to be sent to you in relation to the Offer should be in hard copy form. A hard copy of this announcement will not be sent to you unless so requested.

Copies of this announcement, the Offer Document and any other document relating to the Offer may not be mailed, distributed, forwarded or otherwise transmitted or made available in, into or from any jurisdiction where this would violate applicable law (including by custodians, nominees and trustees).

#### **Information relating to Phaunos Shareholders**

Please be aware that addresses, electronic addresses and certain information provided by Phaunos Shareholders, persons with information rights and other relevant persons for the receipt of communications from Phaunos may be provided to Stafford Bidco during the Offer Period as required under Section 4 of Appendix 4 of the Code as required to comply with Rule 2.11(c) of the Code.

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