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3 June 2021

Bacanora Lithium plc

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On 6 May 2021, the Bacanora Independent Directors and Ganfeng International Trading (Shanghai) Limited ("**Ganfeng**") announced that Bacanora Lithium PLC ("**Bacanora**") and Ganfeng had entered into an agreement regarding the terms of a possible cash offer by Ganfeng for the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Bacanora, other than that which it already owns, at a price of 67.5 pence per Bacanora Share (the "**Offer Price**") (the "**Possible Offer**"). The Possible Offer remains subject to a number of pre-conditions as set out in the 6 May 2021 announcement.

Since 6 May 2021, Ganfeng has submitted its application for approvals from various Chinese authorities in respect of the Outbound Direct Investment Pre-Condition, continued to progress its due diligence exercise and scheduled a meeting of Ganfeng Holdco Shareholders for 28 June 2021 to seek approval to proceed with the Possible Offer. A circular convening the meeting, setting out the resolution to be proposed and a recommendation from the Ganfeng Board to vote in favour of the resolution, is expected to be posted to Ganfeng Holdco Shareholders shortly. If the resolution is passed, the making of the Possible Offer will remain subject to the pre-conditions referred to above, including but not limited to the satisfaction of the Outbound Direct Investment Pre-Condition, which is still expected to take a period of several months

In accordance with Rule 2.6(a) of the Code, Ganfeng was required, by not later than 5.00 pm on 3 June 2021, to either announce a firm intention to make an offer for Bacanora in accordance with Rule 2.7 of the Code or announce that it does not intend to make an offer for Bacanora, in which case the announcement will be treated as a statement to which Rule 2.8 of the Code applies.

In accordance with Rule 2.6(c) of the Code, the Bacanora Independent Directors have requested, and the Takeover Panel has consented to, an extension to this deadline until 5.00 p.m. (London time) on 1 July 2021. This revised deadline may be extended further with the consent of the Takeover Panel and at the request of the Bacanora Independent Directors, in accordance with Rule 2.6(c) of the Code.

There can be no certainty that a firm offer will be made even if the pre-conditions referred to above are satisfied or waived. This Announcement has been made with the approval of Ganfeng and a further announcement will be made in due course.

Defined terms in this announcement have the same meaning as set out in the Possible Offer announcement of 6 May 2021, unless otherwise indicated.

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Pursuant to Rule 26.1 of the Code, a copy of this Announcement and other documents in connection with the Possible Offer will, subject to certain restrictions, be available for inspection on Ganfeng's website at http://www.ganfenglithium.com/index_en.html and by Bacanora on its website at <https://www.bacanoralithium.com/investor-relations/> no later than 12 noon (London time) on the day following this Announcement. The contents of the websites referred to in this Announcement are not incorporated into, and do not form part of, this Announcement.

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