

RNS Number : 9928P  
Ganfeng Intl Trading (Shanghai) Ld  
22 October 2021

**THIS ANNOUNCEMENT IS NOT FOR RELEASE, PUBLICATION OR DISTRIBUTION, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY IN OR INTO OR FROM ANY JURISDICTION WHERE TO DO SO WOULD CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION OF THE RELEVANT LAWS OR REGULATIONS OF THAT JURISDICTION.**

**THIS ANNOUNCEMENT CONTAINS INSIDE INFORMATION FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE MARKET ABUSE REGULATION (EU) NO. 596/2014 AS IT FORMS PART OF UK DOMESTIC LAW BY VIRTUE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION (WITHDRAWAL) ACT 2018 ("MAR"). UPON THE PUBLICATION OF THIS ANNOUNCEMENT, THE INSIDE INFORMATION IS NOW CONSIDERED TO BE IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN FOR THE PURPOSES OF MAR.**

**22 October 2021**

## **RECOMMENDED CASH OFFER**

**FOR**

**BACANORA LITHIUM PLC**

**BY**

**GANFENG INTERNATIONAL TRADING (SHANGHAI) LIMITED**

**Offer timetable suspension pursuant to Rule 31.4 of the Code**

### **1 Mexican Antitrust Clearance**

On 15 September 2021, Ganfeng International Trading (Shanghai) Limited ("**Ganfeng**") announced that the offer document relating to its recommended cash offer ("**Offer**") for the entire issued and to be issued ordinary share capital of Bacanora Lithium plc ("**Bacanora**") not already owned by Ganfeng (the "**Offer Document**") had been posted to Bacanora Shareholders.

As set out in the Offer Document, the Offer is conditional upon, among other things, satisfaction or waiver of the Mexican Antitrust Clearance Condition, being either (a) the deemed unconditional approval of the Offer by the Mexican Federal Economic Competition Commission (the "**FECC**"), or (b) the issuance by the FECC of a resolution granting unconditional approval of the Offer. The Mexican Antitrust Clearance Condition relates to an official authorisation or regulatory clearance for the purposes of the Code.

As at 5:00pm on 22 October 2021 (being, in relation to the Offer, the second day prior to Day 39 (the "**Suspension Deadline**")), the Mexican Antitrust Clearance Condition had not yet been satisfied or waived. The FECC is currently considering the matter and is in active discussions with both Ganfeng and Bacanora who are providing further information to the FECC. Ganfeng will provide an update as to likely timings for conclusion of this process in due course.

Therefore, on the basis that the Mexican Antitrust Clearance Condition was not satisfied or waived by the Suspension Deadline, Ganfeng and Bacanora have made a joint request to the Panel, pursuant to Rule 31.4(a)(i) of the Code, that the timetable for the Offer be suspended until such time as the Mexican Antitrust Clearance

Condition is satisfied or waived. Following such joint request, the Panel has today suspended the Offer timetable pursuant to Rule 31.4(a) of the Code.

Ganfeng confirms that:

- pursuant to Rule 31.4(b) of the Code, it is anticipated that the suspended timetable for the Offer will resume on the date on which the Mexican Antitrust Clearance Condition is satisfied or waived. It is further anticipated that such date will be the 28th day prior to the new Day 60; and
- pursuant to Rule 31.4(d) of the Code, following resumption of the Offer timetable in accordance with the Code, Ganfeng will make an immediate announcement confirming the new Day 60.

The Panel has further confirmed to Ganfeng that Ganfeng's obligation under Rule 17.1(a)(i) of the Code (to make announcements on every seventh day following Day 21 setting out, among other matters, the number of Bacanora Shares for which acceptances of the Offer have been received) has been suspended until such time as the Mexican Antitrust Clearance Condition is satisfied or waived and the Offer timetable has been resumed.

Each of the Conditions to the Offer (including the Mexican Antitrust Clearance Condition) must be satisfied or waived by no later than the Long Stop Date, being 11:59 p.m. on 31 December 2021, or such other date (if any) as Ganfeng may, with the consent of Bacanora or with the consent of the Panel, specify.

## 2 Action to be taken

Notwithstanding the suspension of the Offer timetable referred to in this announcement, Bacanora Shareholders who have not yet accepted the Offer are urged to do so as soon as possible in accordance with the following procedures:

- if you hold your Bacanora Shares, or any of them, in certificated form (that is, not in CREST), you should complete and return a Form of Acceptance in relation to such certificated Bacanora Shares as soon as possible; and
- if you hold your Bacanora Shares, or any of them, 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, in relation to such uncertificated Bacanora Shares as soon as possible.

Full details on how to accept the Offer are set out in the Offer Document and (if applicable) the Form of Acceptance. The Offer Document is available, subject to certain restrictions relating to persons resident in Restricted Jurisdictions, on Ganfeng's website at [www.ganfenglithium.com](http://www.ganfenglithium.com) and on Bacanora's website at [www.bacanoralithium.com/investor-relations/ganfeng/](http://www.bacanoralithium.com/investor-relations/ganfeng/).

**Any Bacanora Shareholder requiring assistance, including if further copies of the Offer Document and/or the Form of Acceptance are required, should telephone the Receiving Agent, Link Group, on 0371 664 0321 (from within the UK) or on +44 (0)371 664 0321 (from outside the UK) between 9.00 am and 5.30 pm, Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays in England and Wales. Please note that Link Group cannot provide any financial, legal or tax advice and calls may be recorded and monitored for security and training purposes.**

## 3 General

This announcement should be read in conjunction with the full text of the Offer Document.

Capitalised terms used but not defined in this announcement shall have the meanings given to them in the Offer Document.

## Enquiries

**Ganfeng International Trading (Shanghai) Limited**

Roy Zhang Tong  
Samuel Pigott

+86-02150809566-8004  
+1 416 357 4681

**Bacanora Lithium plc**

[info@bacanoralithium.com](mailto:info@bacanoralithium.com)

Peter Secker, CEO  
Janet Blas, CFO

**Peel Hunt (Financial Adviser to Bacanora)**

Tel: +44 (0)20 7418 8900

Ross Allister  
Michael Nicholson  
Oliver Jackson

**Tavistock (PR Adviser to Bacanora)**

Tel: +44 (0)207 920 3150

Jos Simson  
Nick Elwes  
Oliver Lamb

**Cairn Financial Advisers LLP (Nominated Adviser to Bacanora)**

Tel: +44 (0)20 7213 0880

Sandy Jamieson  
Liam Murray

**Teneo (Financial Adviser to Ganfeng)**

Tel: +44 (0)20 7260 2700

Chris Nicholls  
Craig Lukins  
Dom Young

*Peel Hunt, which is authorised and regulated in the United Kingdom by the Financial Conduct Authority, is acting exclusively for Bacanora and for no-one else in connection with the matters referred to in this announcement and will not be responsible to any person other than Bacanora for providing the protections afforded to clients of Peel Hunt, nor for providing advice in relation to the matters referred to herein. Neither Peel Hunt nor any of its affiliates owes or accepts any duty, liability or responsibility whatsoever (whether direct or indirect, whether in contract, in tort, under statute or otherwise) to any person who is not a client of Peel Hunt in connection with the matters referred to in this announcement, or otherwise.*

*Teneo is acting for Ganfeng and no-one else in connection with the Offer and will not be responsible to anyone other than Ganfeng for providing the protections offered to clients of Teneo or for providing advice in relation to the Offer, the contents of this announcement or any matters referred to in this announcement. Teneo is authorised and regulated in the United Kingdom by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales for a range of investment business activities. Teneo is registered in England and Wales with Company Number 13192958 and its registered office is 6 More London Place, London SE1 2DA. Teneo can be contacted at 60 St Martin's Lane, London, WC2N 4JS.*

*Teacher Stern LLP is retained as UK legal adviser to Ganfeng.*

*Gowling WLG (UK) LLP is retained as legal adviser to Bacanora.*

*Addleshaw Goddard LLP is retained as UK legal adviser to Teneo.*

**Important information**

This announcement is for information purposes only and is not intended to and does not constitute, or form part of, any offer or invitation to sell or purchase any securities, or the solicitation of any 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 Bacanora in any jurisdiction in contravention of applicable law. The Offer is being effected solely through the Offer Document which contains the full terms and conditions of the Offer. Any vote, decision in respect of, or other response to, the Offer should be made only on the basis of the information contained in the Offer Document. Each Bacanora Shareholder is urged to consult its independent professional adviser immediately regarding the tax consequences of the Offer applicable to them.

### **Overseas jurisdictions**

The release, publication or distribution of this announcement in jurisdictions other than the United Kingdom may be restricted by law and/or regulation and therefore any persons who are subject to the laws and regulations of any jurisdiction other than the United Kingdom should inform themselves about, and observe, any applicable legal or regulatory requirements. In particular, the ability of persons who are not resident in the United Kingdom to accept the Offer may be affected by the laws of the relevant jurisdictions in which they are located. Any failure to comply with the applicable requirements may constitute a violation of the laws and/or regulations of any such jurisdiction. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the companies and persons involved in the Offer disclaim any responsibility or liability for the violation of such restrictions by any person.

The availability of the Offer to persons who are not resident in the United Kingdom may be restricted by the laws and/or regulations of the relevant jurisdictions in which they are located. The Offer has not been and will not be made available, directly or indirectly, in, into or from any jurisdiction where to do so would violate the laws in that jurisdiction. Any persons who are subject to the laws and regulations of any jurisdiction other than the United Kingdom should inform themselves about, and observe, any applicable requirements. Any failure to comply with the applicable requirements may constitute a violation of the laws and/or regulations of any such jurisdiction. Further details in relation to Overseas Shareholders are contained in the Offer Document.

This announcement has been prepared pursuant to and for the purpose of complying with the laws of England and Wales, the AIM Rules, the Code and the Rules of the London Stock Exchange and the information disclosed may not be the same as that which would have been disclosed if this announcement had been prepared in accordance with the laws and/or regulations of jurisdictions outside of England and Wales.

The Offer has not been and will not be made, directly or indirectly, in or into or by use of the mails or any other means or instrumentality (including, without limitation, telephonic or electronic) of interstate or foreign commerce of, or any facility of a national, state or other securities exchange of, a Restricted Jurisdiction, and the Offer is not capable of acceptance by any such use, means, instrumentality or facility or from within a Restricted Jurisdiction. Copies of this announcement and any formal documentation relating to the Offer are not being, and must not be, directly or indirectly, mailed or otherwise forwarded, distributed or sent in or into or from any Restricted Jurisdiction or any jurisdiction where to do so would constitute a violation of the laws of such jurisdiction and persons receiving such documents (including custodians, nominees and trustees) must not mail or otherwise forward, distribute or send them in or into or from any Restricted Jurisdiction. Doing so may render invalid any related purported acceptance of the Offer.

In accordance with normal UK practice, Ganfeng or its nominees, or its brokers (acting as agents), may from time to time make certain purchases of, or arrangements to purchase, Bacanora Shares, other than pursuant to the Offer until the date on which the Offer becomes Effective, lapses or is otherwise withdrawn. These purchases may occur either in the open market at prevailing prices or in private transactions at negotiated prices. Any information about such purchases will be disclosed as required

in the UK, will be reported to a Regulatory Information Service and will be available on the London Stock Exchange website at [www.londonstockexchange.com](http://www.londonstockexchange.com).

The Offer relates to securities in a non-US company which is registered in England and Wales which is admitted to trading on the AIM market of the London Stock Exchange, and is subject to the disclosure requirements, rules and practices applicable to such companies, which differ from those of the United States in certain material respects. This document has been prepared in accordance with UK style and practice for the purpose of complying with the laws of England and Wales. The Offer is being made in the United States pursuant to Section 14(e) of, and Regulation 14E under, the US Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, subject to the exemptions provided by Rule 14d-1 thereunder, and otherwise in accordance with the requirements of the Code. Accordingly, the Offer is subject to disclosure and other procedural requirements that are different from those applicable under US domestic tender offer procedures. US Bacanora Shareholders should note that Bacanora is not listed on a US securities exchange, subject to the periodic reporting requirements of the US Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or required to, and does not, file any reports with the US Securities and Exchange Commission thereunder.

It may be difficult for US Bacanora Shareholders to enforce certain rights and claims arising in connection with the Offer under US federal securities laws since Bacanora is located outside the United States and its officers and directors reside outside the United States. It may not be possible to sue a non-US company or its officers or directors in a non-US court for violations of US securities laws. It also may not be possible to compel a non-US company or its affiliates to subject themselves to a US court's judgment. You should be aware that Ganfeng may purchase securities otherwise than under the Offer, such as in open market or privately negotiated purchases.

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

Under Rule 8.3(a) of the Code, any person who is interested in one per cent. 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 p.m. (London time) on the 10th business day following the commencement of the offer period and, if appropriate, by no later than 3.30 p.m. (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 one per cent. 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 p.m. (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.

### **Publication on website**

Pursuant to Rule 26.1 of the Code, a copy of this announcement and other documents in connection with the Offer will, subject to certain restrictions, be available for inspection on Ganfeng's website at [www.ganfenglithium.com](http://www.ganfenglithium.com) and on Bacanora's website at [www.bacanolithium.com/investor-relations/ganfeng/](http://www.bacanolithium.com/investor-relations/ganfeng/) no later than 12 noon on the business 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.

### **Requesting hard copy documents**

Pursuant to Rule 30.3 of the Code, a person so entitled may request a copy of this announcement and any information incorporated into it by reference to another source in hard copy form. A person may also request that all future documents, announcements and information to be sent to that person in relation to the Offer should be in hard copy form. For persons who receive a copy of this announcement in electronic form or via a website notification, a hard copy of this announcement will not be sent unless so requested from Bacanora's registrars, Link Group, between 9.00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday to Friday (except U.K. public holidays) on +44 (0) 371 664 0321 or by submitting a request in writing to Link Group, 10th Floor, Central Square, 29 Wellington Street, Leeds, LS1 4DL, United Kingdom. Calls are charged at the standard geographical rate and will vary by provider. Calls outside the United Kingdom will be charged at the applicable international rate. Please note that Link Group cannot provide any financial, legal or tax advice and calls may be recorded and monitored for security and training purposes.

### **Information relating to Bacanora Shareholders**

Please be aware that addresses, electronic addresses and certain other information provided by Bacanora Shareholders and other relevant persons for the receipt of communications from Bacanora may be provided to Ganfeng during the Offer Period as required under Section 4 of Appendix 4 of the Code.

### **Time**

All times shown in this announcement are to the local time in London, United Kingdom, unless otherwise stated.

This information is provided by RNS, the news service of the London Stock Exchange. RNS is approved by the Financial Conduct Authority to act as a Primary Information Provider in the United Kingdom. Terms and conditions relating to the use and distribution of this information may apply. For further information, please contact [rns@lseg.com](mailto:rns@lseg.com) or visit [www.rns.com](http://www.rns.com).

RNS may use your IP address to confirm compliance with the terms and conditions, to analyse how you engage with the information contained in this communication, and to share such analysis on an anonymised basis with others as

part of our commercial services. For further information about how RNS and the London Stock Exchange use the personal data you provide us, please see our [Privacy Policy](#).

END

OUPBDBDGUIIDDGBD