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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**12 December 2024**

**Tullow Oil plc ("Tullow" or the "Company")**

**Response to media speculation**

The Board of Tullow notes the recent media speculation and confirms that it is in preliminary discussions with Kosmos Energy Ltd ("Kosmos") regarding a possible all-share offer by Kosmos for the Company.

There can be no certainty that any offer will be made, nor as to the terms on which any such offer might be made. A further announcement will be made as and when appropriate.

In accordance with Rule 2.6(a) of the Code, Kosmos is required, by not later than 5.00 p.m. (London time) on 9 January 2025, being 28 days after today's date, to either announce a firm intention to make an offer for Tullow in accordance with Rule 2.7 of the Code or announce that it does not intend to make an offer for Tullow, in which case the announcement will be treated as a statement to which Rule 2.8 of the Code applies. This deadline can be extended with the consent of the Panel on Takeovers and Mergers (the "Panel") in accordance with Rule 2.6(c) of the Code.

For the purpose of Rule 2.5(a) of the Code, this announcement is being made by Tullow without the consent of Kosmos.

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Barclays has given and not withdrawn its consent to the issue of this document with the inclusion of references to its name in the form and context in which they are included.

### **Publication on website**

In accordance with Rule 26.1 of the Code, subject to certain restrictions relating to persons resident in restricted jurisdictions, a copy of this announcement will be available at Tullow’s website ([Tulloil.com/investors](http://Tulloil.com/investors)) no later than 12 noon (London time) on 13 December 2024 (being the business day following the date of this announcement). The content of the website referred to in this announcement is not incorporated into and does not form part of this announcement.

### **Rule 2.9 information**

In accordance with Rule 2.9 of the Code, as at the close of business on 12 December 2024 (being the business day prior to the date of this announcement), Tullow confirms that it had in issue 1,458,808,163 ordinary shares (with a nominal value of 10p each) with voting rights and admitted to trading on the main market of the London Stock Exchange under the ISIN code GB0001500809. Tullow holds no ordinary shares in treasury.

## **Dealing Disclosure Requirements**

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.

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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 Takeover 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.