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### **G4S response to GardaWorld Announcement of 6 October 2020**

The Board of G4S plc (“G4S” or the “Company”) notes the announcement and presentation released by GardaWorld Security Corporation (“GardaWorld”) on 6 October 2020. G4S regards these documents as misleading and designed to serve the interests of GardaWorld and BC Partners (“BCP”) rather than the interests of G4S’s shareholders, customers, employees and pension fund members.

G4S is today a focused, industry leading global security company, with unmatched market coverage and a clear and compelling strategy. The strength of G4S is reflected in its current resilient trading performance, robust financial position and strong prospects.

The GardaWorld offer of 190 pence per share significantly undervalues G4S and its prospects. GardaWorld’s focus on legacy issues, which are now substantially resolved, and its misleading statements are designed to provide support for its opportunistic and clearly inadequate offer.

GardaWorld’s record is one of a loss-making company which has reported net losses attributable to shareholders of C\$940 million in the past three years and it lacks the geographic coverage to be a truly global company. GardaWorld clearly needs a transformative acquisition in order to realise its aspiration to be a global company and this is simply not reflected in its offer of 190 pence per share.

When assessing the value of G4S, what matters is the strength of the Company’s current position, performance and its future prospects.

#### **G4S is today a focused, industry leading global security company**

- G4S has been fundamentally repositioned as an industry leading global security company that is today delivering strong operating and financial performance
  - We have a clear and compelling strategy that is now delivering strong operating and financial performance, as evidenced by our trading performance for the first eight months of this year
  - With 93% of our revenues now derived from our secure solutions business, our strategy addresses the growing global security market and we do so from a position of great strength with an unmatched market footprint across 85 countries and six continents
  - We have a clear competitive advantage in the design, implementation and operation of integrated security solutions which combine our security professionals with risk consulting, technology and data analytics. That advantage is evident in the results that we are achieving in the world’s largest and most sophisticated security market, North America, where we delivered 10% organic revenue growth in 2019 and 6% in the first six months of this year
  - We own the industry leading software platform in retail cash solutions which we retained when we sold our conventional cash businesses
  - And our business is underpinned by a strong balance sheet reflecting management’s actions

- In addition to the **strong operating and financial performance** for the first eight months of 2020, we have continued to underpin our future performance with contract wins and retained business with an annual contract value totalling £1.4 billion for the first six months. Since then, we have continued to win major new contracts, including the £300 million UK government contract announced yesterday. This momentum provides further confidence in the Company's outlook.
- The Company is now **well placed to deliver growth, profitability and substantial free cash flow** as we execute our strategy and deliver our vision of being the world's leading global, integrated security company and the trusted partner of choice in the industry

#### **G4S Pension Schemes are well funded**

- GardaWorld's statements about the G4S pension schemes are misleading
- The UK pension schemes have been well managed by its Trustees and consistently supported by G4S
- The UK pension schemes had assets of £2.4 billion, liabilities of £2.7 billion and a net deficit of £0.3 billion (at the end of 2019). The funding position of the group's pension schemes has been underpinned by responsible company contributions and a strong balance sheet reflected in G4S's investment grade credit rating
- G4S already has an agreed funding plan with the Trustees
- GardaWorld is yet to publish its funding plan for the G4S pension schemes and may need to contribute a larger amount given its much higher leverage and sub-investment grade status - that is an issue for GardaWorld, not G4S shareholders

#### **Reject the Offer and Take Absolutely no Action**

- The GardaWorld proposal of 190p per share was received on 1 September 2020
- As announced on 14 September 2020, after careful consideration the proposal was unanimously rejected by the Board given it significantly undervalues the Company and its prospects and is not in the interests of shareholders and other stakeholders
- The **only material new point since then**, has been the announcement of G4S' **resilient performance in the first eight months of 2020**, providing confidence in our strategy and execution
- GardaWorld's offer announced on 30 September remains unchanged at 190p per share
- The **Board, once again, unanimously rejected this offer** as it **continues to significantly undervalue the Company** when assessed across a number of measures including historic performance, trading & transaction multiples and on fundamental and intrinsic value
- As referenced in our announcement on 30 September 2020, there are a **number of important considerations** used to reach the Board's conclusion



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In accordance with Rule 26.1 of the Code, a copy of this announcement will be available at [www.G4S.com](http://www.G4S.com), by no later than 12 noon (London time) on the business day following this announcement. The content of the website referred to in this announcement is not incorporated into and does not form part of this announcement.

**APPENDIX I**  
**SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND BASES OF CALCULATION**

- i) The reference to GardaWorld's record being one of a loss-making company is sourced from GardaWorld's *"Management's Discussion and Analysis"* for the year ended 31 January 2020, in which it is stated that GardaWorld's net loss for the fiscal year ended 31 January 2020 amounted to C\$425.7 million
- ii) The reference to GardaWorld's net losses attributable to shareholders of C\$940 million in the past three years is sourced from Garda World's *"Management's Discussion and Analysis"* for the year ended 31 January 2020, and based on the following:
  - 2018 net loss attributable to shareholders of C\$178.7 million
  - 2019 net loss attributable to shareholders of C\$336.7 million
  - 2020 net loss attributable to shareholders of C\$425.7 million
- iii) The reference to 93% of G4S' revenues being derived from its secure solutions business is sourced from page 2 of G4S' results announcement for the six months to 30 June 2020
- iv) The reference to G4S operating across 85 countries and six continents is sourced from page 46 of G4S' results announcement for the six months to 30 June 2020
- v) The reference to delivery of 10% organic revenue growth in the North America security market in 2019 is sourced from page 74 of the G4S 2019 Integrated Report and Accounts
- vi) The reference to 6% organic revenue growth in the North America security market in the first six months of 2020 is sourced from page 6 of G4S' results announcement for the six months to 30 June 2020
- vii) The reference to contracts wins and retained business with an annual contract value totalling £1.4 billion for the first six months of 2020 is sourced from page 2 of G4S' results announcement for the six months to 30 June 2020
- viii) The reference to the £300 million UK government contract won by G4S is sourced from G4S' regulatory announcement published on 6 October 2020
- ix) The reference to UK pension schemes assets of £2.4 billion, liabilities of £2.7 billion and a net deficit of £0.3 billion (at the end of 2019) are all sourced from page 61 of the G4S 2019 Integrated Report and Accounts
- x) GardaWorld's reference to Covid-19 as a net positive for the security industry is sourced from GardaWorld's regulatory announcement published on 6 October 2020
- xi) The reference to GardaWorld's much higher leverage is based on:
  - GardaWorld's pro-forma leverage ratio of 5.5x as at 31 January 2020, sourced from GardaWorld's *"Management's Discussion and Analysis"* for the year ended 31 January 2020
    - Pro-forma leverage defined as net debt divided by net income, plus: provision for income taxes, finance costs, unrealised loss (gain) on derivative instruments, unrealised exchange loss (gain) on translation of long-term debt,

fair value of contingent consideration, run rate adjustment for business acquisitions and specific items

- G4S' leverage of 2.58x as at 30 June 2020, sourced from page 2 of G4S' results announcement for the six months to 30 June 2020

xii) Reference to GardaWorld's sub-investment grade status is based on:

- Fitch's current long-term issuer default rating of 'B+', affirmed on 21 April 2020
- Moody's current long-term rating of 'B3', affirmed on 24 September 2020
- S&P's current issuer credit rating of 'B', affirmed on 26 June 2020