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Dolphin Fund Limited ("Dolphin" or the "Company")

Update on possible offer for FIH Group plc ("FIH")

Dolphin notes with interest the announcement by Staunton Holdings Limited ("Staunton") on 30 March 2017 that Staunton will not increase its offer of 300p (the "Staunton Offer"). Dolphin continues to believe that the Staunton Offer undervalues FIH and would again point out that the share price of FIH has, on average, traded above the 300p offer price since announcement of the Staunton Offer. As a result Dolphin feels it should update FIH shareholders about its intentions.

Since its last announcement of 23 March 2017, Dolphin has continued to consider how best to put a possible offer to shareholders of FIH. The Independent Directors' refusal to provide any information to Dolphin about FIH clearly puts Dolphin at a disadvantage to Staunton, by virtue of its association with the Chairman of FIH, Edmund Rowland. Nevertheless Dolphin is considering making an offer at 333.3p per Ordinary Share in cash. If FIH announces, declares or pays any dividend or any other distribution to shareholders, Dolphin reserves the right to make an equivalent reduction in any offer price.

Dolphin remains determined to pursue its plans and to this end has sought to open dialogue with the Independent Directors to discuss its plans.

Dolphin continues to urge FIH shareholders not to take any action with regard to the offer by Staunton for the time being while Dolphin seeks a meeting with the Independent Directors of FIH.

Further announcements will be made, as appropriate.

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