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# Adriatic Metals PLC ('Adriatic Metals' or the 'Company')

## Statement regarding press speculation

The Board of Adriatic Metals plc ("Adriatic" or the "Company") notes the recent press speculation and confirms it is in discussions with Dundee Precious Metals Inc. ("Dundee") regarding a possible offer for the entire issued and to be issued ordinary share capital of the Company (the "Proposal").

To facilitate such discussions, Adriatic has agreed to provide Dundee with access to limited due diligence information. Discussions remain ongoing and there can be no certainty that any firm offer will be made, nor as to the terms of any such offer. Further announcements will be made in due course, as appropriate. In the meantime, the Company's shareholders are advised to take no action.

#### **STATEMENT**

In accordance with Rule 2.6(a) of the UK Takeover Code ("Code"), Dundee is now required, by not later than 5:00 pm (London time) on 17 June 2025, being 28 days after today's date, (or such later date as may be agreed by the Company and the UK Panel on Takeovers and Mergers (the "Takeover Panel") in accordance with Rule 2.6(c) of the Code), to either:

- (i) announce a firm intention to make an offer for the Company in accordance with Rule 2.7 of the Code; or
- (ii) announce that Dundee does not intend to make an offer for the Company, in which case the announcement will be treated as a statement to which Rule 2.8 of the Code applies.

This announcement is being made without the consent of Dundee.

As a consequence of this announcement, an 'offer period' has now commenced in respect of the Company in accordance with the rules of the Code and the attention of shareholders is drawn to the disclosure requirements of Rule 8 of the Code, which are summarised below.

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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, 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.

#### Rule 2.9 disclosure

In accordance with Rule 2.9 of the Code, as at the close of business on 19 May 2025 (being the business day prior to the date of this announcement), Adriatic confirms that it had in issue 345,295,293 ordinary shares of GBP 0.01 each with voting rights and admitted to trading on LSE under the ISIN code GB00BL0L5G04.