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### Statement Regarding Acquisition of Shares in John Menzies PLC

On 10 February 2022, National Aviation Services ("NAS") confirmed that it had made two proposals to John Menzies PLC ("Menzies").

On 14 February 2022, NAS announced that it had again requested information access and dialogue with Menzies' management, and that it looked forward to engaging with Menzies' shareholders in parallel.

Following discussions with a number of Menzies' shareholders, NAS announces that Agility Strategies Holding Limited, an entity under common control with and acting in concert with NAS, has today entered into contracts to purchase 12,133,893 ordinary shares in Menzies, representing approximately 13.2% of the issued share capital of Menzies, at a price of 605 pence per share.

Consequently, any firm offer for Menzies in accordance with Rule 2.7 of the Code, if made, will be at a price of not less than 605 pence per share.

An offer of 605 pence per Menzies share would, if made, represent a premium of approximately:

- 109% to Menzies' closing share price of 290 pence per share on 2 February 2022 (the date on which NAS made its second proposal to the Board of Menzies); and
- 81% to Menzies' closing share price of 335 pence per share on 8 February 2022 (the day before Menzies entered an offer period).

NAS continues to believe that the combination of the two businesses has a strong strategic and financial rationale. Menzies and NAS share highly complementary geographical footprints and product portfolios, with minimal overlap. NAS places importance on Menzies' Scottish heritage, its enviable brand, and its long-standing operational excellence across the globe. A combination with NAS would bring greater geographical diversification to Menzies, forging deeper relationships with the combined customer base.

NAS again requests the Board of Menzies to provide information access and dialogue with management.

Hassan El-Houry, NAS CEO said:

*"The acquisition of this significant stake demonstrates our seriousness and belief that a combination of Menzies and NAS offers a compelling opportunity to all stakeholders.*

*If we were to make an offer at 605 pence per share, it would represent a premium of 109% to Menzies' share price just over two weeks ago.*

*Once again we urge the Menzies board to engage with us so that we can put our compelling and deliverable offer to shareholders and secure Menzies' future in a highly uncertain environment."*

In accordance with Rule 2.6(a) of the Code, NAS must, by not later than 5.00 p.m. (London time) on 9 March 2022, either announce a firm intention to make an offer for Menzies in accordance with Rule 2.7 of the Code or announce that it does not intend to make an offer for Menzies, in which case the announcement will be treated as a statement to which Rule 2.8 of the Code applies.

This deadline will be extended only with the consent of Menzies and the Takeover Panel in accordance with Rule 2.6(c) of the Code.

A further statement will be made as appropriate.

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In accordance with the Code, normal United Kingdom market practice and Rule 14e-5(b) of the Exchange Act, Barclays and its affiliates will continue to act as exempt principal trader in Menzies securities on the London Stock Exchange. These purchases and activities by exempt principal traders which are required to be made public in the United Kingdom pursuant to the Code 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). This information will also be publicly disclosed in the United States to the extent that such information is made public in the United Kingdom.

In accordance with Rule 26.1 of the Code, a copy of this announcement will be available at [www.nas.aero](http://www.nas.aero), by no later than 12 noon (London time) on 18 February 2022. The content of the website referred to in this announcement is not incorporated into and does not form part of this announcement.

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