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**Harmony Energy Income Trust plc**

("HEIT" or the "Company")

## **Statement Regarding Offers for HEIT**

### **Introduction**

On 25 March 2025, the boards of directors of HEIT and Drax BESS Holdco Limited ("**Drax Bidco**") announced that they had reached agreement on the terms of a recommended cash acquisition, pursuant to which Drax Bidco, a wholly-owned subsidiary undertaking of Drax Group plc, would acquire the entire issued ordinary share capital of HEIT at a price of 88.0p per HEIT share (the "**Drax Bidco Offer**") to be implemented by way of a scheme of arrangement.

On 15 April 2025, HEIT and Drax Bidco announced the publication of the scheme document and shareholder meetings to approve the Drax Bidco Offer were convened for 7 May 2025.

On 16 April 2025, the boards of directors of HEIT and PP Bidco Limited (a newly formed company indirectly and wholly controlled by two funds within the portfolio of funds managed by Foresight Group LLP) ("**Foresight BidCo**"), announced that they had reached agreement on the terms of a recommended cash acquisition, pursuant to which Foresight Bidco would acquire the entire issued and to be issued ordinary share capital of HEIT at a price of 92.4p per HEIT share (the "**Foresight Bidco Offer**") to be implemented by way of a scheme of arrangement. HEIT also announced that it had withdrawn its recommendation of the Drax Bidco Offer and would be adjourning the shareholder meetings related to the Drax Bidco Offer.

On 6 May 2025, HEIT and Foresight Bidco announced the publication of the scheme document and shareholder meetings to approve the Foresight Bidco Offer were convened for 30 May 2025.

On 7 May 2025, HEIT announced the indefinite adjournment of the shareholder meetings to approve the Drax Bidco Offer.

### **Competitive situation**

On the basis that neither Drax Bidco nor Foresight Bidco have declared their offers final, such that either offer may be further increased or otherwise revised, a competitive situation continues to exist.

The Board of HEIT has engaged with the Panel Executive together with Drax Bidco and Foresight Bidco in order to agree an orderly framework for the resolution of this competitive situation (the "**Auction Procedure**").

As announced by the Panel Executive on 16 May 2025, the Auction Procedure will take place on the evening of Wednesday 21 May 2025.

Pending the outcome of the Auction Procedure, the Board of HEIT today recommends that HEIT shareholders take no action in respect of the Foresight Meetings until following completion of the Auction Procedure.

Following completion of the Auction Procedure, the Board of HEIT will make a further announcement setting out which offer it is recommending to HEIT shareholders as well as further details of the Drax Meetings and/or the Foresight Meetings (as appropriate).

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