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#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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# **Termination of Final Advent Offer for Spectris plc ("Spectris" or the "Company")**

On 23 June 2025, the boards of MI Metron UK Bidco Ltd ("Bidco") and Spectris, announced that they had reached agreement on the terms of a recommended cash acquisition by Bidco of the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Spectris (the "Acquisition") for an offer value of £37.63 per Spectris share, comprising £37.35 in cash and an interim dividend of 28 pence per Spectris share (the "Advent Offer"), to be implemented by way of a court-sanctioned scheme of arrangement under Part 26 of the Companies Act (the "Advent Announcement").

On 2 July 2025, the boards of Spectris and Project Aurora Bidco Limited, a special purpose vehicle indirectly wholly-owned by funds advised by Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. L.P. and its affiliates ("KKR Bidco"), announced that they had reached agreement on the terms of a recommended cash offer by KKR Bidco for the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Spectris for an offer value of £40.00 per Spectris share, comprising £39.72 in cash and an interim dividend of 28 pence per Spectris share (the "KKR Offer"). The Spectris board also unanimously withdrew its intention to recommend the proposed Advent Offer.

On 29 July 2025, the Company announced that a circular in relation to the scheme of arrangement to implement the KKR Offer (the "Scheme Document") had been published, setting out, amongst other things, a letter from the Chair of Spectris, an explanatory statement pursuant to section 897 of the Companies Act, the full terms and conditions of the scheme, an expected timetable of principal events, notices of the Court Meeting and the General Meeting (together the "Shareholder Meetings") and details of the actions to be taken by Spectris shareholders.

On 1 August 2025, the boards of Spectris and Bidco announced that they had reached agreement on the terms of a recommended cash offer by Bidco for the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Spectris for an offer value of £41.00 per Spectris share, comprising £40.72 in cash and an interim dividend of 28 pence per Spectris share (the "Increased Advent Offer"). The Spectris board also unanimously withdrew its recommendation of the proposed KKR Offer.

On 5 August 2025, the boards of Spectris and KKR Bidco announced that they had reached agreement on the terms of a recommended cash offer by KKR Bidco for the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Spectris for an offer value of £41.75 per Spectris share, comprising £41.47 in cash and an interim dividend of 28 pence per Spectris share (the "Increased KKR Offer"). The Spectris board also unanimously withdrew its intention to recommend the proposed Increased Advent Offer.

Bidco has confirmed to Spectris that its offer value of £41.00 per Spectris share, comprising £40.72 in cash and an interim dividend of 28 pence per Spectris share, is final and will not be increased ("the **Final Advent Offer**"). Bidco has confirmed to Spectris that it no longer wishes to proceed with the Final Advent Offer.

The Spectris board has therefore determined not to proceed with the scheme of arrangement required to implement the Final Advent Offer or to convene any Spectris shareholder meeting for the purposes

of considering the Final Advent Offer. Accordingly, the Spectris board has provided its consent to the Panel on Takeovers and Mergers (the "Panel") to release Bidco from its obligation under Rule 2.7(b) and Rule 24.1 of the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers (the "Code") to proceed with the Increased Advent Offer and Bidco has confirmed that it will not proceed with the Final Advent Offer.

As a result, the Panel has confirmed to Spectris and Bidco that:

- (i) Bidco is released from its obligation under Rule 2.7(b) and Rule 24.1 of the Code to proceed with the Final Advent Offer; and
- (ii) Bidco is subject to the restrictions set out in Rule 35.1 of the Code and is prohibited from, amongst other things, making any offer for Spectris without the consent of the Panel for a period of 12 months.

The Shareholder Meetings relating to the Increased KKR Offer will take place, as planned, on 27 August 2025. Details of the actions to be taken by Spectris shareholders in respect of the Increased KKR Offer are set out in the Scheme Document.

This announcement has been made with the consent of Bidco.

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