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PartyGaming Plc ("PartyGaming")

Response to press speculation in relation to Empire Online Limited ("Empire")

The board of PartyGaming confirms that it has made a preliminary, non-binding approach to Empire.

There can be no certainty that any agreement will be reached or that any offer will be forthcoming or as to the terms of any such offer. Any offer proposal would depend upon, in particular, PartyGaming being satisfied as to a number of material pre-conditions, including due diligence and the prospects for Empire's business.

The terms of any offer will be determined by the outcome of the due diligence process, which is ongoing.

A further announcement will be made when appropriate.

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