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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

24 April 2026

**Intertek Group plc ("Intertek")**

**Rejection of possible offer from EQT**

As previously announced, on 21 April 2026, the Board of Intertek received an unsolicited, indicative and conditional revised proposal from EQT X EUR SCSp and EQT X USD SCSp (collectively referred to as "EQT"), each represented by its manager (gérant) EQT Fund Management S.à r.l. to acquire the entire ordinary share capital of Intertek at a price of £54.00 per share in cash.

The Board of Intertek has carefully reviewed the revised proposal with its advisers and unanimously concluded that it fundamentally undervalues Intertek and its future prospects. Accordingly, the Intertek Board unanimously and unequivocally rejected the proposal on 24 April 2026.

In accordance with Rule 2.6(a) of the Code, EQT is required, by not later than 5.00 p.m. on 14 May 2026, to either announce a firm intention to make an offer for Intertek in accordance with Rule 2.7 of the Code or announce that it does not intend to make an offer, in which case the announcement will be treated as a statement to which Rule 2.8 of the Code applies. This deadline can be extended with the consent of the Panel on Takeovers and Mergers (the "Panel") in accordance with Rule 2.6(c) of the Code.

A further announcement will be made if and when appropriate.

For the purpose of Rule 2.5(a) of the Code, this announcement has been made by Intertek without the prior agreement or approval of EQT.

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Goldman Sachs International and J.P. Morgan Cazenove are acting as financial advisers to Intertek.

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Our Science-based Customer Excellence USP and the 24/7 mission critical Quality Assurance solutions we provide, ensure that our clients can operate with well-functioning supply chains in each of their operations.

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