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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

12 December 2024

De La Rue plc Response to speculation

De La Rue plc ("De La Rue" or the "Company") notes the recent press speculation regarding a possible offer for the Company.

The Board of De La Rue confirms that, whilst it has not received an offer for the whole Company, it is in discussions with Disruptive Capital GP Limited and Pension SuperFund Capital entities (together the "PSFC Entities") regarding a proposal to take a possible equity stake in the business.

The PSFC Entities have indicated that they are not seeking statutory control of the Company and have confirmed their support for the Company's management and current strategy, including the announced disposal of the Authentication division and the ongoing discussions with other parties in relation to the Company's Currency division.

The latest proposal received is in relation to a possible partial offer for up to forty per cent. of the issued share capital of De La Rue at £1.25 per share (the "Partial Offer"). Consent of the Takeover Panel would be needed for the making of such a Partial Offer, which would also be subject to the approval of De La Rue's Shareholders.

Discussions with other parties in relation to the disposal of the Group's Currency division also continue to progress. At this stage there can be no certainty that any proposal to acquire the Currency division will be made, nor as to its terms.

Following this announcement and the possibility of a Partial Offer which could result in the PSFC Entities being interested in shares carrying 30 per cent. or more of the voting rights of De La Rue, the Company is now considered to be in an "offer period" as defined in the Code, and the dealing disclosure requirements listed below will apply.

Rule 2.6(a) of the Code requires that the PSFC Entities must, by no later than 5.00 p.m. on 9 January 2025, being the 28th day following the date of this announcement, either announces a firm intention to make a Partial Offer for De La Rue in accordance with Rule 2.7 of the Code or announces that it does not intend to make a Partial Offer, in which case the announcement will be treated as a statement to which Rule 2.8 of the Code applies. This deadline will only be extended with the consent of the Takeover Panel, in accordance with Rule 2.6(c) of the Code.

This announcement has been made without the consent of the PSFC Entities, as a potential offeror. There can be no certainty that any Partial Offer will be made, nor as to its terms.

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This announcement contains inside information as defined under assimilated Regulation (EU) No. 596/2014 which is part of the laws of the United Kingdom by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (as amended). The person responsible for arranging the release of this announcement on behalf of De La Rue is Jon Messent (Company Secretary).

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Details of the offeree and offeror companies in respect of whose relevant securities Opening Position Disclosures and Dealing Disclosures must be made can be found in the Disclosure Table on the Panel's website at www.thetakeoverpanel.org.uk, including details of the number of relevant securities in issue, when the offer period commenced and when any offeror was first identified. You should contact the Panel's Market Surveillance Unit on +44 (0)20 7638 0129 if you are in any doubt as to whether you are required to make an Opening Position Disclosure or a Dealing Disclosure.

Publication on Website

In accordance with Rule 26.1 of the Code, a copy of this announcement will be available at www.delarue.com promptly and in any event by no later than 12 noon on the business day following this announcement. The content of this website is not incorporated into and does not form part of this announcement.

Rule 2.9 disclosure

In accordance with Rule 2.9 of the Code, as at the close of business on 6 November 2024 (being the business day prior to the date of this announcement), De La Rue confirms that it had in issue 196,098,345 ordinary shares each with voting rights under the ISIN code GBO0B3DGH821.