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**Dods Group plc**

**("Dods" or the "Group")**

**Statement re. Press Speculation**

Following comment in the weekend press, Dods Group Plc can confirm that it is in advanced and exclusive discussions with the Merit Group about a combination of the two groups. Any transaction would be financed by a combination of debt and equity in addition to Dods' existing cash resources.

A further announcement will be made in due course.

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