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Atlantic Carbon Group Plc
("ACG" or the "Company")

Offer Period Extension

The Company announced on 19 September 2016 that it was in preliminary discussions with Atrum Coal NL ("Atrum" or the "Bidder") which may or may not lead to an offer being made for the entire issued share capital of the Company.

In accordance with Rule 2.6(a) of the Code, Atrum was required by no later than 5.00 p.m. on 17 October 2016 to either announce a firm intention to make an offer for the Company 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 was extended, with the consent of the Takeover Panel, to 5.00 p.m. on 21 October 2016 at the request of the Independent Board of the Company.

A further extension of the deadline for Atrum until 5.00 p.m. on 26 October 2016 has been granted by the Takeover Panel as the request of the Independent Board to enable the parties to progress their ongoing discussions. This deadline will only be extended further with the consent of the Panel in accordance with Rule 2.6(c) of the Code. There can be no certainty that at the end of this deadline any offer for the Company will be made by Atrum.

Further announcements will be made in due course as and when appropriate. In the meantime, shareholders are urged to take no action.

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