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## UPDATE RE. THE SALE OF WORKS MANCHESTER LIMITED

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**Software Circle plc**  
("Software Circle" or "the Company" or the "Group")

### **Further update regarding the sale of Works Manchester Limited**

Software Circle plc (AIM:SFT) announces the following update regarding the sale of Works Manchester Limited ("Works Manchester"), which was first announced on 19 May 2022.

Works Manchester has informed the Company that it has filed a notice of intention to appoint administrators.

As announced on 1 June 2023, the Company had not received the first instalment of deferred consideration from Rymack Sign Solutions Limited ("Rymack"), which was due on 31 May 2023 in respect of the purchase of Works Manchester. Furthermore, as announced in the Company's interim results on 27 November 2023, due to the reduced confidence of receiving payment of any deferred consideration from Rymack, the carrying value of the £2.81m due under the sale and purchase agreement has been reduced to £0.35m. The Company is in the process of taking steps to recover the sums due and will update the market again in due course.

The Nettle Systems management team have been making arrangements with alternative suppliers so that continuity of supply is in place for products available through the Nettle Systems platform to minimise any impact on the Nettle partner network. Migration of product supply has begun and will be completed in the coming days.

As announced on 15 September 2023, the Group raised £23.4m to continue its acquisition strategy and drive long term shareholder value. The Group's focus remains steadfastly on this. We are currently in exclusive discussions with acquisition targets with a collective turnover of approximately £3.6m and an adjusted EBITDA of £1.2m. These are progressing through the due diligence process. Software Circle will continue to update the market as its acquisition strategy progresses.

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Notes to editors:

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