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RECOMMENDED CASH OFFER

for

BTG PLC
(BTG)

by

BRAVO BIDCO LIMITED
(Bidco)

a newly incorporated indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Boston Scientific Corporation (Boston Scientific)

intended to be effected by means of a scheme of arrangement under Part 26 of the Companies Act

Update on the proposed acquisition of BTG

Further to the announcement regarding the proposed acquisition of BTG by Bidco, to be implemented by means of a Court-sanctioned scheme of arrangement under Part 26 of the Companies Act 2006 (the Transaction) released on 20 November 2018 (the Announcement), BTG and Boston Scientific are providing an update in relation to the clearance sought from the Federal Trade Commission of the United States (the FTC) in connection with the Transaction. Terms defined in the Announcement have the same meanings in this announcement.

Boston Scientific and BTG have received a request for additional information and documentary material from the FTC in connection with the Transaction. This form of request from the FTC, often referred to as a "Second Request", is part of the regulatory process under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended (the HSR Act). Boston Scientific and BTG understand that the FTC’s review is focused on the beads businesses of Boston Scientific and BTG.

The effect of the Second Request is to extend the waiting period imposed by the HSR Act until 30 days after substantial compliance with the Second Request, unless that period is extended voluntarily by BTG and Boston Scientific or terminated earlier. Boston Scientific and BTG intend to respond to the request from the FTC as quickly as practicable and to continue to work cooperatively with the FTC in connection with its review of the Transaction.

Boston Scientific and Bravo Bidco have each agreed to use commercially reasonable efforts to secure certain regulatory clearances and to satisfy certain regulatory conditions as promptly as reasonably practicable.

The Transaction has received merger control clearance in Germany under the German Act Against Restraints of Competition and the Taiwan Fair Trade Commission has terminated its investigation.

Completion of the Transaction also remains subject to the approval of BTG shareholders at the meeting which has been convened for 12:30p.m. on 28 February 2019 and clearance from certain other anti-trust authorities and satisfaction of other customary closing conditions noted in the Announcement.

BTG and Boston Scientific continue to anticipate that the Transaction will close around mid-2019.

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to buy securities in any jurisdiction, pursuant to the Acquisition or otherwise nor shall there be any sale, issuance or transfer of any securities pursuant to the Acquisition in any jurisdiction in contravention of any applicable laws.

The Acquisition will be implemented solely pursuant to the terms of the Scheme Document (or in the event that the Acquisition is to be implemented by means of a Takeover Offer, the Offer Document), which will contain the full terms and conditions of the Acquisition, including details of how to vote in respect of the Scheme. Any decision, vote or other response in respect of the Acquisition should be made only on the basis of information contained in the Scheme Document. BTG Shareholders are advised to read the formal documentation in relation to the Acquisition carefully once it has been dispatched.

This announcement does not constitute a prospectus or prospectus-equivalent document.

This announcement has been prepared for the purpose of complying with English law and the Code and the information disclosed may not be the same as that which would have been disclosed if this announcement had been prepared in accordance with the laws of jurisdictions outside the United Kingdom.

In accordance with the Code, normal United Kingdom market practice and Rule 14e-5(b) of the Exchange Act, Barclays and its affiliates will continue to act as an exempt principal trader in BTG securities on the London Stock Exchange. The purchases and activities by exempt principal traders which are required to be made public in the United Kingdom pursuant to the Code will be reported to a Regulatory Information Service and will be available on the London Stock Exchange website at www.londonstockexchange.com. This information will also be publicly disclosed in the US to the extent that such information is made public in the United Kingdom.

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The receipt of cash pursuant to the Acquisition by BTG Shareholders may be a taxable transaction under applicable national, state and local, as well as foreign and other tax laws. Each BTG Shareholder is urged to consult their independent professional adviser regarding the tax consequences of the Acquisition applicable to him.

If the Acquisition is implemented by way of a Takeover Offer (unless otherwise permitted by applicable law and regulation), the Takeover Offer may not be made, directly or indirectly, in, into or by use of the mails or any other means of instrumentality (including, without limitation, facsimile, e-mail or other electronic transmission, telex or telephone) of interstate or foreign commerce of, or any facility of a national, state or other securities exchange of any Restricted Jurisdiction and the Takeover Offer will not be capable of acceptance by any such use, means, instrumentality or facilities or from within any Restricted Jurisdiction where to do so would violate the laws of that
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Further details in relation to BTG Shareholders in overseas jurisdictions will be contained in the Scheme Document.

Notice to US Investors in BTG

The Acquisition relates to the shares of a company organised under the laws of England and Wales and is proposed to be effected by means of a scheme of arrangement under the laws of England and Wales (Part 26 of the Companies Act). This announcement, the Scheme Document and certain other documents relating to the Acquisition have been or will be prepared in accordance with English law, the Code and UK disclosure requirements, format and style, all of which differ from those in the United States. A transaction effected by means of a scheme of arrangement is not subject to the tender offer rules or the proxy solicitation rules under the US Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the US Exchange Act). Accordingly, the Acquisition is subject to the disclosure requirements of and practices applicable in the United Kingdom to schemes of arrangement involving a target company in England listed on the London Stock Exchange, which differ from the disclosure requirements of the United States tender offer and proxy solicitation rules. Bidco reserves the right, subject to the prior consent of the Panel, to elect to implement the Acquisition by way of a Takeover Offer. If, in the future, Bidco exercises its right to implement the Acquisition by way of a Takeover Offer and determines to extend the Takeover Offer into the United States, such offer and the Acquisition will be made in compliance with applicable US tender offer regulations.

If the Acquisition is implemented by way of a Takeover Offer, pursuant to Rule 14e-5(b) under the US Exchange Act, Bidco, certain affiliated companies or their nominees or brokers (acting as agents) may from time to time make certain purchases of, or arrangements to purchase, shares in BTG outside such a Takeover Offer during the period in which such a Takeover Offer would remain open for acceptance. If such purchases or arrangements to purchase were to be made, they would be made outside the US and would apply in accordance with applicable law, including the US Exchange Act and the Code. Such purchases may occur either in the open market at prevailing prices or in private transactions at negotiated prices. Any information about such purchases will be disclosed as required in the United Kingdom, will be reported to the Regulatory News Service of the London Stock Exchange and will be available on the London Stock Exchange website at: http://www.londonstockexchange.com/prices-and-news/prices-news/home.htm.

BTG’s financial statements, and all financial information that is included in this announcement or that may be included in the Scheme Document, or any other documents relating to the Acquisition, have been or will be prepared in accordance with non-US accounting standards that may not be comparable to financial information of companies in the United States or other companies whose financial statements are prepared in accordance with US generally accepted accounting principles.

Neither the United States Securities and Exchange Commission nor any US state securities commission has approved or disapproved the Acquisition, passed upon the merits or fairness of the Acquisition or passed any opinion upon the accuracy, adequacy or completeness of this announcement or the Scheme Document. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offence in the United States.

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The receipt of cash pursuant to the Acquisition by US holders of BTG Shares as consideration for the transfer of its Scheme Shares pursuant to the Scheme may be a taxable transaction for US federal income tax purposes and under applicable US state and local, as well as foreign and other, tax laws. Each US holder of BTG Shares is urged to consult his or her independent professional adviser immediately regarding the tax consequences of the Acquisition applicable to him or her.

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