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IREN S.p.A. ANNOUNCES NEW ISSUE OF NOTES AND TENDER OFFER

Reggio Emilia, 24 October 2016: Iren S.p.A. (the “**Company**”) hereby announces that, subject to favourable market conditions, it intends to issue a series of new euro-denominated fixed rate notes (the “**New Notes**”) under its €1,500,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme (the “**Programme**”). In addition, the Company is separately inviting eligible Noteholders of its €100,000,000 3.00 per cent. Notes due 2019 (the “**2019 Notes**”), its €260,000,000 4.370 per cent. Notes due 2020 (the “**2020 Notes**”), its €300,000,000 3.00 per cent. Notes due 2021 (the “**2021 Notes**”) and its €500,000,000 2.75 per cent. Notes due 2022 (the “**2022 Notes**” and, together with the 2019 Notes, the 2020 Notes and the 2021 Notes, the “**Notes**” and, each, a “**Series**”) to tender their Notes for purchase by the Company for cash (such invitations, the “**Offers**” and, each of them, an “**Offer**”).

The Offers are made on the terms and subject to the conditions set out in the tender offer memorandum dated 24 October 2016 (the “**Tender Offer Memorandum**”) prepared in connection with the Offers, and is subject to the offer and distribution restrictions set out below. Copies of the Tender Offer Memorandum are (subject to distribution restrictions) available from the Tender Agent as set out below.

Capitalised terms used in this announcement and not otherwise defined have the meanings given to them in the Tender Offer Memorandum.

Priority	Series	ISIN	Outstanding Nominal Amount	Benchmark Rate	Purchase Spread	Target Acceptance Amount
1	2019 Notes	XS1030889411	€90,100,000	The relevant interpolated mid-swap rate based on the residual maturity of the relevant Series, as set out in further detail in the	20 bps	€150,000,000 in aggregate nominal amount for all four Series
1	2020 Notes	XS0979548954	€200,500,000		20 bps	
1	2021 Notes	XS1086104681	€250,019,000		25 bps	
2	2022 Notes	XS1314238459	€500,000,000	Tender Offer Memorandum	35 bps	

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Rationale and Background to the Transactions

The Offers are being made as part of the Company's active management of its liabilities and the purpose of the Offers is to manage the Company's upcoming redemptions pro-actively. Furthermore, the Offers provide a degree of liquidity to those Noteholders whose Notes are accepted in the Offers. The issue of the New Notes will be partly applied towards the financing of the Offers.

Details of the Offers

Target Acceptance Amount

The Company proposes to accept for purchase pursuant to the Offers up to €150,000,000 in aggregate nominal amount of the Notes (the "**Target Acceptance Amount**"), although the Company reserves the right, in its sole discretion and for any reason, to change the Target Acceptance Amount or to accept less than or more than the Target Acceptance Amount for purchase pursuant to the Offers. The Company will determine the allocation of the amount accepted for purchase pursuant to the Offers among each Series (the "**Series Acceptance Amounts**") in its sole discretion. For the avoidance of doubt, the Company reserves the right to accept more or less (by an amount which may or may not be significant), or none, of the Notes of any Series as compared to the other Series. A non-binding indication of the Series Acceptance Amounts is expected to be announced at or around 10.00 a.m. (CET) on 31 October 2016 (the "**Indicative Results Announcement**"), although the Company may, in its absolute discretion, announce a non-binding indication of the Series Acceptance Amount at any earlier stage.

Acceptance of tenders

The acceptance for purchase by the Company of Notes tendered pursuant to each Offer is at the sole discretion of the Company and tenders may be rejected by the Company for any reason. Whether the Company will accept for purchase any Notes validly tendered in the Offers is subject, without limitation, to: (i) the pricing of the New Notes; (ii) the signing by the Company of a subscription agreement with the financial institutions that will subscribe for the New Notes; and (iii) such agreement remaining in full force and effect as at the Settlement Date (the "**New Notes Condition**"). The Company also reserves the right to waive any condition of the Offer, including the New Notes Condition.

Purchase Price

The Company will pay, for each Series of Notes accepted by it for purchase pursuant to each Offer, a price (the relevant "**Purchase Price**", expressed as a percentage and rounded to the third decimal place, with 0.0005 being rounded upwards) to be determined in respect of each Series of the Notes at or around 1.00 p.m. (CET) (the "**Pricing Time**") on 31 October 2016 (subject to the right of the Company to extend, re-open, amend and/or terminate any Offer) (the "**Pricing Date**") by reference to the sum (such sum, the relevant "**Purchase Yield**") of (a) the relevant Purchase Spread and (b) the relevant Benchmark Rate.

The Purchase Price in respect of each Series will be determined in the manner described in the Tender Offer Memorandum in accordance with market convention, and is intended to reflect a yield to

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maturity of each Series on the Settlement Date equal to the relevant Purchase Yield. Specifically, for each Series, the relevant Purchase Price will equal (a) the value of all remaining payments of principal and interest on such Series up to and including its maturity date, discounted to the Settlement Date at a discount rate equal to the relevant Purchase Yield, minus (b) the relevant Accrued Interest.

The calculation of the relevant Purchase Yield, Purchase Price and Accrued Interest for each Series of Notes will be made by the Dealer Managers on behalf of the Company, and such calculations will be final and binding on the Noteholders in the absence of manifest error.

Accrued Interest

The Company will also pay Accrued Interest (if any) in respect of Notes accepted for purchase pursuant to each Offer. In relation to the 2022 Notes, as 2 November is an interest payment date, assuming settlement on 2 November 2016, no interest is expected to accrue on those Notes.

Order of Priority

If the Company decides, in its sole and absolute discretion, to accept valid tenders of Notes pursuant to each Offer, it intends to do so in accordance with the Order of Priority and, accordingly:

- (i) if the aggregate nominal amount of 2019 Notes, 2020 Notes and 2021 Notes validly tendered pursuant to the relevant Offers is more than (or equal to) the Target Acceptance Amount, the Company does not intend to accept tenders of 2022 Notes; and
- (ii) if the aggregate nominal amount of 2019 Notes, 2020 Notes and 2021 Notes validly tendered pursuant to the relevant Offers is less than the Target Acceptance Amount, the Company intends also to accept tenders of 2022 Notes,

in each case subject (where applicable) to scaling, as described below. The Company reserves the right, in its sole discretion and for any reason, to change the Target Acceptance Amount, the amount of each Series Acceptance Amount and the allocation of acceptances between each Series.

Scaling

If valid tenders of Notes of any Series received by the Tender Agent are in respect of an aggregate nominal amount which is greater than the Series Acceptance Amount, the Company reserves the right to accept such Notes, on a *pro rata* basis, so that the aggregate nominal amount of the Notes of such Series accepted for purchase is no greater than the Series Acceptance Amount. The Company will only accept valid tenders received by the Tender Agent which, as a result of scaling, are in respect of Notes of a Series of a nominal amount of at least €100,000. In addition, the Company will only accept tenders of Notes subject to scaling to the extent that such scaling does not result in the relevant Noteholder's residual amount of Notes (being the nominal amount of the Notes that are the subject of the relevant Tender Instruction that are not accepted for purchase by virtue of such scaling) totalling less than €100,000.

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Tender Instructions

In order to participate in, and be eligible to receive the relevant Purchase Price pursuant to an Offer, Noteholders must validly tender their Notes by delivering, or arranging to have delivered on their behalf, a valid Tender Instruction that is received by the Tender Agent by 5.00 p.m. (CET) on 28 October 2016 (the “**Expiration Deadline**”).

Noteholders are advised to check with any bank, securities broker or other intermediary through which they hold Notes when such intermediary would need to receive instructions from a Noteholder in order for that Noteholder to be able to participate in, or (in the limited circumstances in which revocation is permitted) revoke their instruction to participate in, the relevant Offer by the deadlines specified in the Tender Offer Memorandum. The deadlines set by any such intermediary and each Clearing System for the submission and withdrawal of Tender Instructions may be earlier than the relevant deadlines specified in the Tender Offer Memorandum.

Once submitted, Tender Instructions will be irrevocable except in the limited circumstances described in the Tender Offer Memorandum.

Separate Tender Instructions in respect of each Series must be submitted in respect of a nominal amount of Notes which is (i) at least €100,000, being the minimum denomination of each Series and (ii) in any event, an integral multiple of €1,000. A separate Tender Instruction must also be completed on behalf of each beneficial owner. Tender Instructions which relate to a nominal amount of Notes of any relevant Series of less than €100,000 (including after *pro rata* scaling, if any, as described above) will be rejected.

Expected Timetable

The following table sets out the expected times and dates of the key events relating to the Offers. The times and dates below are indicative only.

Events	Times and dates
Commencement of the Offers Announcement of Offers and of the Company's intention to issue the New Notes. Tender Offer Memorandum available from the Tender Agent.	24 October 2016
Expiration Deadline Final deadline for receipt of valid Tender Instructions by the Tender Agent in order for Noteholders to be able to participate in the Offers.	5.00 p.m. (CET) on 28 October 2016

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Events

Times and dates

Indicative Results Announcement

Announcement by the Company, in respect of each Series, of a non-binding indication of (i) the aggregate nominal amount of Notes validly tendered pursuant to each Offer, (ii) the Series Acceptance Amount and (iii) the Pro Ration Factor (if applicable), subject to satisfaction of the New Notes Condition and acceptance by the Company of valid tenders of Notes.

At or around 10.00 a.m. (CET) on 31 October 2016

Pricing Date and Pricing Time

Determination, for each Series, of the relevant Benchmark Rate, Purchase Yield and Purchase Price.

At or around 1.00 p.m. (CET) on 31 October 2016

Final Results Announcement

Announcement of whether the New Notes Condition has been satisfied and of the Company's decision as to whether to accept valid tenders of Notes pursuant to each Offer and, in respect of each Series: (i) the Series Acceptance Amount; (ii) the relevant amount of Accrued Interest (if any), (iii) the relevant Benchmark Rate, Purchase Yield and Purchase Price, and any Pro-Ration Factor; and (iv) the aggregate nominal amount of Notes that will remain outstanding after the Settlement Date.

As soon as reasonably practicable after the Pricing Time on the Pricing Date

Settlement Date

Subject to satisfaction in full of the New Notes Condition, expected Settlement Date for the Offers

2 November 2016

*The above times and dates are subject to the right of the Company to extend, re-open, amend and/or terminate any of the Offers (subject to applicable law and as provided in the Tender Offer Memorandum). Noteholders are advised to check with any bank, securities broker or other intermediary through which they hold Notes when such intermediary would need to receive instructions from a Noteholder in order for that Noteholder to be able to participate in, or (in the limited circumstances in which revocation is permitted) revoke their instruction to participate in, an Offer, before the deadlines specified in the Tender Offer Memorandum. **The deadlines set by any such intermediary and each Clearing System for the submission of Tender Instructions may be earlier than the relevant deadlines specified above.***

Further Information

A complete description of the terms and conditions of the Offers is set out in the Tender Offer Memorandum. Banca IMI S.p.A., Goldman Sachs International, Mediobanca – Banca di Credito

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Finanziario S.p.A., Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc and UniCredit Bank AG are the Dealer Managers for the Offers.

Questions and requests for assistance in connection with the Offers may be directed to:

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Questions and requests for assistance in connection with the delivery of Tender Instructions, including requests for a copy of the Tender Offer Memorandum and for copies of any announcement, press release and notice, may be directed to:

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Each Noteholder is solely responsible for making its own independent appraisal of all matters as such Noteholder deems appropriate (including those relating to the relevant Offer(s)) and each Noteholder must make its own decision as to whether to tender any or all of its Notes for purchase pursuant to such Offer(s), based on its own judgment and on such financial, legal, tax and other professional advice as it deems necessary.

None of the Dealer Managers, the Tender Agent or any of their respective directors, officers, employees, agents or affiliates assumes any responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of the information concerning the Company, the Notes or the Offers contained in the Tender Offer Memorandum. None of the Dealer Managers, the Tender Agent or any of their respective directors, officers, employees, agents or affiliates is acting for any Noteholder, or will be responsible to any Noteholder for providing any protections which would be afforded to its clients or for providing advice in relation to the Offers and, accordingly, none of the Dealer Managers, the Tender Agent or any of their respective directors, officers, employees, agents or affiliates assumes any responsibility for any failure by the Company to disclose information with regard to the Company or the Notes which is material in the context of the Offers and which is not otherwise publicly available.

None of the Dealer Managers, the Tender Agent or their respective directors, employees or affiliates makes any representation or recommendation whatsoever regarding the Offers or any recommendation as to whether Noteholders should tender Notes in the Offers.

Disclaimer

This announcement must be read in conjunction with the Tender Offer Memorandum. This announcement and the Tender Offer Memorandum contain important information which should be read carefully before any decision is made with respect to the Offers. If any Noteholder is in any doubt as to the contents of this announcement or the Tender Offer Memorandum or the action it should take, it is recommended to seek its own financial and legal advice, including in respect of any tax consequences, immediately from its stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant or other independent financial, tax or legal adviser.

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Offer and Distribution Restrictions

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United States of America

The Offers are not being made, and will not be made, directly or indirectly in or into, or by use of the mail of, or by any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce of or of any facilities of a national securities exchange of, the United States or to or for the account or benefit of, U.S. Persons (within the meaning of Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("**Regulation S**")). This includes, but is not limited to, facsimile transmission, electronic mail, telex, telephone, the internet and other forms of electronic communication. The Notes may not be tendered in the Offers by any such use, means, instrumentality or facility from or within the United States or by persons located or resident in the United States, as defined in Regulation S, as amended. Accordingly, copies of the Tender Offer Memorandum and any other documents or materials relating to the Offers are not being, and must not be, directly or indirectly mailed or otherwise transmitted, distributed or forwarded (including, without limitation, by custodians, nominees or trustees) in or into the United States or to any persons located or resident in the United States. Any purported tender of Notes in an Offer resulting directly or indirectly from a violation of these restrictions will be invalid and any purported tender of Notes made by a person located or resident in the United States or from within the United States or from any agent, fiduciary or other intermediary acting on a non-discretionary basis for a principal giving instructions from within the United States will be invalid and will not be accepted.

The Tender Offer Memorandum is not an offer of securities for sale in the United States or to U.S. Persons. The New Notes and the Notes have not been, and will not be, registered under the Securities Act or the securities laws of any state or other jurisdiction of the United States, and may not be offered, sold or delivered, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. Persons. The purpose of the Tender Offer Memorandum is limited to the Offers and the Tender Offer Memorandum may not be sent or given to a person in the United States or to a U.S. Person or otherwise to any person other than in an offshore transaction in accordance with Regulation S.

Each holder of Notes participating in an Offer will represent that it is not located in the United States and it is not participating in such Offer from the United States, or that it is acting on a non-discretionary basis for a principal that is located outside the United States that is not giving an order to participate in such Offer from the United States. For the purposes of this and the above paragraph, "**United States**" means the United States of America, its territories and possessions (including Puerto

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Italy

None of the Offers, the Tender Offer Memorandum or any other documents or materials relating to the Offers or the Notes have been or will be submitted to the clearance procedures of the *Commissione Nazionale per le Società e la Borsa* (“**CONSOB**”) pursuant to Italian laws and regulations.

The Offers are being carried out in the Republic of Italy as exempt offers pursuant to Article 101-*bis*, paragraph 3-*bis* of Legislative Decree No. 58 of 24 February 1998, as amended (otherwise known as the *Testo Unico della Finanza* or the “**TUF**”) and Article 35-*bis*, paragraph 4 of CONSOB Regulation No. 11971 of 14 May 1999, as amended.

Any holder or beneficial owner of the Notes may tender their Notes for purchase in the Offers through authorised persons (such as investment firms, banks or financial intermediaries permitted to conduct such activities in the Republic of Italy in accordance with the TUF, CONSOB Regulation No. 16190 of 29 October 2007, as amended from time to time, and Legislative Decree No. 385 of 1 September 1993, as amended) and in compliance with applicable laws and regulations or with requirements imposed by CONSOB, the Bank of Italy or any other Italian authority.

Each intermediary must comply with the applicable laws and regulations concerning information duties owed to its clients in connection with the Notes, the Offers and the Tender Offer Memorandum.

United Kingdom

The communication of the Tender Offer Memorandum and any other documents or materials relating to the Offers have not been made and such documents and/or materials have not been approved by an authorised person for the purposes of section 21 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000. Accordingly, such documents and/or materials are not being distributed to, and must not be passed on to, the general public in the United Kingdom. The communication of such documents and/or materials as a financial promotion is only being made to those persons within the United Kingdom falling within the definition of investment professionals (as defined in Article 19(5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005 (the “**Financial Promotion Order**”)) or within Article 43 of the Financial Promotion Order, or to other persons to whom it may lawfully be made in accordance with the Financial Promotion Order.

Insofar as the communication of the Tender Offer Memorandum and any other documents or materials relating to the Offers is made to or directed at investment professionals (as defined in Article 19(5) of the Financial Promotion Order), it is made to or directed at persons having professional experience in matters relating to investments, and any investment or investment activity to which it relates is available only to such persons or will be engaged in only with such persons, and persons who do not have professional experience in matters relating to investments should not act or rely upon it or any of its contents.

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The Offers are not being made, directly or indirectly, to the public in the Republic of France. Neither the Tender Offer Memorandum nor any other document or material relating to the Offers has been or shall be distributed to the public in France and only (i) providers of investment services relating to portfolio management for the account of third parties (*personnes fournissant le service d'investissement de gestion de portefeuille pour compte de tiers*) and/or (ii) qualified investors (*investisseurs qualifiés*), other than individuals, in each case acting for their own account, all as defined in, and in accordance with, Articles L.411-1, L.411-2 and D.411-1 of the French *Code monétaire et financier*, are eligible to participate in the Offers. The Tender Offer Memorandum has not been and will not be submitted for clearance to nor approved by the *Autorité des marchés financiers*.

Belgium

Neither the Tender Offer Memorandum nor any other documents or materials relating to the Offers have been submitted to or will be submitted for approval or recognition to the Financial Services and Markets Authority (*Autorité des services et marchés financiers / Autoriteit financiële diensten en markten*) and, accordingly, the Offers may not be made in Belgium by way of a public offering, as defined in Articles 3 and 6 of the Belgian Law of 1 April 2007 on public takeover bids as amended or replaced from time to time. Accordingly, the Offers may not be advertised and the Offers will not be extended, and neither the Tender Offer Memorandum nor any other documents or materials relating to the Offers (including any memorandum, information circular, brochure or any similar documents) has been or shall be distributed or made available, directly or indirectly, to any person in Belgium other than “qualified investors” within the meaning of Article 10 of the Belgian Law of 16 June 2006 on the public offer of placement instruments and the admission to trading of placement instruments on regulated markets (as amended from time to time), acting on their own account. Insofar as Belgium is concerned, the Tender Offer Memorandum has been issued only for the personal use of the above qualified investors and exclusively for the purpose of the Offers. Accordingly, the information contained in the Tender Offer Memorandum may not be used for any other purpose or disclosed to any other person in Belgium.

General

The Tender Offer Memorandum does not constitute an offer to buy or the solicitation of an offer to sell Notes (and tenders of Notes will not be accepted from Noteholders) in any circumstances in which such offer or solicitation is unlawful. In those jurisdictions where the securities, blue sky or other laws require the Offers to be made by a licensed broker or dealer or similar and any of the Dealer Managers and their respective affiliates is such a licensed broker or dealer or similar in any such jurisdiction, such Offers shall be deemed to be made by such Dealer Manager or such affiliate, as the case may be, on behalf of the Company in such jurisdiction.

In addition to the representations referred to above in respect of the United States, each Noteholder participating in an Offer will also be deemed to give certain representations in respect of the other jurisdictions referred to above and generally as set out in the Tender Offer Memorandum. Any tender of Notes for purchase pursuant to an Offer from a Noteholder that is unable to make these representations may be rejected. Each of the Company, the Dealer Managers and the Tender Agent

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reserves the right, in its absolute discretion (and without prejudice to the relevant Noteholder's responsibility for the representations made by it), to investigate, in relation to any tender of Notes for purchase pursuant to any Offer, whether any such representation given by a Noteholder is correct and, if such investigation is undertaken and as a result the Company determines (for any reason) that such representation is not correct, such tender may be rejected.

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