Meeting of the Legal Expert Group

To be held on: Tuesday 7 July 2020, 9.00am – 10.30am

Venue: Videoconference call



AGENDA

1. Welcome to James Deal, CFO of PrimaryBid, in order to discuss the PrimaryBid platform.

2. Apologies

3. Issues for discussion

- a) Update on the QCA's proposal for a domestic securities offering regime.
- b) Financial Services Update on the CSDR Settlement Discipline Regime
- c) Future meetings and speaker priorities for 2020.

4. Communications (information only)

- a) The QCA recently released a <u>report on Non-Executive Directors</u> following a survey of small and midsize quoted companies and their advisor firms. The report covered, amongst other things, salaries; working hours; knowledge, skills and experience; independence; and board evaluations. Notable findings from the report include:
 - i. A disparity between the perceived independence of NEDs between companies and advisors.
 - ii. The average age of a small to mid-size quoted company NED is 60 years old, with an 81% chance that they are male.
 - iii. An increased recognition of the need for external board evaluations.

Any other business

Next meeting: Tuesday 15 September 2020, 9.00am – 10.30am. Venue: Stifel, 150 Cheapside, London, EC2V 6ET **(TBC)**