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18 June 2014

# Volution Group plc

## Initial Public Offering - Announcement of Offer Price of 150 pence per Ordinary Share

Volution Group plc, a leading supplier of ventilation products to the residential construction market in its core geographical markets, being the UK, Sweden and Germany, today announces the successful pricing of its initial public offering (the "Offer").

# Offer Highlights

- The Offer price has been set at 150 pence per Ordinary Share (the "Offer Price").
- Based on the Offer Price, the total market capitalisation of the Company at the commencement of conditional dealings will be £300.0 million.
- The Offer comprises 66,666,667 Ordinary Shares representing 33.3% of the enlarged issued share capital of the Company following completion of the Offer.
- The Offer is expected to raise gross proceeds of approximately £100.0 million for the Company and Selling Shareholders:
  - the Company expects to receive gross proceeds of £72.0 million from the issue of New Shares in the Offer; and
  - Windmill Holdings B.V. (an affiliate of funds managed and/or advised by TowerBrook Capital Partners L.P.) ("TowerBrook") and the executive directors of the Company and certain other employees and directors (collectively, the "Selling Shareholders") expect to receive gross proceeds of approximately £28.0 million from the sale of Existing Shares in the Offer.
  - On Admission, TowerBrook will be interested in approximately 61.4% of the Company's Ordinary Shares, which are subject to a 180 day lock-up.
- Conditional dealings in the Ordinary Shares will commence on the London Stock Exchange at 8.00 a.m. today under the ticker FAN (ISIN: GB00BN3ZZ526).
- Admission, and the commencement of unconditional dealings, are expected to take place at 8.00 a.m. on 23 June 2014.

- At Admission, the Company will have 200,000,000 Ordinary Shares in issue.
- It is expected that, following Admission, the Company will become eligible for inclusion in the FTSE UK indices.
- In relation to the Offer, Canaccord Genuity Limited ("Canaccord Genuity") is acting as the Sole Sponsor and Joint Bookrunner, and Liberum Capital Limited ("Liberum") is acting as Joint Bookrunner.

## Ronnie George, Chief Executive of Volution Group plc said:

"We are delighted to have achieved our objective of an IPO and secured the support of investors for the management team and future plans of Volution. We will continue to focus on our growth strategy, both organically and by acquisition, providing our customers with market leading ventilation products and our investors with long-term value."

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**Notes to Editors** 

Except where the context otherwise requires, defined terms used in this announcement have the meanings given to such terms in the Prospectus to be published by the Company later today.

#### **OFFER STATISTICS**

Offer Price	150 pence
Number of Ordinary Shares being offered	66,666,667
Number of new Ordinary Shares being issued by the Company	48,000,000
Number of existing Ordinary Shares being sold by the Selling Shareholders	18,666,667
Number of Ordinary Shares in issue immediately following Admission	200,000,000
Expected market capitalisation at the Offer Price following Admission	£300.0 million
Estimated gross proceeds of the Offer receivable by the Company	£72.0 million
Estimated net proceeds of the Offer receivable by the Company $^{(1)}$	£63.8 million
Estimated gross proceeds of the Offer receivable by the Selling Shareholders	£28.0 million
Estimated net proceeds of the Offer receivable by the Selling Shareholders $^{(2)}$	£26.6 million

#### **EXPECTED TIMETABLE OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS**

	2014
Publication of Prospectus	18 June
Conditional dealings commence <sup>(3)</sup>	8.00 a.m. on 18 June
Admission and commencement of unconditional dealings	8.00 a.m. on 23 June
Crediting of uncertificated Ordinary Shares to CREST accounts <sup>(4)(5)</sup>	8.00 a.m. on 23 June
Despatch of definitive share certificates (where applicable) <sup>(4)</sup>	By 7 July

Each of the times and dates in the above timetable is subject to change. References to times are to London time unless otherwise stated.

- The proceeds receivable by the Company are stated after deduction of estimated underwriting commissions and other fees, taxes and expenses of the Offer payable by the Company, which is expected to be approximately £8.2 million in aggregate (assuming full payment of all discretionary fees and commissions). The Company will not receive any of the net proceeds from the sale of the existing Ordinary Shares in the Offer.
- 2) The proceeds receivable by the Selling Shareholders are stated after deduction of estimated underwriting commissions and stamp duty, which is expected to be approximately £1.4 million in aggregate (assuming full payment of all discretionary fees and commissions).
- *3)* It should be noted that, if Admission does not occur, all conditional dealings will be of no effect and any such dealings will be at the sole risk of the parties concerned.
- 4) No temporary documents of title will be issued.
- 5) Save in respect of conditional dealings, settlement will be on a T+3 basis.

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This announcement includes statements that are, or may be deemed to be, "forward-looking statements". These forwardlooking statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology, including the terms "believes", "estimates", "anticipates", "expects", "intends", "plans", "may", "will" or "should" or, in each case, their negative or other variations or comparable terminology. All statements other than statements of historical facts included in this announcement are forward-looking statements. They appear in a number of places throughout this announcement and include statements regarding the Directors' or the Group's intentions, beliefs or current expectations concerning, among other things, the Group's operating results, financial condition, prospects, growth, expansion plans, strategies, the industry in which the Group operates and the general economic outlook.

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Any forward-looking statements that the Group makes in this announcement speak only as of the date of such statement, and none of the Company, the Directors, the Selling Shareholders, Canaccord Genuity, or Liberum or their respective affiliates undertakes any obligation to update or revise publicly such statements unless required to do so by applicable law, the Prospectus Rules, the Listing Rules or the Disclosure and Transparency Rules.

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