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**5 August 2024**

**ALL SHARE OFFER**

**for**

**Trinity Exploration & Production Plc ("Trinity")**

**by**

**Touchstone Exploration Inc. ("Touchstone")**

**Statement regarding Lease Operators offer for Trinity and update on Irrevocable Undertakings and Letter of Intent**

CALGARY, ALBERTA - Touchstone notes the announcement by Lease Operators Limited ("Lease Operators") and Trinity of a recommended offer by Lease Operators for the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Trinity (the "Lease Operators Offer"), which is intended to be implemented by way of a Court-sanctioned scheme of arrangement pursuant to Part 26 of the Companies Act (the "Lease Operators Scheme").

Touchstone is considering its position and urges Trinity Shareholders to take no action in response to the announcement by Lease Operators and Trinity.

**Irrevocable undertakings summary**

The board of directors of Touchstone (the "Touchstone Board") notes that prior to the announcement of the all share offer by Touchstone on 1 May 2024 (the "Touchstone Offer"), Touchstone received Irrevocable Undertakings in respect of a total of 15,083,344 Trinity Shares representing, in aggregate, approximately 38.9 percent of Trinity's ordinary share capital in issue (excluding any Trinity Shares held in treasury). The necessary resolutions to approve the scheme of arrangement proposed by Trinity to implement the Touchstone Offer (the "Touchstone Scheme") were approved by majorities of over 99 percent of shareholders voting at both the Trinity Court Meeting and General Meeting.

The terms of the Irrevocable Undertakings were summarised in both the announcement on 1 May 2024 and the shareholder circular relating to the Touchstone Scheme published by Trinity on 24 May 2024 (the "Touchstone Scheme Document"), and that summary is reproduced in full in the Annex to this announcement. The Irrevocable Undertakings themselves are available online at: <https://www.touchstoneexploration.com/trinity-acquisition>

**In particular, Touchstone draws the attention of Trinity Shareholders to the fact that, as the Trinity Court Meeting and General Meeting have both taken place, the Irrevocable Undertakings remain binding regardless of the Lease Operators Offer unless the Touchstone scheme lapses or is withdrawn.** A summary of the circumstances in which the Irrevocable Undertakings would cease to have effect is included in the Annex to this announcement.

**Touchstone notes that the terms of the Irrevocable Undertakings oblige those Trinity Shareholders and Trinity Directors who gave Irrevocable Undertakings to vote against the Lease Operators Scheme. As long as the Irrevocable Undertakings remain binding, the statutory majorities required**

**for shareholder approval of the Lease Operators Scheme would not be capable of being met and the Lease Operators Scheme would not, therefore, be capable of becoming effective.**

### **Receipt of Letter of Intent in Support of Touchstone's Offer**

Touchstone further announces that it has received a letter of intent from Andrew Byles in respect of a total of 1,000,000 Trinity Shares, representing approximately 2.58 per cent. of the ordinary share capital of Trinity (excluding any Trinity Shares held in treasury) (the "Letter of Intent"), which confirms:

- i. that he remains fully supportive of the Touchstone Offer;
- ii. that he intends to vote against any resolution put to Trinity shareholders to approve the Lease Operators Offer and / or any other shareholder resolution to approve, implement or facilitate the Lease Operators Offer (or any other resolution which may delay, impede or frustrate the Touchstone Offer); and
- iii. that, if the Lease Operators Offer were to be revised so as to be implemented by means of a contractual takeover offer, it would also be his intention not to accept the Lease Operators Offer.

**When taken together with the Irrevocable Undertakings, this brings the total number of Trinity Shares subject to Irrevocable Undertakings and the Letter of Intent to 16,083,344 Trinity Shares, representing approximately 41.45 per cent. of the ordinary share capital of Trinity in issue on 2 August 2024 (being the latest practicable date prior to this announcement and excluding any Trinity Shares held in treasury).**

As highlighted by the Trinity Board and in Touchstone's announcement on 25 July 2024, Touchstone notes that it will have the ability to invoke Condition 2.3 (ii) of Part A of Part Three of the Touchstone Scheme Document and lapse the Scheme on 22 August 2024, being the 22<sup>nd</sup> day following the date of the original Court Hearing date of 31 July 2024, if it so chooses. In such circumstances, the Irrevocable Undertakings would also cease to have effect.

A further announcement will be made by Touchstone in due course, as and when appropriate.

Capitalised terms used but not defined in this announcement have the meanings given to them in the Touchstone Scheme Document.

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Nothing in this announcement should be relied on for any other purpose.

Touchstone urges Trinity Shareholders to read the Touchstone Scheme Document because it contains important information relating to the Acquisition.

This announcement does not constitute a prospectus or prospectus exempted document.

### **Overseas Shareholders**

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### **Publication on Website**

In accordance with Rule 26.1 of the Code a copy of this announcement and the Letter of Intent will be available free of charge, subject to certain restrictions relating to persons resident in Restricted Jurisdictions, on the investor relations section of Touchstone's website at <https://www.touchstoneexploration.com/trinity-acquisition/> by no later than 12.00 noon (London time) on the business day immediately following this announcement. The content of the website referred to in this announcement is not incorporated into and does not form part of this announcement.

## Annex – Irrevocable Undertakings summary extracted from the Touchstone Scheme Document

The Touchstone Scheme Document contained the following summary of the Irrevocable Undertakings:

### **Trinity Director irrevocable undertakings in respect of Trinity Shares**

The following holders or controllers of Trinity Shares have given irrevocable undertakings to vote in favour of the Scheme at the Court Meeting and the Resolution to be proposed at the General Meeting and, if Touchstone exercises its right to implement the Acquisition by way of a Takeover Offer, to accept or procure acceptance of such offer:

<b>Name of Trinity Director</b>	<b>Number of Trinity Shares in respect of which undertaking is given</b>	<b>Percentage of Trinity issued share capital (excluding Trinity Shares held in treasury) as at 30 April 2024</b>
Jeremy Bridglalsingh	319,463	0.8%
James Menzies	115,000	0.3%
Nicholas Clayton	30,000	0.1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>464,463</b>	<b>1.2%</b>

These irrevocable undertakings also extend to any shares acquired by the Trinity Directors as a result of the vesting of awards or the exercise of options under the Trinity Share Plan. The obligations of the Trinity Directors under the irrevocable undertakings shall lapse and cease to have effect on and from the following occurrences:

- i. the Panel consents to Touchstone not proceeding with the Acquisition;
- ii. the Acquisition lapses or is withdrawn or does not become effective by the Long-stop Date, provided that this shall not apply where the Acquisition is withdrawn as a result of Touchstone exercising its right to implement the Acquisition by way of a Takeover Offer rather than by way of Scheme and such Takeover Offer has not lapsed or been withdrawn); or
- iii. any competing offer for the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Trinity is declared unconditional or, if proceeding by way of a scheme of arrangement, becomes effective.

The irrevocable undertakings therefore remain binding in the event an alternate or higher competing possible offer or offer is made for Trinity.

### **Additional Shareholder irrevocable undertakings in respect of Trinity Shares**

The following persons have given irrevocable undertakings which include undertakings to vote, or procure a vote, in favour of the Scheme at the Court Meeting and the Resolution relating to the Acquisition at the General Meeting, or, in the event that the Acquisition is implemented by way of a Takeover Offer, to accept or procure the acceptance of such Takeover Offer, in respect of the following Trinity Shares:

<b>Name of Trinity Shareholder giving undertaking</b>	<b>Number of Trinity Shares in respect of which undertaking is given</b>	<b>Percentage of Trinity issued share capital (excluding Trinity Shares held in treasury as at 30 April 2024</b>
Angus Winther	3,113,299	8.0%
Gavin White	2,914,748	7.5%
CS Living Trust	1,985,414	5.1%
David A. Segel Trust	1,985,414	5.1%
Jan-Dirk Lueders	1,498,855	3.9%
Bruce Dingwall Trust	1,464,374	3.8%

<b>Name of Trinity Shareholder giving undertaking</b>	<b>Number of Trinity Shares in respect of which undertaking is given</b>	<b>Percentage of Trinity issued share capital (excluding Trinity Shares held in treasury as at 30 April 2024)</b>
Scott Casto	1,463,374	3.8%
CMT Investments LLC*	111,460	0.3%
Segel Children's Trust	81,943	0.2%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,618,881</b>	<b>37.7%</b>

*\*Held jointly by Jan-Dirk Lueders and Scott Casto through CMT Investments LLC*

The irrevocable undertakings shall lapse and cease to have effect if:

- i. the Panel consents to Touchstone not proceeding with the Acquisition;
- ii. the Acquisition lapses or is withdrawn or does not become effective by the Long-stop Date, provided that this shall not apply where the Acquisition is withdrawn as a result of Touchstone exercising its right to implement the Acquisition by way of a Takeover Offer rather than by way of Scheme and such Takeover Offer has not lapsed or been withdrawn); or
- iii. any person other than Touchstone (or any person acting in concert with Touchstone) announces either:
  - a. a competing offer for the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Trinity which is wholly in cash in an amount which is equal to or more than the value of the Acquisition; or
  - b. a competing offer for the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Trinity, if not wholly in cash, on terms which represents (in the reasonable opinion of Shore Capital) an improvement of 20 per cent. or more on the value of the Acquisition, in each case prior to the date of the Court Meeting and the General Meeting; or
  - c. any competing offer for the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Trinity is declared unconditional or, if proceeding by way of a scheme of arrangement, becomes effective.