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**EIR COMMENCES CONSENT SOLICITATION**



**eircom Finance DAC**

January 8, 2018

eircom Finance DAC (the “Issuer”) today announced the launch of a consent solicitation process (the “Solicitation”) in connection with the €700,000,000 aggregate outstanding principal amount of its 4.50% Senior Secured Notes due 2022 (ISIN: XS1432395785/ XS1432396080 (RegS/144A)) (the “Notes”) and issued a consent solicitation statement (the “Consent Solicitation Statement”) in connection therewith and this announcement should be read together with the Consent Solicitation Statement. Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined in this announcement shall have the meaning given to them in the Consent Solicitation Statement.

The Issuer is soliciting consents from holders of the Notes to: (i) a one-time waiver of the application of the change of control covenant contained in the indenture governing the Notes (the “Indenture”) (such waiver, the “Change of Control Waiver”) and (ii) certain amendments to the Indenture concerning defined terms, including to the term “Permitted Holder,” which relate to the change of control covenant (the “Proposed Amendments”), in each case in connection with the acquisition by NJJ Telecom Europe SAS (“NJJ”) and its affiliates (including Iliad SA) of a majority stake in eircom Holdco S.A. (“eir”), the indirect parent of the Issuer, which was announced on December 20, 2017 (the “Acquisition”). Following the consummation of the Acquisition, existing shareholders, funds managed by Anchorage Capital Group, L.L.C. and funds managed by Davidson Kempner Capital Management LP, will retain minority interests in eir.

The purpose of the Change of Control Waiver and the Proposed Amendments are to permit (i) the Acquisition to proceed without the need for the Issuer to make a change of control offer as provided in the Indenture and (ii) subsequent transfers of beneficial ownership of eir to NJJ and its affiliates as “Permitted Holders” without the need for a change of control offer. Without the Change of Control Waiver, the Issuer would be required as a result of the Acquisition to offer to repurchase the Notes at 101% of the principal amount, together with accrued and unpaid interest.

The Solicitation will expire at 4:00 p.m. London time on January 12, 2018, unless extended by the Issuer in its sole discretion. The consideration for each €1,000 principal amount of Notes for which a Consent is validly delivered prior to the Expiration Time and not validly revoked prior to the Effective Time will be €1.50 (the “Consent Payment”). In the event that the consent of the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Notes (the “Required Consents”) are not obtained prior to the Expiration Time, any other condition set forth in the Consent Solicitation Statement is not satisfied or waived, or the Solicitation is terminated, the Change of Control Waiver and the Proposed Amendments will not become operative and no Consent Payment will be made to holders of the Notes. The Consent Payment will be made on the second business day following the Expiration Time, or such earlier date after the Expiration Time as determined by the Issuer in its sole discretion.

Holders should take note of the following dates in connection with the Solicitation. The dates below are, however, subject to modification in accordance with the terms of the Solicitation.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Timing</b>
<b>Solicitation Launch Date</b>	January 8, 2018. Consent Solicitation Statement available from the Solicitation Agent.
<b>Expiration Time</b>	4:00 p.m., London Time, on January 12, 2018, unless extended by the Issuer in its sole discretion.
<b>Revocation Deadline</b>	The Effective Time.
<b>Effective Time</b>	The time at which (i) the Required Consents have been received and (ii) the Indenture has been amended. The amended Indenture will not become operative (i) if the Consent Payment is not made, (ii) until and unless the Acquisition is completed or (iii) if the Long Stop Date (as set forth below) occurs, at which point the Supplemental Indenture will be terminated.

<b>Announcement of Solicitation Results</b>	As soon as practicable after the earlier of the Effective Time or the Expiration Time.
<b>Consent Payment Date</b>	The second business day following the Expiration Time, or such earlier date after the Expiration Time as determined by the Issuer in its sole discretion.
<b>Long-Stop Date</b>	The date on which the Acquisition agreement is terminated in accordance with its terms, including by mutual consent of the parties thereto or because the conditions to the Acquisition have not been fulfilled on or before May 31, 2018 (as such date may be extended by the parties to the Acquisition agreement).

This announcement contains inside information as defined in Article 7 of the Market Abuse Regulation (EU) 596/2014 (“Market Abuse Regulation”) and is disclosed in accordance with the Issuer’s obligations under Article 17 of the Market Abuse Regulations.

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The Issuer has engaged Goldman Sachs International to act as Solicitation Agent for the Solicitation. Questions regarding the terms of the Solicitation may be directed to the Solicitation Agent. The Issuers has also engaged Lucid Issuer Services Limited to act as the Information and Tabulation Agent for the Solicitation. Questions or requests for assistance or copies of the Consent Solicitation Statement may be directed to the Information and Tabulation Agent.

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