

**Cordiant Communications Group plc (“Cordiant”) and WPP Group plc (“WPP”)
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The boards of Cordiant and WPP announce that, with the agreement of the majority of Cordiant’s secured lenders, they are in exclusive and advanced negotiations with a view to the acquisition by WPP of Cordiant by means of a recommended scheme of arrangement. Cordiant and WPP expect to make a further announcement in the near future.