IG Design Group plc, one of the world’s leading designers, innovators and manufacturers of celebrations, gifting, stationery and creative play products, today announces that, further to the announcement made on 20 January 2020 regarding the proposed Bookbuild, the Company has placed 7,887,347 Ordinary Shares at the Placing Price of 694.0 pence per Ordinary Share as its First Tranche Placing and has conditionally placed 9,403,720 Ordinary Shares at the Placing Price of 694.0 pence per Ordinary Share as its Second Tranche Placing, together raising gross Placing proceeds of £120.0 million. The Placing was significantly oversubscribed.

Completion of the Second Tranche Placing is subject to, inter alia, shareholder approval to enable the allotment of the Second Tranche Placing Shares on a non pre-emptive basis, which will be sought at a General Meeting of the Company to be held at IG Design Group plc, 7 Water End Barns, Eversholt, Bedfordshire MK17 9EA, United Kingdom at 1.00 p.m. on 11 February 2020.

The Circular, containing further details of the Second Tranche Placing and convening the General Meeting is expected to be made available to Shareholders later today (on 21 January 2020) and will thereafter be available on the Company’s website at: https://www.thedesigngroup.com/investors/reports-presentations/.

Once the First Tranche Placing Shares and Second Tranche Placing Shares are issued, the Placing Shares will represent approximately 21.9 per cent. of the Company’s existing outstanding issued share capital and approximately 17.9 per cent. of the Enlarged Share Capital of the Company.

Canaccord Genuity is acting as Nominated Adviser, Sole Bookrunner and Sole Broker to the Company.

The terms used but not defined in this Announcement have the meaning given to them in the announcement published by the Company on 20 January 2020 regarding the proposed Bookbuild, unless otherwise stated.

Admission and dealings

Application will be made to the London Stock Exchange for the First Tranche Placing Shares to be issued pursuant to the Placing to be admitted to trading on AIM. The First Tranche Placing Shares will, when issued, rank pari passu in all respects with the Company’s Existing Ordinary Shares, including the right to receive dividends and other distributions declared, made or paid after their date of issue.

It is expected that Admission will become effective and dealings in the First Tranche Placing Shares will commence at 8.00 a.m. on or around 24 January 2020, with admission of and dealings in the Second Tranche Placing Shares
expected to become effective by 8.00 a.m. on or around 12 February 2020, should all resolutions at the General Meeting be passed.

Paul Fineman, Chief Executive Officer of IG Design Group plc, said:

“We are delighted that both existing and new shareholders have shown their support for the Placing, with the proceeds allowing us to fund the cash consideration for the Acquisition of CSS Industries and providing further balance sheet capital to support our wider growth strategy. It is testament to the compelling rationale behind the combination of our business with CSS, the opportunities this brings, and the exciting growth trajectory of the Group as a whole. We are committed to delivering great value for our shareholders, and look forward to providing an update in due course.”

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About IG Design Group plc:

IG Design Group plc, the largest consumer gift packaging business in the world, is a designer, innovator and manufacturer of products that help people celebrate life’s special occasions. Design Group works with more than 11,000 customers in over 80 countries throughout the UK, Europe, Australia and the USA. Its products are found in over 210,000 retail outlets, including several of the world’s biggest retailers, for example Walmart, Tesco, Amazon, Carrefour and Aldi. Its brand, Tom Smith, also holds the Royal Warrant for the supply of Christmas crackers and Christmas wrapping paper to the Royal family.

Design Group is a diverse business operating across multiple regions, categories, seasons and brands. Its four major product categories are: Celebrations, Stationery and Creative Play, Gifting, and ‘Not-for-resale’ consumables. It offers customers a full end-to-end service from design through to distribution, offering both branded and bespoke products from the value-focused through to the higher-margin ends of the market. The acquisition of Impact Innovations Inc. has significantly increased the scale of the Group and added to the Celebrations category with seasonal home décor product range providing a further opportunity for growth.

The Company was admitted to the Alternative Investment Market of the London Stock Exchange in 1995 under the name 'International Greetings plc' and rebranded to IG Design Group plc in 2016. For further information please visit www.thedesigngroup.com.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The expected timetable relating to the Acquisition and Placing is set out below.

**EXPECTED TIMETABLE**

- Announcement of the proposed Placing and the Acquisition: 20 January 2020
- Admission of the First Tranche Placing Shares: 8.00 a.m. on 24 January 2020
- Expected date for CREST accounts to be credited in relation to the First Tranche Placing Shares: 24 January 2020
- Dispatch of definitive share certificates (where applicable) in relation to new Ordinary Shares for First Tranche Placing: by 7 February 2020
- Latest time and date for receipt of proxy appointments for the General Meeting: 1.00 p.m. on 9 February 2020
- General Meeting: 1.00 p.m. on 11 February 2020
- Announcement of the results of the General Meeting: 11 February 2020
- Expected Admission of the Second Tranche Placing Shares: 8.00 a.m. on 12 February 2020
- Expected date for CREST accounts to be credited in relation to the Second Tranche Placing Shares: 12 February 2020
- Dispatch of definitive share certificates (where applicable) in relation to new Ordinary Shares Second Tranche Placing Shares: by 26 February 2020

Notes:

1. Certain of the events in the above timetable are conditional upon, amongst other things, the passing of the Resolutions at the General Meeting.

2. If any of the events contained in the indicative timetable should change, the revised times and dates will be notified by means of an announcement through a Regulatory Information Service.

3. Different deadlines and procedures for applications may apply in certain cases. For example, if you hold your Ordinary Shares through a CREST member or other nominee, that person may set an earlier date for application and payment than the dates noted above.

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