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CLARKSON PLC

PUBLICATION OF PROSPECTUS

17 December 2014

Further to the announcement made by Clarkson PLC (“**Clarksons**”) on 27 November 2014 in connection with the proposed acquisition by Clarksons of the entire share capital of the RS Platou ASA, a copy of the prospectus dated 17 December 2014 (the “**Prospectus**”) has been approved by the UK Listing Authority. The Prospectus relates to the re-admission of the Ordinary Shares and the admission of the Consideration Shares to the premium listing segment of the Official List of the UKLA and to trading on the London Stock Exchange’s main market for listed securities (“**Re-Admission**”) following Completion and the cancellation of Clarksons’ existing listing on the Official List of all of the Ordinary Shares pursuant to paragraph 5.6.19G of the Listing Rules. Completion of the Acquisition, which remains subject to certain conditions including obtaining shareholder approval at the reconvened general meeting to be held on 23 December 2014 and Re-Admission, is currently expected to occur in the first quarter of 2015.

The Prospectus has been submitted to the National Storage Mechanism and will shortly be available for inspection at www.morningstar.co.uk/uk/NSM. The Prospectus will also be available on Clarksons' website: www.clarksons.com

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