Stock Exchange Announcement LIONTRUST ASSET MANAGEMENT PLC Statement re Press Speculation

The Board of Liontrust Asset Management Plc ("Liontrust") notes yesterday's press speculation and confirms that it is in discussions with the controlling shareholders of Neptune Investment Management Limited ("Neptune"). There can be no certainty that the discussions will lead to any agreement concerning the possible acquisition by Liontrust of Neptune or as to the timing or terms of any such agreement. There can also be no assurance that, even if reached, any such agreement will be completed.

A further announcement will be made as and when appropriate.

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