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Valereum Plc
("Valereum", "VLRM" or the "Company")

Proposed Strategic Integration and First Coupon Payment

Launch of VGOLD Token and Related Party Transaction

Valereum Plc (AQSE: VLRM), the digital markets infrastructure company focused on becoming a global leader in tokenised assets, is pleased to confirm that it has entered into an exclusivity agreement with Quorium Global Photonics SPC ("QGP") aimed at deepening ties through the integration of technology and assets, and establishing a market leading platform for real-world asset (RWA) tokenisation with enhanced credibility, scale, and regulatory alignment. The Board and QGP expect to enter into a Definitive Agreement within 30 days.

The Company also announces that it has agreed the first coupon payment under the Share Subscription Agreement (the "Agreement") with QGP announced on 21 January 2026 and in respect of the US\$200 million QMTN2601001 medium term notes ("QMTN") issued by V-QGP to the Company. Valereum has agreed to receive the first coupon payment of US\$3.9 million in a combination of cash and VGOLD-CORE (independently valued and verified) gold-backed tokens. The cash will be payable within 5 business days and the VGOLD-CORE upon signing the Definitive Agreement.

As part of the strategic integration discussions, QGP has agreed to pledge all ordinary shares and warrants in respect of Valereum Plc (beneficially owned or held by QGP and its Directors) to the Company until payment of the VGOLD-CORE Tokens and a Definitive Agreement being concluded. If the Definitive Agreement is not executed or the coupon is not delivered, all pledged shares and warrants shall be released to the Company, and the Coupon shall be deemed satisfied in full.

Strategic Integration: Technology, Assets and Economics

The proposed integration involves combining technologies, aligning infrastructure, and integrating revenue models.

These discussions are focused on:

- **Technology Integration** - Combining Valereum's digital market infrastructure with QGP's asset tokenisation capabilities to create a scalable platform for real-world asset digitisation and trading.
- **Asset Backing & Tokenisation** - Expanding access to high-value underlying assets, including commodities, to support future products.
- **Profit Sharing & Economic Alignment** - Establishing a unified commercial framework to align incentives and long-term value creation.

Launch of VGOLD

As a first tangible outcome of its partnership with QGP, Valereum is pleased to announce the launch of VGOLD, a regulatory approved tokenised gold product supported by gold assets (VGOLD-CORE), subject to final verification and regulatory approvals.

VGOLD will deliver regulatory compliant institutional-grade, asset-backed and yield-bearing digital products, demonstrating the Company's ability to bring large-scale RWAs onto its platform.

VGOLD-CORE is a QGP token underpinned by billions of dollars of production-ready, in-ground gold reserves and gold bullion, forming a central gold treasury which will be verified by an independent expert, as part of the Definitive Agreement. VGOLD-CORE will be a liquid fungible gold token providing the backbone of the gold ecosystem for liquidity and reserves for VGOLD.

Related Party Transaction

As Pieter Scholtz and Gerhard Kotzee are Directors of both Valereum and QGP, the 49.8% shareholder of Valereum, this Definitive Agreement is considered a related party transaction under the Aquis Growth Market Apex Rules. The Directors of Valereum (excluding Pieter Scholtz and Gerhard Kotzee) confirm that, having exercised reasonable care, skill and diligence, the related party transaction is fair and reasonable as far as the shareholders of the Valereum are concerned.

Gary Cottle, Group CEO of Valereum Plc, commented:

"The scale of the opportunity is significant. QGP invested in Valereum as they own economic interests in a handful of production-ready mining assets for which tokenisation was deemed to be viable and deliverable. We're having similar conversations with other asset owners, about leveraging technology we have created with QGP. The majority of mines are seeking funding to "unlock" their production. Our tokenisation system not only works for QGP, but can be deployed across several hundred other clients and mines in the coming years. Every tokenisation company is seeking deals like these. I anticipate that every mining company will be interested in tokenising off the back of VGOLD and VGOLD-CORE, and investors will want verified digital gold. This latest revision gives us the cash we need to deliver VGOLD into the marketplace for several clients. Swapping our initial corporate bond into VGOLD-CORE also enables us to be aligned with a liquid relevant instrument."

Pieter Scholtz, Managing Director of QGP, commented:

"Our long-term collaboration with Valereum continues to deepen as we explore broader alignment across technology and assets. We see substantial potential in combining our respective capabilities."

James Bannon, Executive Chair of Valereum Plc, added:

"With the first payment en route, we now move ahead at pace to deliver exactly as intended. Our focus is absolute: execution, momentum and clarity. My main priority is to secure our US listing and we are working at pace with our US counterparties to achieve this. That is the next major milestone, and we are fully committed to achieving it."

The Directors of the Company accept responsibility for the contents of this announcement.

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For more information, and the chance to have your questions directly answered by the management team, please head to our interactive investor hub via: [Investor Hub](#).

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