

19-25, Conservatory Street, Floriana, Malta Company Registration Number C89431 (the "Company")

## **Company Announcement**

The following is a company announcement issued by FES Finance p.l.c. ("FES" or the "Company") pursuant to Rule 4.11.13 of the Prospects Rules.

Reference is made to the developing events relating to COVID-19 on a national level and worldwide. The Company and FES Projects Limited – the guarantor of the €5,000,000 Secured Bonds 2029 – have been monitoring the situation closely, whilst noting the recent measures being introduced by the Government to safeguard public health.

The Company and its guarantor wish to inform its bondholders that:

- The health and safety of colleagues and customers are of paramount importance. To this effect, sanitary and precautionary measures were implemented for several weeks in accordance with the guidelines published by the health authorities. We will continue to take all measures as directed by the relevant authorities;
- Hotel guests are being informed of the national measures being taken by the Government, as published from time to time, with specific focus being given to the mandatory quarantine requirements as published on Friday 13th March 2020. To this effect, efforts are being undertaken to serve hotel guests within their respective rooms;
- From a financial and economic perspective, initial cost-cutting measures have also been taken to address the current economic scenario, which included the shutting down of floors in the hotel. Despite this situation we will continue with our envisaged plans as set out in the bondholders meeting which took place on 20 November 2019. In the meantime, we will continue monitoring costs, amenities, energy and consumables, and action will be taken as deemed necessary and appropriate, until the tourism sector overcomes this challenge. In this respect, half board and full board offers were created to target stranded travelers as a potential mitigation for the cancellations incurred;
- It is early days to estimate the impact of the pandemic on the financial performance for 2020 and whilst all operations are being monitored, announcements on future expectations will be made only as and when more certainty returns to the market.

Company Secretary

18 March 2020