

# WARNING TO SHAREHOLDERS - BOILER ROOM SCAMS

Please be aware that there have been reports from shareholders who have received unsolicited telephone calls from fraudulent companies, offering to buy shares often at inflated prices. We would like to remind our shareholders to remain vigilant at all times. Please see the warning below for further information on what you should do if you are contacted in this manner.

## General information

Share scams are often run from "boiler rooms" where fraudsters cold-call investors offering them worthless, overpriced or even non-existent shares, or offering to buy their shares in a company at a much higher price than the market value. The "boiler room" scam has developed over recent years and there has been an increase in reports of overseas fraudsters contacting shareholders to sell and buy shares using the names, registration numbers and addresses of authorised firms and individuals in an attempt to convince consumers of their legitimacy. While they promise high returns, those who invest usually end up losing their money.

## How to protect yourself

- Remain vigilant. Shareholders are advised to be very wary of any unsolicited advice, offers to buy or sell shares or offer of free company reports.
- If you receive any unsolicited investment advice of this nature, make sure you get the correct name of the person and organisation and make a record of any other information they give you e.g. telephone number, address etc.
- Check that they are properly authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) before getting involved by visiting the FCA's [Financial Services Register](#).
- Search the FCA's [list of unauthorised firms and individuals](#) to avoid doing business with.
- Report the matter to the FCA either by calling 0800 111 6768 or completing the FCA's [form to report an unauthorised firm](#).
- If calls persist, hang up.

For more information, please view the FCA's [warning list](#).

If you use an unauthorised firm to buy or sell shares or other investments, you will not have access to the Financial Ombudsman Service or Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) if things go wrong.

Details of any share dealing facilities that the company endorses will be included on the company's website.