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Micro Focus International plc

Completion of the Merger with HPE Software

Return of Value to Micro Focus Shareholders

Completion of the Merger

Micro Focus International plc ("Micro Focus" or the "Company") is pleased to announce that it has completed the merger of its wholly owned subsidiary with Seattle SpinCo, Inc., which holds the software business segment ("HPE Software") of Hewlett Packard Enterprise Company ("HPE"), in accordance with the terms of the previously announced Merger Agreement. Accordingly, on Admission, American Depositary Shares representing 222,166,897 Consideration Shares were issued to HPE Shareholders, representing 50.1% of the fully diluted share capital of the Company (following the Share Capital Consolidation referred to below).

Return of Value

Micro Focus also announces the completion of the Return of Value to Micro Focus Shareholders of approximately £386,130,203, in cash, by way of the B Share Scheme, representing 168.028953 pence for each Existing Ordinary Share held at the Record Time, being 6.00 p.m. on 31 August 2017.

It is intended that cheques will be dispatched or CREST accounts credited (as appropriate) in respect of the proceeds of the redemption of the B Shares due to Micro Focus Shareholders entitled to receive the same by 15 September 2017.

Board Composition

As described in the prospectus published by Micro Focus on 28 July 2017 (the "Prospectus"), Chris Hsu, who was Executive Vice President and General Manager of HPE Software as well as Chief Operating Officer at HPE, has become Chief Executive Officer of Micro Focus and an executive director of Micro Focus with effect from Completion, and John Schultz has become a non-executive director of Micro Focus (as the HPE Nominated Director who is a serving executive of HPE and is not independent) with effect from Completion. An additional independent non-executive director, nominated by HPE and to be approved by the Micro Focus Nomination Committee, is expected to be appointed after Completion.

Stephen Murdoch (the former Chief Executive Officer of Micro Focus) has stepped down from the Board and has become the Chief Operating Officer of Micro Focus with effect from Completion.*

Accordingly, the Board of Directors of the Company as of Completion comprises:

Executive Directors: Kevin Loosemore (Executive Chairman), Chris Hsu (Chief Executive Officer)**, Mike Phillips (Chief Financial Officer) and Nils Brauckmann (Chief Executive Officer, SUSE).

Non-Executive Directors: Karen Slatford (Senior Independent Director), Richard Atkins, Amanda Brown, Darren Roos, Silke Scheiber and John Schultz**.

* The Board intends to propose a motion at the Company's forthcoming Annual General Meeting to be held at 9 a.m. on 4 September 2017 (the "2017 Annual General Meeting") to withdraw resolution number 6 as set out in the Notice of Annual General Meeting dated 3 August 2017 relating to Stephen Murdoch's re-election as a director. The withdrawal of resolution 6 does not affect the validity of the

proxy form circulated to Micro Focus Shareholders in respect of the 2017 Annual General Meeting or any proxy votes already submitted in relation to the remaining resolutions.

** No further information is required pursuant to Listing Rule 9.6.13 in respect of each of these appointments other than as already set out in the Prospectus.

Settlement

Following Admission and completion of the Share Capital Consolidation, there are a total of 435,031,163 New Ordinary Shares in issue (including the Consideration Shares), of which none are held in treasury. Therefore, the resulting total number of voting rights in Micro Focus is 435,031,163.¹

With effect from Admission, the Consideration Shares have been deposited with Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch, as custodian for the Depositary. It is expected that the American Depositary Shares representing such Consideration Shares which have been issued by the Depositary to HPE Shareholders will be listed on the NYSE at 2:30 p.m. (BST) today.

With effect from Admission, share certificates in respect of Existing Ordinary Shares have ceased to be valid.

It is expected that by 15 September 2017, the Company will despatch share certificates in respect of the New Ordinary Shares arising on the Share Capital Consolidation together with cheques in respect of fractional entitlements with a value of £5.00 or more to those Micro Focus Shareholders who held their Existing Ordinary Shares in certificated form and, until such time, Micro Focus Shareholders should retain any share certificate(s) they currently hold in respect of Existing Ordinary Shares.

Entitlements to New Ordinary Shares due to Micro Focus Shareholders who held their Existing Ordinary Shares in CREST have been automatically credited to their CREST accounts on Admission. Fractional entitlements with a value of £5.00 or more which are due to Micro Focus Shareholders who held their Existing Ordinary Shares in CREST, are expected to be automatically credited to their CREST accounts by 15 September 2017.

1 This figure of 435,031,163 should be used by Shareholders as the denominator for the calculations by which they will determine their interest in, or a change to their interest in, the Ordinary Shares, in the event they are required to make a disclosure under the FCA's Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules.

Capitalised terms in this announcement have the same meaning as the defined terms in the Prospectus.

Commenting on today's announcement, Kevin Loosemore, Executive Chairman of Micro Focus, said:

"The combination of Micro Focus and HPE Software represents a step change in Micro Focus' scale. The enlarged company's customer proposition draws on a rich heritage of technology innovation, global resources and a highly skilled workforce – all of which can now benefit from our effective business model. We are ideally placed to support customers and partners as they demand relevance and value from their established investments in technology. At the same time, this corporate development is wholly aligned with Micro Focus' commitment to deliver sustainable 15-20% annual shareholder returns, offering significant opportunities to deliver further value from the combined operations."

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businesses of Micro Focus; the risk that disruptions from the Transaction will impact Micro Focus' business; and Micro Focus' plans, objectives, expectations and intentions generally. Additional factors can be found under "Risk Factors" in the Prospectus published by the Company on 28 July 2017, the prospectus filed with the SEC on 22 August 2017. For a discussion of important factors which could cause actual results to differ from forward-looking statements relating to Micro Focus, refer to Micro Focus' Annual Report and Accounts 2016. It is however noted that it is not possible to predict or identify all such factors. Consequently, while the list of factors presented or referred to here is considered representative, no such list should be considered to be a complete statement of all potential risks and uncertainties.

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