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Recommended Acquisition of Arriva plc by DB UK Holding Limited (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Deutsche Bahn AG) (the "Acquisition")

Scheme of Arrangement sanctioned by Court

Arriva plc ("Arriva") announces that at a hearing held earlier today the High Court of Justice in England and Wales (the "Court") sanctioned the Scheme to effect the recommended acquisition of Arriva by DB UK Holding Limited.

In order for the Scheme to become effective in accordance with its terms, the Court must confirm the Reduction of Capital at the Reduction Court Hearing which is scheduled to take place on 26 August 2010.

Dealings in Arriva Shares on the London Stock Exchange will be suspended with effect from 6.00 p.m. on 25 August 2010. It is expected that the Scheme will become effective on 27 August 2010 and that the cancellation of the admission to trading of Arriva Shares on the London Stock Exchange's main market for listed securities and the admission of the Arriva Shares to the Official List will become effective from 8.00 a.m. on 31 August 2010.

Upon the Scheme becoming effective, holders of Scheme Shares will be entitled to receive 775 pence for each Scheme Share held by them at the Scheme Record Time (6.00 p.m. on 25 August 2010). Subject to the Scheme becoming effective on 27 August 2010, settlement consideration will be sent to Scheme Shareholders by 10 September 2010.

Terms and expressions in this announcement shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the same meanings as given to them in the Scheme Document dated 18 May 2010.

This announcement will be made available on the Arriva website at www.arriva.co.uk.

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