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Recommended Acquisition

by

HCL EAS Limited
an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of

HCL Technologies Limited

of

Axon Group plc

Court sanction of HCL Scheme

Axon Group plc ("**Axon**" or the "**Company**") announces that, the High Court of Justice has today made an order sanctioning the HCL Scheme by which HCL EAS's acquisition of Axon is being implemented.

In order for the HCL Scheme to become Effective, the Court will now need to confirm the associated HCL Capital Reduction at the HCL Reduction Court Hearing. This hearing will take place on 12 December 2008. It is expected that the last day of dealings in Axon Shares will be 11 December 2008 and that the listing and admission to trading on the London Stock Exchange's main market for listed securities of Axon Shares will be cancelled at 8.00 a.m. on 16 December 2008, the day following the anticipated effective date of the HCL Scheme.

A request has been made to each of the London Stock Exchange and the UKLA to cancel the trading in Axon Shares on the London Stock Exchange's main market for listed securities and to remove the listing of the Axon Shares from the Official List, in each case, with effect from the day following the HCL Effective Date.

A detailed timetable of events for the HCL Scheme is set out in the scheme document dated 24 October 2008 (the "**Scheme Document**").

Copies of the Scheme Document are available for inspection during normal business hours on any business day at the offices of Osborne Clarke at One London Wall, London EC2Y 5EB, up to and including the HCL Effective Date.

Words and expressions defined in the Scheme Document shall, unless the context provides otherwise, have the same meanings in this announcement.

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