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To shareholders and, for information only, option holders

Announcement by Elektron Plc

Dear Shareholder

Set out below is the text of an announcement made by Elektron Plc on 1 July 2009 in relation to a possible offer for Hartest Holdings and a response issued by the company on the same day.

Yours sincerely

Geoff Spink
Executive Chairman

Announcement by Elektron Plc

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Elektron Plc

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Statement re Possible Offer

Elektron notes the recent movement in the share price of Hartest Holdings plc (“Hartest”) and confirms that it is considering a possible joint offer for Hartest with a third party. Any offer, if made, is likely to be solely in cash at or around 25 pence per Hartest ordinary share of nominal value £0.10. However, no decision has been made regarding any offer and no approach has been made to Hartest. This announcement does not amount to a firm intention to announce an offer.

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Dealing Disclosure Requirements

Under the provisions of Rule 8.3 of the Takeover Code (the “Code”), if any person is, or becomes, “interested” (directly or indirectly) in 1 per cent. or more of any class of “relevant securities” of Hartest, all “dealings” in any “relevant securities” of Hartest (including by means of an option in respect of, or a derivative referenced to, any such “relevant securities”) must be publicly disclosed by no later than 3.30 p.m. (London time) on the London business day following the date of the relevant transaction. This requirement will continue until the date on which the offer becomes, or is declared, unconditional as to acceptances, lapses or is otherwise withdrawn or on which the “offer period” otherwise ends. If two or more persons act together pursuant to an agreement or understanding, whether formal or informal, to acquire an “interest” in “relevant securities” of Hartest, they will be deemed to be a single person for the purpose of Rule 8.3.

Under the provisions of Rule 8.1 of the Code, all “dealings” in “relevant securities” of Hartest by Elektron, or by any of their “associates”, must be disclosed by no later than 12.00 noon (London time) on the London business day following the date of the relevant transaction.

A disclosure table, giving details of the companies in whose “relevant securities” “dealings” should be disclosed, and the number of such securities in issue, can be found on the Takeover Panel’s website at www.thetakeoverpanel.org.uk.

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Terms in quotation marks are defined in the Code, which can also be found on the Panel’s website. If you are in any doubt as to whether or not you are required to disclose a “dealing” under Rule 8, you should consult the Panel.

Announcement by Hartest Holdings Plc

Hartest Holdings Plc

Statement re Possible Offer

The board of Hartest Holdings Plc ('Hartest' or 'Company') note the announcement made by Elektron plc ('Elektron') today in relation to a possible offer for the Company ('Possible Offer'). The Company awaits with interest further information from Elektron regarding the likelihood of the Possible Offer, the identity of the third party referred to in the announcement and the terms upon which Elektron would be prepared to make the Proposed Offer. At present no offer has been received from Elektron and there is no certainty that an offer will be made.

In accordance with Rule 2.10 of The City Code on Takeovers and Mergers Hartest Holdings Plc confirms that it has 8,605,288 ordinary shares of 10 pence each in issue. The International Securities Identification Number (ISIN) for these securities is GB00B1Z5GW09.

A further announcement will be made in due course.

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