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**Glencore plc
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Glencore plc announces the successful placing of \$500 million non-dilutive cash settled guaranteed convertible bonds due 2025

Glencore plc ("Glencore"), through its subsidiary Glencore Funding LLC (the "Issuer"), announces the successful placing of an offering of \$500 million non-dilutive cash settled guaranteed convertible bonds due 2025 (the "Bonds") guaranteed by Glencore, Glencore International AG and Glencore (Schweiz) AG (together, the "Guarantors"). Concurrently with the placing of the Bonds, the Issuer purchased cash-settled call options (the "Call Options") on shares of Glencore (the "Shares") to hedge its economic exposure to a potential exercise of the conversion rights embedded in the Bonds. As conversion rights in respect of the Bonds will be cash-settled only, the issue and conversion of the Bonds will not result in the issuance of any new shares, or the delivery of existing shares, of Glencore or any other group company.

The net proceeds of the offering of the Bonds will be used for general corporate purposes and for the purchase of the Call Options.

The nominal value of each Bond is \$200,000. The Bonds will not bear interest and will be issued at an issue price of 93.25% of their nominal value, corresponding to an annual gross yield to maturity of 1.00%, on 27 March 2018, the expected settlement date of the Bonds. The Bonds will be redeemed at par on 27 March 2025 unless previously redeemed or converted in accordance with their terms. The initial conversion price will be 25% above the Share Reference Price (as defined below).

The reference price of the Shares (the "Share Reference Price") will be determined as the arithmetic average of the daily volume-weighted average prices of the Shares in sterling on the London Stock Exchange on each of the 10 consecutive trading days commencing on (and including) 21 March 2018 (the "Share Reference Price Period"). The initial conversion ratio of the Bonds will correspond to the nominal value per Bond converted into sterling and divided by the initial conversion price.

The Bonds were offered via an accelerated book building process through a private placement to institutional investors only, outside the United States, Australia, Canada, Japan, South Africa or any other jurisdiction in which offers or sales of the Bonds would be prohibited by applicable law. No prospectus, offering circular or similar document will be prepared in respect of the offering of the Bonds.

It is anticipated that the hedge counterparties to the Call Options, which may include the Joint Bookrunners, will enter into transactions to hedge their respective positions under the Call Options through the purchase or sale of Shares or any other transactions, on the market and off-market,

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at any time, and in particular during the Share Reference Price Period and at the conversion or redemption of the Bonds.

The Share Reference Price, initial conversion price, initial conversion ratio and dividend threshold will be announced through a press release at the end of the Share Reference Price Period, expected to occur on 5 April 2018.

Application will be made for the Bonds to be admitted to trading on the Open Market (Freiverkehr) segment of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange and such admission to trading is expected no later than 90 days after the issue date of the Bonds.

In the context of the offering, Glencore and the Issuer will agree to a lock-up undertaking in relation to its Shares and equity-linked securities for a period ending 90 calendar days after the date hereof, subject to certain exceptions and waiver by the Global Coordinator.

BofA Merrill Lynch is acting as Sole Global Coordinator for the offering and together with BNP PARIBAS, Barclays Bank PLC, HSBC and J.P. Morgan Securities plc as Joint Bookrunners.

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With a strong footprint in both established and emerging regions for natural resources, Glencore's industrial and marketing activities are supported by a global network of more than 90 offices located in over 50 countries.

Glencore's customers are industrial consumers, such as those in the automotive, steel, power generation, oil and food processing sectors. We also provide financing, logistics and other services to producers and consumers of commodities. Glencore's companies employ around 146,000 people, including contractors.

Glencore is proud to be a member of the Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights and the International Council on Mining and Metals. We are an active participant in the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative.

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