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Cox announces its intention to float on the Spanish Stock Exchanges

Madrid, Spain, 7 October 2024 – Cox ABG Group, S.A. ("**Cox**" or the "**Company**" and, collectively with its subsidiaries, the "**Group**"), a vertically and horizontally integrated utility of water and energy, announces today its intention to proceed with an initial public offering of its ordinary shares to qualified investors. The Offering will consist of a primary offering of newly issued Shares by the Company, targeting an equity raise of approximately up to €300 million (including over-allotment option). The Offering will be made to qualified investors, including a placement in the United States to qualified institutional buyers under Rule 144A. The Company intends to apply for admission of its Offered Shares and existing ordinary shares (the Shares) to be listed and traded on the Spanish Stock Exchanges.

Enrique Riquelme Vives, Executive Chairman of Cox, said: "Today's announcement is an important milestone in our growth story. Cox is already a global leader in the highly strategic and economically critical sectors of water and energy, where we have extensive experience and technical capabilities that have enabled us to build a leading position. This transaction will enable us to continue to execute our growth strategy to consolidate Cox as a global leader in water infrastructure and management, and renewable energy generation and transmission. We aim to do this by driving synergies between our two core businesses and by contributing to the development of more sustainable water management through clean energy, which is a key societal challenge. We look forward to bringing on board new partners who share our vision and to the future of Cox as a public company."

Information on the Company

Cox: a vertically and horizontally integrated utility of water and energy

Cox is a vertically and horizontally integrated utility of water and energy. In addition to the water and energy divisions, Cox also provides services including engineering and procurement (EP) and operations & maintenance (O&M).



The Company's utility business model encompasses the entire value chain for both water (i.e., desalination, purification, reutilization, treatment, and integrated water resource management) and energy (i.e., generation and transmission). Through its divisions, Cox takes advantage of the synergies derived from its complementary capabilities to maximize value creation. Water concessions unlock new opportunities in the energy division. For example, electricity demand in desalination projects can be supplied through projects developed by Cox, with a view to enable the project's efficiency and cost optimization. This model ("Energy Follows Water") is a key pillar of the Company's forward-looking strategy.

Cox has a concessional business model based in water and energy, with additional engineering, procurement and O&M services. The Company has 3 operating concessions in water, 2 concessions in transmission (recently awarded in 2024) and 6 operating concessions in energy, which generate recurrent revenues, combined with a conservative capital structure (H1 2024 recourse net leverage: 0.2x Adj. Net Debt / Adj. EBITDA¹) and a firm commitment of recourse net leverage of ≤ 1.0 x Adj. Net Debt / Adj. EBITDA².

The Company's businesses are well diversified geographically in strategically selected high-growth countries.

Recognized global water operator with more than 55 years of experience

The world's water market is undergoing a rapid transformation as it confronts the escalating challenges of water scarcity, demand increases driven by growing global populations, and mass migration to urban centres.

As a result of the acquisition in 2023 of certain productive units of the former Abengoa group (a Spanish multinational group specialized in infrastructure, water and energy), Cox's water concessions division has over 55 years of experience, particularly in management of upstream infrastructure assets and a leading position worldwide.

Cox has been recognized in industry world rankings, having received over 20 sector awards from different industry sources such as the Global Water Intelligence ("GWI"), the Global Water Awards, the International Desalination Association, and MEED Projects Awards and it counts with over 250 client certificates (the key entry barrier of the business). In addition to that, the Company was ranked in the top three for the 2014-2021 period by GWI³, and is a global reference as it continues developing and implementing innovative, competitive, and sustainable technology solutions in water.

It is also important to consider that in the water sector, the competitive landscape remains very limited, as the industry requires a specialized know-how and has high barriers of entry (mainly the client certificates mentioned above) and Cox enjoys a privileged positioning and recognition within the industry.

International renewables player

Cox's energy division includes generation and transmission, and covers all phases of the energy value chain: from project development to operation, as a pioneer and operator of recognised technological prestige in the

1 Adj. Net Debt/ Adj. EBITDA is an Alternative Performance Metric ("APM") calculated as Adjusted Net Debt (comprised of debts with credit institutions, plus lease liabilities and other financial liabilities, less cash and cash equivalents) divided by Adjusted EBITDA (comprised of EBITDA excluding concessions). Post IFRS 16 figure.

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3 Source: 1) IDRA Desalination & Reuse Handbook (2023-2024), GWI.



industry.

Cox has a proven track record in developing and operating energy projects globally. The Company employs different technologies (always renewable) including solar PV, BESS, combined cycle and ISCC, theromosolar and bioenergy plants. The Company currently has 6 generation plants under operation and concession and two transmission line concessions (recently awarded in 2024). The pipeline under development amounts to more than 3.6 GW (attributable capacity of 3.3GW) of which to note 1.4 GW are captive projects.

The Company manages its project portfolio based upon an "Energy Follows Water" strategy, generating captive energy projects linked with water concessions.

Premium engineering capabilities

The Company specializes in identifying, designing and operating desalination and water treatment plants, hydraulic infrastructures, energy generation projects, and transmission lines. The Company further benefits from in-house O&M and asset management services to its own portfolio, and also for third parties, resulting in economies of scale that propitiate increased margins.

Financial position to capture growth and increase cash generation

Cox delivered EBITDA⁴ of c.€103m on c.€581m revenues for the year ended on December 31, 2023, and a positive Adjusted Operating Cash Flow⁵ of €37.4 million for the year ended on December 31, 2023.

In H1 2024, the Company released revenues of € 306 m (+€196m vs H12023); €81m EBITDA (+€24m vs H1 2023) and delivered a strong increase services contract backlog reaching €1.6bn with an EBITDA⁶ margin of 11.7%.

Corporate structure

Cox's current shareholder structure consists of a 77.85% stake held by Enrique Riquelme Vives⁷, a 17.50% held by the Zardoya Family⁸, and a 4.65% held by Mutualidad de Arquitectos, Arquitectos Técnicos y Químicos (HNA).

Details of the proposed offering

4 EBITDA is an Alternative Performance Metric ("APM") calculated as the sum of the Group's Operating profit and Amortization and charges due to impairments, provisions and amortizations. Post IFRS 16 figure.

5 Adjusted Operating Cash Flow is an APM calculated as the sum of the Group's Operating profits and Amortization and charges due to impairments, provisions and amortizations minus Changes in working capital, Corporate taxes collected/(paid) and Investments. Post IFRS 16 figure.

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7 Indirectly held through InversionesRiquelmeVives, S.L. (72.85%) and Lusaka Investments, S.L.U. (5.00%) (two entities of which Enrique Riquelme is ultimately the majority and sole shareholder, respectively).

8 Indirectly held through Canon Investments, S.L. (5.08%) and Ondainvest, S.L. (12.42%) (two entities of which the Zardoya Family is ultimately the sole and majority shareholder, respectively).



- The Offering is expected to comprise a primary offering of newly issued Shares of the Company in an amount of approximately up to €300m (including over-allotment option) to be used for (i) new and recently awarded water concessions, (ii) captive energy projects and (iii) new energy transmission concessions.
- An over-allotment option is expected to be granted by the Company over up to 15% of the size of the Offering.
- The Company and any of its existing shareholders (other than Inversiones Riquelme Vives, S.L. and Lusaka Investments, S.L.U.) that are investing in the Offering, will agree to certain lock-up arrangements with the Managers during a period from the date on which the underwriting agreement is signed to and including 180 calendar days from admission to listing and trading on the Spanish Stock Exchanges, subject to customary carveouts and waiver by the Joint Global Coordinators. Furthermore, Enrique Riquelme Vives through Inversiones Riquelme Vives, S.L. and Lusaka Investments, S.L.U., will agree to certain lock-up arrangements with the Managers during a period from the date on which the underwriting agreement is signed to and including 365 calendar days from admission to listing and trading on the Spanish Stock Exchanges, subject to customary carveouts and waiver by the Joint Global Coordinators.
- The board of directors of the Company has also approved an extraordinary remuneration in the form of Shares to certain members of the senior management and certain key employees of the Company, who will also agree to certain lock-up commitments with the Company and the Managers during a period from the issue date of such Shares to and including 365 calendar days from admission to listing and trading on the Spanish Stock Exchanges, subject to customary carveouts and waiver by the Joint Global Coordinators.
- Banco Santander, S.A., BofA Securities and Citigroup Global Markets Europe AG are acting as Joint Global Coordinators (together, the "Joint Global Coordinators"), and JB Capital Markets, Sociedad de Valores, S.A.U. and Alantra Capital Markets, S.V., S.A. are acting as Joint Bookrunners (together with the Joint Global Coordinators, the "Joint Bookrunners"). Banco BTG Pactual S.A. is acting as Co-lead Manager (the "Co-Lead Manager" and together with the Joint Global Coordinators and the Joint Bookrunners, the "Managers"). Latham & Watkins LLP is acting as the Company's legal counsel and Clifford Chance, S.L.P. is acting as the Managers' legal counsel. Lazard is acting as sole independent financial advisor.

Further details of the proposed Offering will be included in the Prospectus to be approved by, and registered with, the Spanish Securities Market Commission (Comisión Nacional del Mercado de Valores, the "CNMV") in connection with the Offering and the Admission, and which will supersede this announcement in its entirety. The Prospectus approval process is ongoing and will include full details on the Offering and its expected timetable. Once approved, the Prospectus will be published and made available at the Company's website (www.grupocox.com), in subsection IPO, and at the CNMV's website (www.cnmv.es).

Any acquisition of Shares in the Company should be made solely on the basis of the Prospectus approved by, and registered with, the CNMV. The approval of the Prospectus by the CNMV does not constitute an evaluation of the merits of the Offering.

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date they are made.

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Any purchase of Offered Shares in the proposed Offering should be made solely on the basis of the information contained in the Prospectus to be issued by the Company in connection with the Offering. The information in this announcement is subject to change.

The Managers are acting exclusively for the Company and no-one else in connection with the Offering. They will not regard any other person as their respective clients in relation to the Offering and will not be responsible to anyone other than the Company for providing the protections afforded to their respective clients, nor for providing advice in relation to the Offering, the contents of this announcement or any transaction, arrangement or other matter referred to herein.

In connection with the Offering of the Offered Shares, the Managers and any of their affiliates, may take up a portion of the Offered Shares in the Offering as a principal position and in that capacity may retain, purchase, sell, offer to sell for their own accounts such Offered Shares and other securities of the Company or related investments in connection with the Offering or otherwise. Accordingly, references to the Offered Shares being issued, offered, subscribed, acquired, placed or otherwise dealt in should be read as including any issue or offer to, or subscription, acquisition, placing or dealing by, the Managers and any of their affiliates acting in such capacity. In addition, the Managers and any of their affiliates may enter into financing arrangements (including swaps, warrants or contracts for differences) with investors in connection with which the Managers and any of their affiliates may from time to time acquire, hold or dispose of Offered Shares. The Managers do not intend to disclose the extent of any such investment or transactions otherwise than in accordance with any legal or regulatory obligations to do so.

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In connection with the Offering, BofA Securities Europe SA, as stabilization manager, or any of its agents, may (but will be under no obligation to), effect transactions aimed at supporting the market price of the Offered Shares at a higher level than that which might otherwise prevail in the open market. BofA Securities Europe SA is not required to enter into such transactions and such transactions may be effected on any stock market, over-the-counter market, stock exchange or otherwise and may be undertaken at any time during the period commencing on the date on which the ordinary shares of the Company (the "**Shares**") are listed and commence trading on the Spanish Stock Exchanges and ending no later than 30 calendar days thereafter. However, there will be no obligation on BofA Securities Europe SA or any of its agents to effect stabilising transactions and there is no assurance that stabilising transactions will be undertaken. Such stabilising



measures, if commenced, may be discontinued at any time without prior notice. Save as required by law or regulation, neither BofA Securities Europe SA nor any of its agents intends to disclose the extent of any over-allotments made and/or stabilization transactions conducted in relation to the Offering.

In connection with the Offering, the Company will grant an option to the Managers to subscribe for a number of additional ordinary shares of the Company representing up to 15% of the Initial Offered Shares (the “**Over-allotment Shares**”, together with the Initial Offered Shares, the “**Offered Shares**”) at the offering price to cover over-allotments of Initial Offered Shares in the Offering and short positions resulting from stabilization transactions, if any (the “**Over-allotment Option**”). The Over-allotment Option will be exercisable, in whole or in part, by BofA Securities Europe SA, in its capacity as stabilization manager (the “**Stabilization Manager**”), pursuant to which BofA Securities Europe SA may acquire or procure purchasers for Over-allotment Shares comprised in the Offering at the offer price. The Over-allotment Option will be exercisable in whole or in part, upon notice by BofA Securities Europe SA, at any time on or before the 30th calendar day after the commencement of trading of the Shares on the Spanish Stock Exchanges.