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## AA plc

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### **The AA Announces Offering of £280,000,000 Class B3 Secured Notes due 2050 by the AA Bond Co Limited**

The AA plc announces today that AA Bond Co Limited (a subsidiary of AA plc, the *Issuer*) intends to offer (the *Offering*) £280,000,000 aggregate principal amount of Class B3 Secured Notes due 2050 (the *Notes*).

The gross proceeds from the Offering will, upon issuance of the Notes, be placed into an escrow account. Upon the satisfaction of certain conditions including the completion of the acquisition of AA plc (together with the subsidiaries thereof, the *Group*) by Basing Bidco Limited, the proceeds will be released from escrow and used (together with, among other things, the proceeds of a £261 million equity contribution intended to be deployed by Basing Bidco Limited) to redeem the outstanding aggregate principal amount of the Issuer's existing Class B2 Notes shortly after the acquisition becomes effective.

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