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CAPITAL FOR COLLEAGUES PLC
(‘Capital for Colleagues’ or the ‘Company’)

GBP 200,000 Investment in Cotswold Valves Limited

Capital for Colleagues, the investment vehicle focused on opportunities in the Employee Owned Business (‘EOB’) sector, is pleased to announce that the Company has made a GBP 200,000 equity investment in Cotswold Valves Limited (‘CVL’).

CVL, based at Stonehouse near Stroud, is a long-established supplier of specialist valves for a range of process industries, predominantly in the UK, including food and paper production, mining, petrochemical, water and waste treatment.

Capital for Colleagues has subscribed GBP 200,000 for ordinary shares representing 49 per cent. of CVL’s issued ordinary share capital. CVL has gifted the proceeds of the subscription, together with additional funding, to an Employee Ownership Trust to enable that Trust to acquire the balance of 51 per cent. of CVL’s issued share capital, from the retiring owner of CVL, on behalf of the business’s employees.

John Eckersley, Chief Executive of Capital for Colleagues, said: “This investment is a further example of the evolution of our investment strategy, as we focus on acquiring direct equity stakes and delivering change through employee ownership. By partnering with the CVL Employee Ownership Trust, we have been able to engineer the phased transition of CVL into employee ownership, whilst delivering a tax-efficient exit for CVL’s previous owner. We have provided CVL with strategic advice as well as finance, demonstrating the breadth of our offering to EOBs.”

The Directors of the Company are responsible for the contents of this announcement.

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Capital for Colleagues is an investment company focused on the Employee Owned Business ('EOB') sector. The Company has a clear strategy aimed at investing in, advising and growing established, mainly UK-based, EOBs as well as assisting companies which are looking to launch employee ownership schemes, providing the capital and advice to help them achieve their objectives.

Capital for Colleagues has a proven management team, with a wide network of contacts and affiliates, as well as established access to investment opportunities, enabling the Company to execute its strategy and identify and capitalise on EOB-focused investment opportunities.