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**13 May 2020**

**Gulf Marine Services PLC**

**Increased level of shareholder support**

The Board of Gulf Marine Services PLC (“**GMS**” or the “**Company**”) confirms it has received, on 12 May 2020, an updated letter from Faisal Juma Khalfan Belhoul Alfalasi of Ithmar Capital Partners, covering an additional 2,290,000 GMS shares (0.65 per cent. of GMS issued share capital).

As a result, GMS has now received letters from 13 GMS shareholders who collectively hold 39.44 per cent. of the Company’s issued share capital, indicating that they are fully supportive of:

- GMS and its management;
- The terms of the proposed amend and extend transaction (the “**A&E Transaction**”) which have been publicly disclosed and agreed in principle with GMS’s lenders; and
- The Company’s intention to raise equity to strengthen its balance sheet.

All such shareholders have indicated that they have no current intention to accept any offer on the terms of the current Seafox proposal, being 10 pence per share (or \$0.09 if higher).

A summary of the letters of intent and details of the relevant shareholders together with their shareholdings in GMS are set out in the Appendix of this announcement.

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The person responsible for arranging for the release of this announcement on behalf of GMS is Tony Hunter, Company Secretary.

## **ABOUT GMS**

GMS, a company listed on the London Stock Exchange, was founded in Abu Dhabi in 1977 and has become a world-leading provider of advanced self-propelled self-elevating support vessels (SESVs). The fleet serves the oil, gas and renewable energy industries from its offices in the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia and the United Kingdom. The Group's assets are capable of serving clients' requirements across the globe, including those in the Middle East, South East Asia, West Africa, North America, the Gulf of Mexico and Europe.

The GMS fleet of 13 SESVs is amongst the youngest in the industry, with an average age of eight years. The vessels support GMS's clients in a broad range of offshore oil and gas platform refurbishment and maintenance activities, well intervention work and offshore wind turbine maintenance work (which are opex-led activities), as well as offshore oil and gas platform installation and decommissioning and offshore wind turbine installation (which are capex-led activities).

The SESVs are categorised by size - K-Class (Small), S-Class (Mid) and E-Class (Large) - with these capable of operating in water depths of 45m to 80m depending on leg length. The vessels are four-legged and are self-propelled, which means they do not require tugs or similar support vessels for moves between locations in the field; this makes them significantly more cost-effective and time-efficient than conventional offshore support vessels without self-propulsion. They have a large deck space, crane capacity and accommodation facilities (for up to 300 people) that can be adapted to the requirements of the Group's clients.

The Company's Legal Entity Identifier is 213800IGS2QE89SAJF77.

## APPENDIX

### SUMMARY OF LETTERS OF INTENT FROM SHAREHOLDERS AND THEIR RESPECTIVE SHAREHOLDINGS

As of 12 May 2020, the Company has received letters of intent from the following shareholders:

Name of GMS Shareholder	Number of GMS shares which the shareholder holds	Percentage of GMS issued share capital
Aberforth Partners LLP*	69,831,569	19.92
Kasamar Holdings	34,378,680	9.81
Khaldoun Haj Hasan (Ithmar Capital Partners)	10,000,000	2.85
Faisal Juma Khalfan Belhoul Alfalasi (Ithmar Capital Partners)	9,583,000	2.73
Noster Capital LLP	3,550,000	1.01
Simon Collins	3,029,071	0.86
Duncan Anderson	2,013,853	0.57
Franklin Templeton Investments (ME) Ltd.	1,838,938	0.52
Gilberto Andara	1,531,868	0.44
Andrew Robertson	1,029,689	0.29
Mark Preston	621,376	0.18
John Petticrew	560,000	0.16
Gary Bentinck	247,198	0.07
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>138,215,242</b>	<b>39.44</b>

\* The number of GMS shares as set out in the table above for Aberforth Partners LLP includes their interests in 23,449,440 GMS shares (6.69% of GMS issued share capital) as a result of the discretionary investment management powers it can exercise over the funds of its clients. GMS has been notified that The Wellcome Trust has the right to exercise the voting rights of such GMS shares.

The letters of intent given by the above GMS shareholders confirm that they have no current intention of accepting an offer of 10 pence per share (or \$0.09 if higher) as set out in the Seafox's announcement dated 5 May 2020.

These letters of intent are not legally binding and do not constitute an irrevocable undertaking.

Copies of the letters of intent received from the above GMS shareholders are available at [www.gmsuae.com/offer](http://www.gmsuae.com/offer).