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Press Release

Close Brothers Group plc and Close Brothers Finance plc

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PERMISSION TO APPEAL IN RESPECT OF THE “HOPCRAFT” CASE

On 22 November 2024, Close Brothers Limited (“**CBL**”) submitted an application for permission to appeal the Court of Appeal’s judgment against CBL in respect of the “Hopcraft” motor finance commissions case. CBL has, today, been informed that permission to appeal has been granted by the Supreme Court in respect of the “Hopcraft” case.

Close Brothers Group plc (“**Close Brothers**”) will not be commenting further on an ongoing appeals process, and any further announcements will be made as and when appropriate.

Inside information

This announcement contains information which is deemed by Close Brothers to constitute inside information within the meaning of the UK version of the European Union’s Market Abuse Regulation ((EU) No. 596/2014). Upon the publication of this announcement via the Regulatory Information Service, the inside information is now considered to be in the public domain. The person responsible for arranging the release of this information on behalf of Close Brothers is Sarah Peazer-Davies, Company Secretary.

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