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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

17 October 2016

RECOMMENDED CASH ACQUISITION

of

Premier Farnell plc (“Premier Farnell”)

By

Avnet Bidco Limited (“Bidco”)

an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of

Avnet, Inc., (“Avnet”)

**to be effected by means of a scheme of arrangement under
Part 26 of the Companies Act 2006**

SCHEME EFFECTIVE

On 13 October 2016, Premier Farnell announced that the High Court of Justice in England and Wales had made an order sanctioning the scheme of arrangement (the “**Scheme**”) relating to the recommended cash offer by Bidco, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Avnet, for the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Premier Farnell (the “**Acquisition**”).

Premier Farnell is today pleased to announce that the Scheme has now become effective in accordance with its terms.

Given the above, Premier Farnell announces that each of Val Gooding (Chairman), Jos Opdeweegh (Chief Executive Officer), Paul Withers (Non-Executive Director), Thomas Reddin (Non-Executive Director), Peter Ventress (Non-Executive Director), Gary Hughes (Non-Executive Director) and Geraint Anderson (Non-Executive Director) has tendered his or her resignation and will step down from the Premier Farnell Board with immediate effect. Further, Jos Opdeweegh’s role as Chief Executive Officer of an English listed public company no longer exists within the Combined Group and he will therefore cease to be an employee of Premier Farnell with immediate effect. Following such resignations, the Premier Farnell Board will comprise Michael Ryan McCoy and William Read Crowell.

Scheme Shareholders on the register at the Scheme Record Time, being 6:00 p.m. on 14 October 2016, will receive 185 pence in cash for each Scheme Share held.

As announced earlier today, the trading in Premier Farnell Shares on the London Stock Exchange’s Main Market for listed securities and the listing of Premier Farnell Shares on the premium listing segment of the Official List were each suspended with effect from 7:30 a.m. on 17 October 2016. The delisting of Premier Farnell Shares from the premium segment of the Official List and the cancellation of admission to trading of Premier Farnell Shares on the London Stock Exchange’s Main Market is expected to take place by no later than 8 a.m. on 18 October 2016. A further announcement will be made when the admission to listing and to trading of the Premier Farnell Shares have each been cancelled.

The latest date for despatch of cheques and settlement of cash consideration in relation to the Acquisition through CREST is on or by 31 October 2016.

Capitalised terms in this announcement (the “**Announcement**”), unless otherwise defined, have the same meanings as set out in the scheme circular published by Premier Farnell on 19 August 2016.

Other

All references to times in this announcement are to London time unless otherwise stated.

This Announcement contains inside information for the purposes of Article 7 of the Market Abuse Regulation (EU) No 596/2014.

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It may be difficult for US holders of Premier Farnell Shares to enforce their rights and any claim arising out of the US federal laws, since Bidco and Premier Farnell are located in a non-US jurisdiction, and some or all of their officers and directors reside outside of the US. Therefore, US holders of Premier Farnell Shares may not be able to sue a non-US

company or its officers or directors in a non-US court for violations of the US securities laws. Further, it may be difficult to compel a non-US company and its affiliates to subject themselves to a US court's judgment.

Neither the US Securities and Exchange Commission nor any securities commission of any state of the United States has approved the Acquisition, passed upon the fairness of the Acquisition or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this document. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offence in the United States.

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No statement in this Announcement is intended as a profit forecast or profit estimate for any period. No statement in this Announcement should be interpreted to mean that earnings per Premier Farnell Share or earnings per Avnet share for the current or future financial years would necessarily match or exceed the historical published earnings per Premier Farnell Share or earnings per Avnet share.

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