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## Placing of Shares in Allied Minds plc ("Allied Minds" or the "Company")

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Further to the announcement released on 19 May 2015, Invesco Asset Management Limited, in its capacity as agent for and on behalf of its discretionary managed clients ("Invesco") has sold 16 million ordinary shares of Allied Minds (the "Placing Shares") at a price of 565 pence per share, raising gross sale proceeds of £90.4 million.

The sale on behalf of Invesco was completed via an accelerated bookbuild to institutional investors conducted by Jefferies International Limited ("Jefferies") and Numis Securities Limited ("Numis") as joint bookrunners (the "Placing"). Allied Minds will not receive any proceeds from the Placing.

Following settlement of the Placing, Invesco's discretionary managed clients are expected to hold approximately 34.5 per cent. of the Company's issued share capital.

The proceeds of the Placing are payable in cash on usual settlement terms, and closing of the Placing is expected to occur on a T+2 basis on 22 May 2015, subject to the satisfaction or waiver of certain customary conditions.

Invesco has indicated that, following completion of the Placing, it intends to remain a significant, long term shareholder of the Company.

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