

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

May 26, 2023

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

Bicycle Therapeutics plc

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

England and Wales
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-38916
(Commission
File Number)

Not applicable
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

**Blocks A & B, Portway Building,
Granta Park Great Abington, Cambridge
United Kingdom**
(Address of principal executive offices)

CB21 6GS
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **+44 1223 261503**

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Ordinary shares, nominal value £0.01 per share	n/a	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC*
American Depositary Shares, each representing one ordinary share, nominal value £0.01 per share	BCYC	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC

* Not for trading, but only in connection with the listing of the American Depositary Shares on The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 8.01 Other Events

Previously, on June 5, 2020, Bicycle Therapeutics plc (the “Company”) entered into a Controlled Equity OfferingSM Sales Agreement (the “Sales Agreement”) with Cantor Fitzgerald & Co. and Oppenheimer & Co. Inc. (together, the “Sales Agents”), as sales agents, pursuant to which the Company may offer and sell, from time to time, American Depositary Shares, or ADSs, representing the Company’s ordinary shares, through the Sales Agents. On May 26, 2023, the Company filed a prospectus supplement registering the offer and sale of ADSs having an aggregate offering price of up to an additional \$150,000,000, pursuant to the Sales Agreement.

The Company is not obligated to sell any shares under the Sales Agreement. Subject to the terms and conditions of the Sales Agreement, the Sales Agents will use commercially reasonable efforts consistent with their respective normal trading and sales practices, applicable state and federal law, rules and regulations and the rules of the Nasdaq Stock Market LLC to sell ADSs from time to time based upon the Company’s instructions, including any price, time or size limits specified by the Company. Under the Sales Agreement, the Sales Agents may sell shares by any method deemed to be an “at the market offering” as defined in Rule 415(a)(4) under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), or any other method permitted by law. The Sales Agents’ obligations to sell shares under the Sales Agreement are subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions, including customary closing conditions. The Company will pay the Sales Agents a commission equal to 3.0% of the aggregate gross proceeds from each sale of ADSs and has agreed to provide the Sales Agents with customary indemnification and contribution rights. The Company has also agreed to reimburse the Sales Agents for certain specified expenses. The foregoing summary of the Sales Agreement does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Sales Agreement, which is included as Exhibit 1.1 hereto.

The offering has been registered under the Securities Act pursuant to the Company’s automatic shelf registration statement on Form S-3ASR (File No. 333-272248), as supplemented by the prospectus supplement (the “Prospectus Supplement”) dated May 26, 2023, relating to the sale of the ADSs pursuant to the Sales Agreement.

A copy of the opinion of Cooley (UK) LLP relating to the validity of the securities to be issued pursuant to the Sales Agreement is filed herewith as Exhibit 5.1 hereto.

This Current Report on Form 8-K shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any shares under the Sales Agreement, nor shall there be any sale of such shares in any state in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
1.1	Controlled Equity OfferingSM Sales Agreement, dated June 5, 2020, by and among Bicycle Therapeutics plc, Cantor Fitzgerald & Co. and Oppenheimer & Co. Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 1.2 of the Company’s Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-238996), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 5, 2020)
5.1	Opinion of Cooley (UK) LLP
23.1	Consent of Cooley (UK) LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1)

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: May 26, 2023

BICYCLE THERAPEUTICS PLC

By: /s/ Lee Kalowski

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26 May 2023

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Re: Bicycle Therapeutics plc — Prospectus Supplement — Exhibit 5.1

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 We have acted as English legal advisers to Bicycle Therapeutics plc, a public limited company incorporated in England and Wales (the “**Company**”), in connection with the preparation and filing on the date hereof with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “**SEC**”) of a prospectus supplement (the “**Prospectus Supplement**”).
- 1.2 The Prospectus Supplement relates to part of a registration statement on Form S-3ASR that the Company filed with the SEC on 26 May 2023 (the “**Registration Statement**”). The Registration Statement relates to the registration for issue and sale by the Company of (a) ordinary shares with a nominal value of £0.01 each in the capital of the Company (“**Ordinary Shares**”), (b) American Depositary Shares representing Ordinary Shares (“**ADSs**”), (c) preference shares in the capital of the Company (“**Preference Shares**”), (d) debt securities in one or more series, as either senior or subordinated debt or as senior or subordinated convertible debt (“**Debt Securities**”), (e) warrants for the purchase of Ordinary Shares, Ordinary Shares represented by ADSs, Preference Shares and/or Debt Securities in one or more series (“**Warrants**”), (f) rights to purchase any of the securities as described in the Registration Statement and relevant Prospectus (“**Rights**”) and (g) units comprised of one or more of the aforementioned securities as described in the Registration Statement and relevant Prospectus in any combination (“**Units**”) (the Ordinary Shares, ADSs, Preference Shares, Debt Securities, Warrants, Rights and Units together, the “**Securities**”), in each case to the public in a registered offering or offerings.
- 1.3 In accordance with the terms of a New York law governed controlled equity offering sales agreement dated 5 June 2020 between Cantor Fitzgerald & Co. and Oppenheimer & Co. Inc (the “**Sales Agents**”) and the Company (the “**Sales Agreement**”), the Company may offer and sell ADSs having an aggregate offering price of up to US\$150,000,000 (the “**Placement ADSs**” and the new Ordinary Shares to be represented by the Placement ADSs, the “**New Shares**”) from time to time through the Sales Agents pursuant to the Prospectus Supplement.
- 1.4 We are rendering this letter at the request of the Company in connection with the Registration Statement and the Prospectus Supplement. We have taken instructions solely from the Company.
- 1.5 Except as otherwise defined in this letter, capitalised terms used have the respective meanings given to them in the Base Prospectus (as defined below) and headings are for ease of reference only and shall not affect interpretation.

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1.6 All references to legislation in this letter are to the legislation of England unless the contrary is indicated, and any reference to any provision of any legislation shall include any amendment, modification, re-enactment or extension thereof, as in force on the date of this letter.

2. DOCUMENTS

For the purpose of issuing this letter, we have reviewed the following documents only:

- 2.1 a PDF executed copy of the Sales Agreement;
 - 2.2 a PDF copy of the Prospectus Supplement;
 - 2.3 a PDF copy of the base prospectus included in the Registration Statement (the “**Base Prospectus**”);
 - 2.4 a PDF copy of the Registration Statement;
 - 2.5 a certificate dated 26 May 2023 signed by the Company’s company secretary (the “**Secretary’s Certificate**”) relating to certain factual matters as at the date of the Secretary’s Certificate and having annexed thereto copies (certified by the Company’s company secretary as being true, complete, accurate and up-to-date in each case) of the following documents:
 - (a) a PDF copy of the written resolutions adopted by the board of directors of the Company (the “**Board**” or the “**Directors**”) at a meeting held on 21 May 2020 resolving, *inter alia*, to: (i) approve the transactions contemplated under the Sales Agreement; and (ii) authorise the execution of the Sales Agreement (the “**2020 Board Resolutions**”);
 - (b) a PDF copy of the written resolutions of the strategic committee of the Board (the “**Strategic Committee**”) passed on 5 June 2020 resolving, *inter alia*, to: (i) approve the form of Sales Agreement; and (ii) authorise and appoint Kevin Lee (as Chief Executive Officer) and Lee Kalowski (as Chief Financial Officer) to execute and deliver the Sales Agreement (the “**Strategic Committee Written Resolutions**”);
 - (c) a PDF copy of the written resolutions of the Board passed on 26 May 2023 resolving, *inter alia*, to authorise: (i) the filing of the Registration Statement and any supplement to the prospectus included in the Registration Statement; (ii) the officers of the Company to take steps to prepare and file the Registration Statement and any supplement to the prospectus included in the Registration Statement; (iii) the sale of ADSs having an aggregate offering price of up to US\$150,000,000 in one or more “at the market” offerings pursuant to the Registration Statement and the Sales Agreement, at the price and upon such terms as the Board or the Strategic Committee or Kevin Lee, as Chief Executive Officer of the Company, shall approve; and (iv) the allotment and issue by the Company of the New Shares (the “**2023 Board Resolutions**”);
 - (d) a PDF executed copy of the resolutions passed by the shareholders of the Company at the annual general meeting of the Company held on 28 June 2021 (the “**2021 AGM**”) at which it was resolved, *inter alia*, to: authorise the directors to: (i) allot shares in the capital of the Company, or grant rights to subscribe for or to convert any security into shares in the Company, up to a maximum aggregate nominal amount of £250,000 (the “**Allotment Authority**”); and (ii) allot equity securities pursuant to the Allotment Authority as if the statutory pre-emption rights contained in section 561(1) of the Companies Act 2006 (the “**Companies Act**”) did not apply to such allotment (the “**2021 AGM Resolutions**”); and
 - (e) PDF copies of the current articles of association of the Company adopted on 23 May 2019 (the “**Articles**”), the certificate of incorporation of the Company dated 27 October 2017 and certificate of incorporation on re-registration of the Company as a public company dated 22 May 2019.
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3. SEARCHES

In addition to examining the documents referred to in paragraph 2 (*Documents*), we have carried out the following searches only:

- 3.1 an online search at Companies House in England and Wales (“**Companies House**”) with respect to the Company, carried out at 9:53 a.m. (London time) on 26 May 2023 (the “**Online Search**”); and
- 3.2 a telephone enquiry at the Companies Court in London of the Central Registry of Winding-up Petitions in England and Wales with respect to the Company, carried out at 10:38 a.m. (London time) on 26 May 2023 (the “**Telephone Enquiry**” and, together with the Online Search, the “**Searches**”).

4. OPINION

Subject to the assumptions set out in paragraph 5 (*Assumptions*), the scope of the opinion set out in paragraph 6 (*Scope of Opinion*) and the reservations set out in paragraph 7 (*Reservations*), we are of the opinion that, as at the date of this letter, the New Shares, once they have been allotted and issued, delivered and paid for as described in the Prospectus Supplement and registered in the name of the recipient in the register of members of the Company, will be duly and validly issued, fully paid and will not be subject to any call for payment of further capital.

5. ASSUMPTIONS

In giving the opinion in this letter, we have assumed (without making enquiry or investigation) that:

- 5.1 all signatures, stamps and seals on all documents are genuine. All original documents are complete, authentic and up-to-date, and all documents submitted to us as a copy (whether by email or otherwise) are complete and accurate and conform to the original documents of which they are copies and that no amendments (whether oral, in writing or by conduct of the parties) have been made to any of the documents since they were examined by us;
 - 5.2 where a document has been examined by us in draft or specimen form, it will be or has been duly executed in the form of that draft or specimen;
 - 5.3 each of the individuals who signs as, or otherwise claims to be, an officer of the Company is the individual whom they claim to be and holds the office that they claim to hold;
 - 5.4 where a document is required to be delivered, each party to it has delivered the same without it being subject to any escrow or similar arrangement;
 - 5.5 all documents, forms and notices which should have been delivered to Companies House in respect of the Company have been and will be so delivered;
 - 5.6 the information revealed by the Searches is true, accurate, complete and up-to-date in all respects, and there is no information which should have been disclosed by the Searches that has not been disclosed for any reason and there has been no alteration in the status or condition of the Company since the date and time that the Searches were made, and that the results of the Searches will remain true, complete, accurate and up-to-date as at each date of the allotment and issue of the New Shares (each such date, a “**Bring-Down Date**”);
 - 5.7 no notice has been received by the Company which could lead to the Company being struck off the register of companies under section 1000 of the Companies Act and no such notice shall have been received as at each Bring-Down Date;
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- 5.8 the Articles remain in full force and effect and no alteration has been made or will be made to the Articles, as at the date of this letter and as at each Bring-down Date;
- 5.9 to the extent that the obligations of the Company under the Sales Agreement may be dependent upon such matters, each of the parties to Sales Agreement (other than, to the extent expressly set out in the opinions given in this letter, the Company):
- (a) is duly organised, validly existing and in good standing (where such concept is legally relevant) under the laws of its jurisdiction of incorporation;
 - (b) is in compliance, generally, with all applicable laws, rules and regulations to which it is subject, its constitutional documents and any judicial or administrative judgements, awards, injunctions or orders binding upon it or its property;
 - (c) has the capacity, power and authority to execute, deliver and perform the Sales Agreement;
 - (d) is duly qualified to engage in the activities contemplated by the Sales Agreement and will not be in breach of any of its respective obligations under any document, contract, instrument or agreement as a result of its entry into and performance of its obligations under the Sales Agreement;
 - (e) is authorised under all applicable laws of its jurisdiction and domicile to submit to the jurisdiction of the state and federal courts sitting in the City of New York, Borough of Manhattan as specified in the Sales Agreement and has validly submitted to such jurisdiction; and
 - (f) has validly authorised, executed and delivered all relevant documents;
- and that each of the foregoing remains the case as at each Bring-Down Date;
- 5.10 the Sales Agreement (and any other documents referred to therein) constitutes legal, valid and binding obligations of each of the parties thereto, enforceable under all applicable laws and that the Sales Agreement will remain in full force and effect at each Bring-Down Date;
- 5.11 there is an absence of fraud or mutual mistake of fact or law or any other arrangements, agreements, understandings or course of conduct or prior or subsequent dealings amending, rescinding or modifying or suspending any of the terms of the Sales Agreement or which would result in the inclusion of additional terms therein, and that the parties have acted in accordance with the terms of the Sales Agreement;
- 5.12 in relation to the Registration Statement, the Base Prospectus, the Prospectus Supplement and the allotment and issue of the New Shares, the Directors have acted and will act in the manner required by section 172 of the Companies Act and that each issuance of the New Shares pursuant to the Registration Statement and the Prospectus Supplement will be made in good faith and on bona fide commercial terms and on arms' length terms and for the purposes of carrying on the business of the Company;
- 5.13 the Company is, and the Company and each party to the Sales Agreement will at all times remain, in compliance with all applicable anti-corruption, anti-money laundering, anti-terrorism, sanctions and human rights laws and regulations;
- 5.14 the Registration Statement has become effective under the Securities Act and such effectiveness shall not have been terminated or rescinded prior to each Bring-Down Date, and the Base Prospectus and the Prospectus Supplement have each been filed with the SEC;
- 5.15 the resolutions set out in the 2020 Board Resolutions and the 2023 Board Resolutions referred to in paragraph 2.5 (*Documents*) were validly passed as written resolutions of the Board in accordance with the Articles, that all eligible directors of the Company (being all the directors of the Company who would have been entitled to vote on the matter had it been proposed as a resolution at a directors' meeting, but excluding any director whose vote is not to be counted in respect of a particular matter) have signed one or more copies of the 2020 Board Resolutions and the 2023 Board Resolutions, that all relevant provisions of the Companies Act and the Articles were complied with and the Articles were duly observed (including, if applicable, those relating to the declaration of Directors' interests or the power of interested Directors to vote) and such resolutions were duly adopted, and have not been revoked or varied and remain in full force and effect as at the date of this letter and each Bring-Down Date;
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- 5.16 the resolutions set out in the Strategic Committee Written Resolutions referred to in paragraph 2.5 (*Documents*) were duly passed as written resolutions of the Strategic Committee on 5 June 2020, that the Strategic Committee was duly constituted, that all provisions of the Companies Act and the Articles were duly observed and that the Strategic Committee Written Resolutions were duly adopted, have not been revoked or varied and remain in full force and effect as at the date of this letter and each Bring-Down Date;
- 5.17 the 2021 AGM was duly convened and held on 28 June 2021 at which all constitutional, statutory and other formalities were duly observed, a quorum of shareholders was present throughout and the 2021 AGM Resolutions were duly passed and have not been revoked or varied and remain in full force and effect and will remain so as at each Bring-Down Date, and that all filings required to be made with Companies House in connection therewith have been made within the relevant time limits;
- 5.18 all of the New Shares will be allotted and issued pursuant to the authority and power granted to the Directors pursuant to section 551 and section 570 of the Companies Act, respectively, under resolutions 8 and 9, respectively, of the 2021 AGM Resolutions, or if the relevant authorities and powers under the 2021 AGM Resolutions have expired or been fully utilised, the Company in general meeting having duly and validly resolved to grant such authorities and powers to the Directors, and the Directors shall not allot or issue (or purport to allot or issue) New Shares and shall not grant rights (or purport to grant rights) to acquire New Shares in excess of such powers or in breach of any other limitation on their power to allot and issue New Shares or grant rights to acquire New Shares;
- 5.19 any sales of Placement ADSs will be made in accordance with the limitations imposed by the Board or the Strategic Committee as set out in any applicable resolution of the Board or Strategic Committee;
- 5.20 the contents of the Secretary's Certificate were true and not misleading when given and remain true and not misleading as at the date of this letter and there is no fact or matter not referred to in the Secretary's Certificate which would make any of the information in the Secretary's Certificate inaccurate or misleading;
- 5.21 there will be no fact or matter (such as bad faith, coercion, duress, undue influence or a mistake or misrepresentation before or at the time any agreement or instrument is entered into, a subsequent breach, release, waiver or variation of any right or provision, an entitlement to rectification or circumstances giving rise to an estoppel) which might affect the allotment and issue of the New Shares;
- 5.22 the Company has not taken any corporate or other action and no steps have been taken or legal proceedings have been started against the Company for the liquidation, winding-up, dissolution or reorganisation of, or for the appointment of a liquidator, receiver, trustee, administrator, administrative receiver or similar officer of the Company or all or any of its assets (or any analogous proceedings in any jurisdiction) and the Company is not unable to pay its debts as they fall due within the meaning of section 123 of the Insolvency Act 1986, as amended (the "**Insolvency Act**") or becomes unable to pay its debts within the meaning of that section as a result of any of the transactions contemplated in this letter, is insolvent or has been dissolved;
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- 5.23 all agreements and documents examined by us that are governed by the laws of any jurisdiction other than England are on the date of this letter legal, valid and binding under the laws by which they are (or are expected to be) governed;
- 5.24 there are no provisions of the laws of any jurisdiction outside England that would have any implication for the opinion which we express in this letter and that, insofar as the laws of any jurisdiction outside England may be relevant to this letter, such laws have been and will be complied with;
- 5.25 we note that the Sales Agreement provides that it is to be governed by and construed in accordance with New York law. We express no opinion as to any matters governed by New York law. As lawyers not qualified in New York, we are not qualified or able to assess the true meaning or import of the terms of the Sales Agreement under New York law, and we have made no investigation of such meaning or import. Therefore, our review of the Sales Agreement has been limited to their terms as they appear to us on their face. We have assumed that the choice of New York law in the Sales Agreement is valid as a matter of New York law and the Sales Agreement and each of their respective provisions are valid, binding and enforceable under New York law and the law of any other jurisdiction whose law applies, other than law covered expressly in an opinion included in this letter. We have also assumed that, under New York law, any court named in the forum selection clauses of the Sales Agreement will have jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of any action brought in that court under the Sales Agreement;
- 5.26 all statements of fact and representations and warranties as to matters of fact (except as to matters expressly set out in the opinion given in this letter) contained in or made in connection with any of the documents examined by us were true and correct as at the date given and are true and correct at today's date and no fact was omitted therefrom which would have made any of such facts, representations or warranties incorrect or misleading;
- 5.27 all consents, licences, approvals, authorisations, notices, filings and registrations that are necessary under any applicable laws or regulations in connection with the transactions contemplated by the Registration Statement, the Base Prospectus and/or the Prospectus Supplement have been or will be duly made or obtained and are, or will be, in full force and effect;
- 5.28 no Placement ADSs or New Shares have been or shall be offered to the public in the United Kingdom in breach of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended (the "**FSMA**"), the EU Prospectus Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2017/1129) as it forms part of the domestic law in the United Kingdom by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (the "**Withdrawal Act**") (the "**UK Prospectus Regulation**") or of any other United Kingdom laws or regulations concerning offers of securities to the public, and no communication has been or shall be made in relation to the Securities in breach of section 21 (*Restrictions on financial promotion*) of the FSMA or any other United Kingdom laws or regulations relating to offers or invitations to subscribe for, or to acquire rights to subscribe for or otherwise acquire, shares or other securities;
- 5.29 in offering and selling the Placement ADSs, and issuing the New Shares, the Company is not carrying on a regulated activity for the purposes of section 19 of FSMA;
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- 5.30 all applicable provisions of the EU Market Abuse Regulation (Regulation (EU) No 596/2014) as it forms part of domestic law in the United Kingdom by virtue of the Withdrawal Act (“**UK MAR**”), the UK Prospectus Regulation, the FSMA, the Financial Services Act 2012 (the “**FS Act**”), and all rules and regulations made pursuant to UK MAR, the UK Prospectus Regulation, the FSMA and the FS Act, have been and will be complied with as regards anything done in relation to the Placement ADSs or the New Shares or otherwise in relation to the Sales Agreement, the Registration Statement, the Prospectus Supplement or any relevant Prospectus and the transactions contemplated thereby in, from or otherwise involving England (including, without limitation, articles 14 (*Prohibition of insider dealing and of unlawful disclosure of inside information*) and 15 (*Prohibition of market manipulation*) of UK MAR, sections 19 (*The general prohibition*) and 21 (*Restrictions on financial promotion*) of the FSMA and sections 89 (*Misleading statements*), 90 (*Misleading impressions*) and 91 (*Misleading statements etc. in relation to benchmarks*) of the FS Act);
- 5.31 the Company’s place of central management and control is not, and will not be as at each Bring-Down Date, the UK, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man for the purposes of the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers; and
- 5.32 no application has been or will be made for the Placement ADSs or the New Shares to be listed or admitted to trading on a regulated market, multilateral trading facility or organised trading facility situated or operating in the United Kingdom.

6. SCOPE OF OPINION

- 6.1 The opinion given in this letter is limited to English law as it would be applied by English courts on the date of this letter.
- 6.2 We express no opinion in this letter on the laws of any other jurisdiction. We have not investigated the laws of any country other than England and we assume that no foreign law affects any of the opinion stated in paragraph 4 (*Opinion*).
- 6.3 We express no opinion as to any agreement, instrument or other document other than as specified in this letter. For the purposes of giving the opinion in paragraph 4 (*Opinion*), we have only examined and relied on those documents set out in paragraph 2 (*Documents*) and made those searches and enquiries set out in paragraph 3 (*Searches*), respectively. We have made no further enquiries concerning the Company or any other matter in connection with the giving of the opinion in paragraph 4 (*Opinion*).
- 6.4 No opinion is expressed with respect to taxation in the United Kingdom or otherwise in this letter.
- 6.5 We have not been responsible for investigating or verifying the accuracy of the facts or the reasonableness of any statement of opinion or intention, contained in or relevant to any document referred to in this letter, or that no material facts have been omitted therefrom.
- 6.6 The opinion given in this letter is given on the basis of each of the assumptions set out in paragraph 5 (*Assumptions*) and is subject to each of the reservations set out in paragraph 7 (*Reservations*) to this letter. The opinion given in this letter is strictly limited to the matters stated in paragraph 4 (*Opinion*) and does not extend, and should not be read as extending, by implication or otherwise, to any other matters.
- 6.7 This letter only applies to those facts and circumstances which exist as at today’s date and we assume no obligation or responsibility to update or supplement this letter to reflect any facts or circumstances which may subsequently come to our attention, any changes in laws which may occur after today, or to inform the addressee of any change in circumstances happening after the date of this letter which would alter the opinion given in this letter.
- 6.8 We have not been responsible for investigation or verification of statements of fact (including statements as to foreign law) or the reasonableness of any statements of opinion in the Registration Statement, the Base Prospectus or the Prospectus Supplement, or that no material facts have been omitted therefrom.
- 6.9 This letter is given by Cooley (UK) LLP and no partner or employee assumes any personal responsibility for it nor shall owe any duty of care in respect of it.
- 6.10 This letter, the opinion given in it, and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with this letter and/or the opinion given in it, are governed by and shall be construed in accordance with English law as at the date of this letter.
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7. RESERVATIONS

7.1 The Online Search described at paragraph 3.1 (*Searches*) is not capable of revealing conclusively whether or not:

- (a) a winding-up order has been made or a resolution passed for the winding-up of a company;
- (b) an administration order has been made; or
- (c) a receiver, administrative receiver, administrator or liquidator has been appointed,

since notice of these matters may not be filed with the Registrar of Companies in England and Wales immediately and, when filed, may not be entered on the public database or recorded on the public microfiches of the relevant company immediately.

In addition, such a company search is not capable of revealing, prior to the making of the relevant order, whether or not a winding-up petition or a petition for an administration order has been presented.

7.2 The Telephone Enquiry described at paragraph 3.2 (*Searches*) relates only to a compulsory winding-up and is not capable of revealing conclusively whether or not a winding-up petition in respect of a compulsory winding-up has been presented, since details of the petition may not have been entered on the records of the Central Registry of Winding-up Petitions in England and Wales immediately or, in the case of a petition presented to a County Court in England and Wales, may not have been notified to the Central Registry of Winding-up Petitions in England and Wales and entered on such records at all, and the response to an enquiry only relates to the period of approximately four years prior to the date when the enquiry was made. We have not made enquiries of any District Registry or County Court in England and Wales.

7.3 The opinion set out in this letter is subject to: (i) any limitations arising from applicable laws relating to insolvency, bankruptcy, administration, reorganisation, liquidation, moratoria, schemes or analogous circumstances; and (ii) an English court exercising its discretion under section 426 of the Insolvency Act (*co-operation between courts exercising jurisdiction in relation to insolvency*) to assist the courts having the corresponding jurisdiction in any part of the United Kingdom or any relevant country or territory.

7.4 We express no opinion as to matters of fact.

7.5 Save for the matters set out in the Secretary's Certificate, we have made no enquiries of any individual connected with the Company. We have relied entirely on the facts, statements and confirmations contained in the Secretary's Certificate and we have not undertaken any independent investigation or verification of the matters referred to in the Secretary's Certificate.

7.6 If (a) a party to the Sales Agreement is the target of economic or financial sanctions or other restrictive measures imposed in any jurisdiction ("**Sanctions**") or is owned or controlled (directly or indirectly) by or is acting on behalf of or at the direction of or is otherwise connected with a person who is a target of Sanctions or (b) any party to the Sales Agreement is incorporated or resident in or operating from a country or territory that is a target of Sanctions or (c) the rights or obligations of any party to the Sales Agreement is otherwise affected by Sanctions, then the rights and obligations of such person under the Sales Agreement may be void and/or unenforceable.

7.7 We express no opinion in this letter on the application or potential application of the National Security and Investment Act 2021 in relation to the Sales Agreement, the Registration Statement, the Prospectus Supplement or any transaction contemplated thereby.

8. DISCLOSURE AND RELIANCE

8.1 This letter is addressed to you solely for your benefit in connection with the Registration Statement, the Prospectus Supplement and the transactions contemplated thereunder. We consent to the filing of this letter as an exhibit to the Prospectus Supplement. In giving such consent, we do not thereby admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under section 7 of the Securities Act or the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

8.2 This letter may not be relied upon by you for any other purpose, or furnished to, assigned to, quoted to, or relied upon by any other person, firm or other entity for any purpose, other than for the purpose set out in above in paragraph 8.1, without our prior written consent, which may be granted or withheld at our sole discretion.

Yours faithfully

/s/ Cooley (UK) LLP

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