EXPLANATORY REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ATLANTIA SPA ON AGENDA ITEM 6 FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS TO BE HELD IN SINGLE CALL ON 20 APRIL 2018: "AMENDMENT OF THE SUPPLEMENTARY LONG-TERM, SHARE-BASED INCENTIVE PLAN FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE COMPANY AND ITS DIRECT AND INDIRECT SUBSIDIARIES, APPROVED BY THE GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS HELD ON 2 AUGUST 2017. RELATED AND RESULTING RESOLUTIONS".

#### Dear Shareholders,

This report is issued in accordance with article 114-bis of Legislative Decree 58 of 24 February 1998, as amended (the "CFA") and article 84-ter of CONSOB Resolution 11971 of 14 May 1999, as amended (the "Regulations for Issuers" or "RI") to describe the rationale for the proposed adoption of a number of limited modifications to the phantom share option plan, called the "Supplementary Incentive Plan 2017 - Phantom Share Options", previously approved by the Ordinary General Meeting of 2 August 2017 (the "Supplementary Phantom SOP-2017"). The modifications have been rendered necessary by the modified structure of the transaction involving the acquisition of Abertis Infraestucturas SA.

In particular, in view of (i) the joint investment in Abertis Infraestucturas SA in partnership with ACS, Actividades de Construcción y Servicios, SA and Hochtief AG, announced to the market on 14 March 2018 and (ii) the resulting change to the original structure of the acquisition, on the same date, the Company's Board of Directors decided to propose limited modifications to the Supplementary Phantom SOP-2017 for approval by the Annual General Meeting. Specifically, the modifications regard the definition of the "Transaction" and a reduction in the maximum number of Options (as defined below) from 7,500,000 to 5,000,000.

Shareholders are reminded that the plan is reserved for employees and/or executive directors within Atlantia SpA (the "Company") and its subsidiaries pursuant to article 2359 of the Italian Civil Code (the "Subsidiaries" and, together with the Company, the "Group"), including a limited number of core people involved in the integration and value creation process at the Group that will be formed as a result of the Transaction.

In this regard, the information required by existing legislation regarding the Supplementary Phantom SOP-2017, as supplemented following the proposed modifications approved by the Board of Directors on 14 March 2018, with the consent

of the Board of Statutory Auditors pursuant to art. 2389 of the Italian Civil Code, is provided below. This information will also be detailed in the information memorandum to be made available for inspection, together with this report, for the intents and purposes of Article 84-*bis* of the RI (this document therefore replaces the one published on the occasion of the General Meeting of 2 August).

### 1. Rationale for adoption of the Supplementary Phantom SOP-2017

The aim of the Supplementary Phantom SOP-2017 is to facilitate the integration and value creation process at the Group that will be formed following closing of the voluntary public tender offer, in cash and shares, for the entire issued capital of Abertis Infraestucturas SA launched by Atlantia on 15 May 2017, as implemented via the joint investment in Abertis Infraestucturas SA in partnership with ACS, Actividades de Construcción y Servicios, SA and Hochtief AG (the "Transaction"), announced to the market on 14 March 2018 and any subsequent changes and/or amendments.

## 2. <u>Beneficiaries of the Supplementary Phantom SOP-2017</u>

The Company's Chairman and its Chief Executive Officer will continue to be Beneficiaries of the Plan. The Chief Executive Officer will also select other employees of the Company and its Subsidiaries and/or executive directors within Subsidiaries to participate in the Supplementary Phantom SOP-2017 (the "Beneficiaries"), from among a limited number of core people involved in the integration and value creation process.

# 3. <u>Implementing terms and provisions of the Supplementary Phantom SOP-</u> 2017, specifying whether or not its implementation is subject to certain conditions and, in particular, to the achievement of specific results

The terms and conditions of the Supplementary Phantom SOP-2017, bearing in mind the proposed modifications approved by the Board of Directors, are summarised below. They will be further detailed in the terms and conditions for the Supplementary Phantom SOP-2017 (the "Terms and Conditions").

The Supplementary Phantom SOP-2017 will be subject to a "Vesting Period" of 3 years from the date of closing of the Transaction (the "Transaction Date") and an exercise period (*i.e.* the working days in the three year period from the first day immediately following the end of the Vesting Period, except, in any event, for days falling within the

periods indicated in the Company's "Internal Dealing Code of Conduct" from time to time in effect, during which transactions involving the Company's financial instruments are not permitted) (the "Exercise Period") of 3 years from the end of the Vesting Period, subject to the investment and minimum holding obligations set out in the Terms and Conditions and described in more detail below. These obligations will remain in effect until expiration of the terms therein.

The Supplementary Phantom SOP-2017 involves the grant of up to a maximum of 5,000,000 phantom share options at no cost and that are non-transferable *inter vivos* (the "**Options**"), each of which – under the Plan Terms and Conditions – will grant Beneficiaries the right to receive a gross amount in cash (the "**Bonus**") to be calculated, if positive, according to the following formula:

**Bonus** = Options exercised \* (Current Value – Exercise Price)

#### where:

- the "Exercise Price" is €23.67, determined on the basis of the unit price of the new shares to be issued, as approved by the Extraordinary General Meeting of 2 August 2017, to be adjusted to reflect the eventual payment of dividends prior to the Transaction Date.
- the "Current Value" is the arithmetic mean of the official price of the Company's ordinary shares (the "Shares") on each trading day in the screen-based market organised and managed by Borsa Italiana SpA in the month preceding the month in which the Beneficiary exercises the Options in accordance with the Terms and Conditions, increased by the amount of Dividends Distributed (as defined in the Terms and Conditions for Supplementary Phantom SOP-2017) (on the understanding that, in the event of distributions during the period used as the basis for computation of the above arithmetic mean, for the purposes of computation the official price of the Shares on the days prior to the date of payment of the dividend must be reduced by an amount equal to the dividend paid).

Award of the Options to Beneficiaries will take place following the Transaction Date, subject to the positive settlement of the Transaction (the Grant Condition). In the event of failure to meet the Grant Condition, no Beneficiary will be selected and no Options will be awarded, not even to the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. Beneficiaries may be selected on different dates, provided that this occurs within 3 months of the Transaction Date.

At the time of the grant of Options, the Company will send Beneficiaries a copy of the Terms and Conditions, accompanied by a form showing, among other things, the maximum number of Options granted and the related Exercise Price.

Beneficiaries may participate in the Supplementary Phantom SOP-2017 by sending the Company a copy of the Terms and Conditions and the form, signed on each page, within 10 days of receipt thereof. On receipt of the documentation duly signed, the Company will send proof of receipt and notice of confirmation, following which the Options will be deemed to have been granted.

The Options granted will vest – thus becoming Vested Options (the "**Vested Options**") – at the end of the Vesting Period.

As explained in detail in the Terms and Conditions, Vested Options may be exercised at the end of the Vesting Period, thus becoming exercisable options (the "Exercisable Options"), under the terms and to the extent indicated below:

- (i) during the first year of the exercise period, Beneficiaries may exercise a maximum number of Exercisable Options equal to 50% of the Vested Options, subject to the minimum quantities and the maximum amounts of the Bonuses provided for in the Terms and Conditions;
- (ii) from the second year of the Exercise Period, Beneficiaries may exercise all of the Exercisable Options, subject to the minimum quantities and the maximum amounts of the Bonuses provided for in the Terms and Conditions.

Beneficiaries may exercise Exercisable Options, unless the Board of Directors approves different and more favourable terms, on one or more occasions, but subject to a minimum quantity equal to the lesser of: (i) 20% of the Vested Options, or (ii) all remaining Exercisable Options.

In the event of termination of employment, where the date of (i) receipt by the manager or director of notification of termination of their employment as a manager and/or director (in the event of a unilateral decision and independently of the actual date on which employment is effectively terminated, as indicated therein), or of (ii) termination of employment as a manager and/or director (the "Termination Date") is prior to the end of the Vesting Period, following dismissal, removal or non-reappointment by the Company for just cause, the Options granted to the Beneficiary will be deemed to have lapsed.

In the event of termination of employment following voluntary resignation on a good

leaver basis, where the Termination Date is prior to the end of the Vesting Period, the Beneficiary will retain their right to exercise the Options granted in proportion to the number of days of effective service provided in the relevant period after the Transaction Date.

In the event of termination of employment due to dismissal or non-reappointment as a director, if applicable, for reasons other than just cause, where the Termination Date is prior to the end of the Vesting Period, the Beneficiary (or his or her heirs) will retain their right to exercise the Options granted.

It is hereby understood that: (i) the natural end of a director's term of office followed by immediate reappointment without interruption will not be deemed a termination of the directorship; and (ii) Beneficiaries' right to exercise Exercisable Options will be suspended upon the sending of any disciplinary action letter (in accordance with art. 7 of Law 300 of 20 May 1970), until receipt of a notice in which the related sanction is imposed or a notice from the Company or Subsidiary indicating that no sanction is to be imposed.

Following the exercise of Options granted, Beneficiaries will be entitled to receive payment of the Bonus, under the Terms and Conditions.

Beneficiaries who, at the date on which notification to proceed with Exercise is sent by the Company, are classified as "executive directors" and/or "key management personnel" for the intents and purposes of the Corporate Governance Code for Listed Companies, as selected by the Board of Directors, will be required to purchase, in the screen-based market organised and managed by Borsa Italian SpA, a number of shares determined on the basis of the Terms and Conditions.

The shares purchased by Beneficiaries in compliance with the above obligation will be subject to a minimum holding requirement – and may not, therefore, be sold, transferred, exchanged, lent or be part of any disposition for any reason in *inter vivos* dealings – until expiry of the obligation, as provided for in the Terms and Conditions, unless so authorised in writing by the Board of Directors.

In the event of a public tender offer, in cash or shares, for the Company's shares, Beneficiaries will retain their right to exercise the Exercisable Options. It is hereby understood that the Board of Directors will have the option of granting Beneficiaries the right to opt for early exercise of (all or a part) of any as yet unexercised Options granted (even though not yet eligible for exercise).

In the event of extraordinary transactions involving the Company's issued capital not expressly provided for in the Terms and Conditions (such as, by way of example but not limited to, mergers, demergers, capital reductions due to losses by the cancellation of shares, reductions of the par value of the shares due to losses, bonus issues, rights issues or private placements undertaken by the Company, including those in connection with contributions in kind, share consolidations or splits, or legislative or regulatory amendments or any other event that might affect the Options, the Shares or the Supplementary Phantom SOP-2017), the Board of Directors will introduce into the Terms and Conditions, independently and without the need for further approval by a general meeting of the Company's shareholders, all such changes and amendments as deemed necessary or appropriate to ensure, within the limits allowed by the laws from time to time applicable, that the substantive and financial aspects of the Supplementary Phantom SOP-2017 remain unchanged.

In particular, the Board of Directors may modify, by increasing or reducing, among other things, by way of example and not limited to, the definition and/or the maximum number and/or the nature of the Options, and the other vesting and exercise conditions applicable to the Options.

In the event that the Company's shares are delisted, Beneficiaries will have the right to opt for early exercise of all the Options granted (even though not yet eligible for exercise). For this purpose, the Company will send Beneficiaries a form stating the procedure for exercising the Options and the related Exercise Period. The latter must have a duration of not less than 10 working days from the date on which Beneficiaries are sent the form, with the final deadline for exercise of the Options falling prior to the effective date of the Company's delisting, it being understood that, unless otherwise indicated by the Board of Directors, failure in full or in part by Beneficiaries to exercise the Options granted, within this exercise period (and, in any event, in accordance with the Terms and Conditions), will result in Beneficiaries' forfeiture of the right to subsequently exercise any unexercised Options.

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For the reasons explained above, the Board of Directors proposes the following resolutions for your approval:

<sup>&</sup>quot;The Annual General Meeting of Atlantia SpA's shareholders,

<sup>-</sup> with reference to the content of the resolution approved in this regard by the Ordinary General Meeting of 2 August 2017;

- based on the Board of Directors' Report and the relevant annex (including the Information

Memorandum prepared pursuant to art. 114-bis of the CFA and art. 84-bis of the RI);

- having noted the consent of the Board of Statutory Auditors pursuant to art. 2389 of the Italian Civil

Code, and having regard to art. 114-bis of the CFA and the applicable regulations;

- having noted the need to made certain limited modifications to the Supplementary Phantom SOP-2017

as a result of the changed structure of the Transaction;

- acknowledging the resulting proposal to reduce the maximum number of Options from 7,500,000 to

5,000,000;

**RESOLVES** 

1. to confirm the approval, for the intents and purposes of art. 114-bis of the CFA, of the

Supplementary Phantom SOP-2017, as amended and modified on the basis of the guidelines

and the proposals described in the Board of Directors' Report and the annexed Information

Memorandum, authorising the Chief Executive Officer to finalise the terms and conditions

cited in the text in compliance with the above documents;

2. to confirm that the Board of Directors and, on its behalf, the Chairman and the Chief

Executive Officer, with express authority to sub-delegate, have been granted the broadest

powers necessary or appropriate to proceed with full implementation of the Supplementary

Phantom SOP-2017, as modified and amended and to provide for disclosure to the market of

all the required details, preparation and/or finalization of any document which might be

necessary or appropriate in relation to the resolutions, pursuant to the applicable legislative and

regulatory provisions, and, in general, to implement these resolutions".

Rome, 21 March 2018

Atlantia SpA

for the Board of Directors The Chairman

Fabio Cerchiai

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