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#### **VH Global Sustainable Energy Opportunities plc**

# **Publication of Prospectus**

### 6 January 2021

VH Global Sustainable Energy Opportunities plc (the "Company" or "GSEO"), a closed-ended investment company focused on making sustainable energy infrastructure investments, is pleased to announce the publication of the Prospectus, which has been approved by the FCA, in connection with its proposed admission to the premium segment of the Official List of the FCA and to trading on London Stock Exchange plc's Main Market ("IPO"). The Company expects to close the Issue by 27 January.

The Company is seeking to raise up to £400 million by way of an initial placing, an intermediaries offer and an offer for subscription of ordinary shares of 1 pence each in the capital of the Company ("Ordinary Shares") at an issue price of 100 pence per Ordinary Share (the "Issue") (See note 1).

Copies of the Prospectus will shortly be available for viewing at the National Storage Mechanism at https://data.fca.org.uk/#/nsm/nationalstoragemechanism and, subject to applicable law, on the Company's website, <a href="https://www.vh-gseo.com">www.vh-gseo.com</a>

Defined terms in this announcement have the same meaning as defined in the Prospectus.

# Highlights

The Company will seek to generate stable returns, principally in the form of income distributions, by investing in a diversified portfolio of global sustainable energy infrastructure assets, predominantly in countries that are members of the EU, OECD, OECD Key Partner Countries or OECD Accession Countries.

The Company is targeting in respect of its first financial period after initial admission, an initial annual dividend on the Ordinary Shares of at least 1 pence and, thereafter, a target dividend on the Ordinary Shares of 5 pence for each financial year with the intention to progressively grow the target dividend over time. Additionally, once the net proceeds of the Issue have been fully invested, the Company targets

a net asset value total return of 10 per cent. per annum, net of the Company's costs and expenses (See note 2).

The Company is expected to qualify for the London Stock Exchange's Green Economy Mark at admission, which recognises companies that derive 50 per cent. or more of their total annual revenues from products and services that contribute to the global green economy. The underlying methodology incorporates the green revenues data model developed by FTSE Russell, which helps investors understand the global industrial transition to a green and low carbon economy with consistent, transparent data and indexes.

The investment adviser to the Company will be Victory Hill Capital Advisors LLP ("Victory Hill" or the "Investment Adviser"). Victory Hill is based in London and was founded in May 2020 by an experienced team of energy financiers (the "Team") that have spun-out of a large established global project finance banking group. The Team has an established track record built over 5 years while working together and participating in over \$37.1bn in sustainable energy project transaction values, generating over 24.2 per cent. equity returns. In addition, the Team has participated in more than \$200bn in transaction values across 91 conventional and renewable energy-related transactions in over 30 jurisdictions worldwide, throughout their individual careers. The average experience per individual is 21 years of relevant energy finance experience. Victory Hill is a signatory of the United Nations' Principles for Responsible Investing, the United Nations Global Compact and is a supporter of the Financial Stability Board's Task Force for Climate-related Financial Disclosures.

Numis Securities Limited ("Numis") is acting as Sponsor and Sole Bookrunner in relation to the IPO.

# **Bernard Bulkin, Chair of GSEO, commented:**

"The Energy Transition is a global opportunity to grow and transform the massive infrastructure of energy to a new environmental standard, along with enabling improved access to clean energy for underserved populations. This fund is well positioned to find attractive investments that meet and exceed the energy-related UN Sustainable Development Goals. I am pleased to chair an experienced board that will provide strong governance on behalf of all our investors."

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# **Expected Timetable**

Latest time and date for applications under the	11.00 a.m. on Wednesday 27 January 2021
Offer for Subscription	

Latest time and date for receipt of completed applications from the Intermediaries in respect of the Intermediaries Offer	2.00pm on Wednesday 27 January 2021
Latest time and date for receipt of Placing orders	5.00pm on Wednesday 27 January 2021
Announcement of the results of the Initial Issue	8.00am on Thursday 28 January 2021
Initial Admission of the Ordinary Shares and dealings commence	8.00am on Tuesday 02 February 2021

### **Investment Highlights**

Victory Hill believes that an investment in the Company represents an attractive investment opportunity for the reasons set out below.

# Growth of Global Energy Infrastructure

- Global demand for energy sources is one of the key drivers for the growth of infrastructure capital spend over the last century. It is expected to continue to form part of the main contributors to global growth, largely driven by rising incomes in developing economies, where the population is heading towards 9 billion by 2040. The Company intends to offer investors access to a pipeline of constant yield generating opportunities in infrastructure investments.
- The Company offers investors direct exposure to a geographically and technologically diversified portfolio which is focused on accelerating the energy transition.
- The Investment Adviser has identified a significant pipeline of sustainable energy infrastructure investments for potential acquisition by the Company and is engaged in negotiations in relation to a number of these investment opportunities sourced from third parties.

The United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals ("SDGs") & The Energy Transition

- The Company will consider sustainable energy infrastructure investments that have a high impact
  value and align with the SDGs; in particular, those three SDGs that have been identified by the
  International Energy Agency as directly impacted by energy. In addition, the Company will
  consider alignment with three additional SDGs that can be impacted by capital investments in
  energy.
- The Company will categorise investments into 4 different "Pathways" that relate directly to the acceleration and achievement of The Energy Transition, these are (i) Addressing Climate Change; (ii) Energy Access; (iii) Energy Efficiency; and (iv) Market Liberalisation.

#### Portfolio Diversification

- The Company will look to achieve NAV growth by investing in a mix of higher yielding and high
  impact sustainable energy infrastructure investments that are in operation, in construction or
  "ready-to-build" but will not invest in projects that are under development or are in pre-consent
  stages.
- By targeting a diversified portfolio across different proven technologies, the Company will seek
  to spread, and therefore reduce, some of the key underlying risks relating to its sustainable
  energy infrastructure investments.

• The geographic diversification in the portfolio will further reduce the exposure of the Company to a particular energy market and specific "change in law" risks related to specific market renewables and broader energy market legislation.

# **Predominantly Contracted Cashflows**

- The Company will have the option to develop a strategy for optimising the contracted revenues available to it by balancing the mix of long and short-term offtake contracts in the underlying portfolio entities.
- All sustainable energy infrastructure investments are expected to have operation and maintenance agreements in place.
- Merchant exposure will only be assumed in situations in which there are opportunities to optimise returns without compromising long-term contracted revenues.

### Ability to Scale Global Portfolio

• As the Company will not be constrained to a single country or a single technology and will consider investment from a "ready-to-build" stage, the scale of the deployment opportunity is significant. The Investment Adviser has already identified a significant pipeline of assets with a value in excess of £1 billion and the Investment Adviser either has (i) secured for the Company the exclusive right to negotiate with the owner to acquire, (ii) issued non-binding offers to acquire, and/or (iii) is at an advanced stage of negotiation with the respective developers in respect of, assets with a total value of approximately £305 million.

# The Enhanced Pipeline Assets

- The Enhanced Pipeline Assets, which the Company may look to acquire within 6 months following Initial Admission has an aggregate consideration of approximately £305 million invested across 39 projects, reflecting the diversification benefits.
- The geographic split of the Enhanced Pipeline Assets split by percentage of the total portfolio is expected to be as follows: (i) 30% United Kingdom, (ii) 21% United States, (iii) 10% each in Australia, Italy and Bulgaria, (iv) 9% Brazil, and (v) 5% in both Netherlands and Latvia.
- The Technological split of the Enhanced Pipeline Assets split by percentage of the total portfolio is expected to be as follows: (i) 30% CHP Carbon Capture and Reuse, (ii) 21% Waste-to-Energy, (iii) 19% Solar PV, (iV) 15% Terminal Storage, (v) 10% Battery Storage and (vi) 5% Onshore Wind
- The Revenue Mix of the Enhanced Pipeline Assets split by percentage of the total portfolio is expected to be as follows: (i) 95% contracted and (ii) 5% merchant
- The construction and operational split of the Enhanced Pipeline Assets at 12 months from admission is expected to be (i) 79% Operational and (ii) 21% Construction. This mix is likely to move to (i) 89% Operational and (ii) 11% Construction at 18 months
- In addition to the Enhanced Pipeline Assets, the Investment Adviser has various Further Pipeline Assets with a total value of £730 million with counterparties situated in Netherlands, Australia, the United Kingdom, Spain, Italy, Chile, the United States, South Africa, Brazil and Greece.

#### **Investment Adviser**

# The senior officers of Victory Hill are as follows:

# **Richard Lum - Co-Chief Investment Officer**

Richard oversees origination and asset management within Victory Hill's investment team. He has close to 26 years of experience in energy and natural resource banking, principally in project, corporate and

structured finance. He was formerly Global Head of Energy Origination at Mizuho Bank in London. Prior to Mizuho, Richard worked at WestLB Capital Markets, BayernLB, and Standard Chartered in Asia and the UK.

#### **Eduardo Monteiro - Co-Chief Investment Officer**

Eduardo oversees origination and asset management within Victory Hill's investment team. He has over 21 years of experience in energy and natural resources finance. Eduardo was also instrumental in building Mizuho Bank's Natural Resources Corporate Finance Advisory Unit of which he was acting Head for EMEA. Previously Eduardo has worked for Societe Generale, Royal Bank of Scotland (ABN Amro) and JP Morgan in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

# Anthony (Tony) Catachanas - Chief Executive Officer

Tony is responsible for business strategy, transaction negotiation, structuring and assisting the Company with execution within Victory Hill's investment team. Before Victory Hill, Tony was responsible for business strategy and investment solutions for EMEA and led the creation and development of the real asset investment business of Asset Management One, the asset management arm of the Mizuho Financial Group. While at Mizuho, Tony was also responsible for a number of cross-divisional initiatives, straddling Mizuho Bank and Mizuho International, the group's securities arm. Previously Tony has worked for AlphaOne Partners LLP, Goldman Sachs, Credit Suisse, ABN Amro and the European Central Bank and the European Parliament in the UK, Germany and Belgium.

# Michael Egan - CFA, ACA, CA (SA) - Chief Financial Officer

Michael is responsible for business strategy, group financial management as well as operation and business risk management across all Victory Hill activities. He has 20 years of cross border mergers and acquisitions, restructuring and treasury experience. Prior to Victory Hill, he was responsible for the global portfolio and debt restructuring of Steinhoff International, a global vertically integrated retail conglomerate with 40 operations in 30 different countries. Previously Michael has worked for KPMG and Lehman Brothers in South Africa and the UK. He is a Chartered Accountant in the UK and South Africa and is a CFA Charterholder and Member of the UK CFA Society.

# **Lawrence Bucknell - Chief General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer**

Lawrence is the firm's Chief General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer. Prior to Victory Hill, Lawrence was an Executive Director in the legal department of Mizuho International in London, the securities division of the Mizuho Financial Group, working across EMEA and the U.S. From 2012 to 2020, Lawrence also acted as general counsel to Asset Management One International, the asset management arm of the Mizuho Financial Group. Prior to Mizuho, Lawrence worked at F&C, Henderson Global, the UK Financial Services Authority, in private practice at Fladgate Fielder (M&A, corporate finance) in London and for the New Zealand Securities Commission. Lawrence is admitted to practice in England and Wales, New York and New Zealand (although he does not currently practise in New Zealand).

# **The Company**

### **Non-Executive Board of Directors**

- Bernard J Bulkin, PhD, OBE (Chair and Independent Non-executive Director)
- Margaret Stephens (Chair of the Audit Committee and Independent Non-executive Director)
- Richard Horlick (Chair of the Management Engagement Committee and Independent Nonexecutive Director)
- Louise Kingham, OBE (Independent Non-executive Director)

#### AIFM

The Company has appointed G10 Capital Limited (the "AIFM" or "G10") to act as its alternative investment fund manager pursuant to the AIFM Agreement, a summary of which will be set out in the Prospectus. The AIFM is a limited liability company and was incorporated on 18 September 2014 with registration number 09224491 in England and Wales under the Act. It is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority pursuant to the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (as amended) ("FSMA") with firm reference number 648953. Its LEI number is 5493008GP6MR1MW6P432.

The AIFM has provided portfolio and risk management services to funds and investment managers since 2014. The AIFM currently provides services to funds investing across a range of asset classes, with an aggregate asset value in excess of €2.5bn. G10 is part of IQ-EQ, a leading investor services firm providing a comprehensive range of compliance, administration, asset and advisory services to investment funds, multinational companies, family offices and private clients operating worldwide.

#### **Notes**

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The Company will not market in Ireland to professional investors until the relevant requirements of the Central Bank Notification Procedure have been complied with. Once the Central Bank Notification Procedure has been complied with ordinary shares may be issued to professional investors as defined in the AIFM Directive and otherwise in accordance with the AIFM Directive, the EU Regulation, the Irish European Union (Alternative Investment Fund Managers) Regulations 2013 (S.I. no 257 of 2013), as amended, and any rules issued by the Central Bank of Ireland pursuant thereto.

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