

## PIC INSURES £230 MILLION OF PILKINGTON SCHEME

London, 22 August 2016 – Pension Insurance Corporation ("PIC"), a specialist insurer of defined benefit pension funds, has concluded a pension insurance buy-in with the Trustee of the Pilkington Superannuation Scheme ("the Scheme"), for a premium of around £230 million. The lead advisor to the Trustee on the transaction was Aon Hewitt.

Pilkington Group Limited is a multinational glass manufacturing company and a wholly owned subsidiary of the Japan-based Nippon Sheet Glass Co Ltd. This is PIC's 13<sup>th</sup> transaction with a UK pension scheme that is ultimately sponsored by a Japanese company.

Keith Greenfield, Chairman of the Trustee Company, said: "We are very pleased to have been able to insure a proportion of our pensioner liabilities through this buy-in. We had to move quickly to secure the buy-in in the light of current volatile markets. The PIC team were flexible and innovative in helping us complete this transaction and I want to thank both them and our advisers, Aon Hewitt, Hogan Lovells and Willis Towers Watson."

Uzma Nazir, Actuary at PIC, said: "The Trustee has been proactive in managing risk in the pension scheme for a number of years and we are proud to have been able to help it complete this significant step. There has been a tangible increase in interest from trustees in buy-ins since the Brexit referendum and we have completed a number of transactions over the past few weeks and expect more to follow. The Scheme benefitted from the rise in the value of gilts and exchanged them for a buy-in policy."

John Baines, Partner in Aon Hewitt's Risk Settlement Group, who led the transaction said: "Having helped the Trustee successfully execute a longevity swap in 2011 as part of a focus on longevity risk management, we are delighted to have again been able to find a solution which fitted in with the Scheme's broader investment strategy. We achieved this through a robust market review exercise, and the negotiation of a price lock mechanism in the run-up to the transaction. This meant that we were able to ensure a predictable and positive outcome for the Scheme and capitalise on the attractive pricing currently available in the bulk annuity market, driven by market conditions following the EU referendum."

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## **Notes to Editors:**

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