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**First Derivatives plc
("FD" or the "Company")**

Exercise of Options

FD (AIM: FDP.L, ESM: FDP.I) announces that on the 21 December 2018 the Company allotted 53,000 new ordinary shares of 0.5p each in the Company (the "Ordinary Shares") pursuant to the exercise of share options by certain employees.

Furthermore, on 21 December 2018 the Company allotted 127,400 ordinary shares of 0.5p each in the Company ("Ordinary Shares") in respect of the final instalment of deferred consideration relating to the acquisition of Prelytix Inc. ('Prelytix'), announced on 26 February 2015.

Application has been made for the new Ordinary Shares to be admitted to trading on AIM and ESM and it is expected that admission will take place on 3 January 2019. The new Ordinary Shares will rank pari passu with the existing shares of the Company. Following these allotments, the total issued share capital of the Company will increase to 26,162,258 ordinary shares.

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About FD

FD is a global technology provider with 20 years of experience working with some of the world's largest finance, technology, retail, pharma, manufacturing and energy institutions. The Group's Kx technology, incorporating the kdb+ time-series database, is a leader in high-performance, in-memory computing, streaming analytics and operational intelligence. Kx delivers the best possible performance and flexibility for high-volume, data-intensive analytics and applications across multiple industries. FD operates from 14 offices across Europe, North America and Asia Pacific, including its headquarters in Newry, and employs more than 2,600 people worldwide.

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