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

Issue of Equity from exercise of Share Options

FD (AIM: FDP.L, ESM: FDP.I) announces the issue and allotment of 183,000 new ordinary shares of 0.5p each in the Company (the "Ordinary Shares") pursuant to the exercise of share options by certain employees.

Furthermore, Non-Executive Director Virginia Gambale has been allotted 1,140 Ordinary Shares in accordance with the terms of her engagement. Following this allotment, Virginia Gambale holds 10,053 Ordinary shares representing 0.04% of the Company's issued share capital.

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 6th June 2017. The new Ordinary Shares will rank pari passu with the existing shares of the Company. Following this allotment, the total issued share capital of the Company will increase to 25,065,519 ordinary shares.

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