

GLOBAL DOMINION ACCESS, S.A. (the "Company" or "Dominion"), pursuant to articles 227 and 228 of the Royal Legislative-Decree 4/2015, dated 23 October, approving the consolidated version of the Spanish Securities Market Act, and other applicable regulations, hereby reports the following

### NOTICE OF OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

The Company has executed a financing agreement with the European Investment Bank ("EIB") and with the Instituto de Crédito Oficial ("ICO") in the amount of up to 25 million euros each, respectively, in the context of the innovation strategy of Dominion.

Thus, the proceeds will be devoted to develop the group efforts in R+D+i in order to foster the digitalization of industrial processes to make them more efficient (Industry 4.0) and to promote the development of new technological solutions for house services management (smart houses), ecommerce and safety at work, among others. It will also allow the group to innovate in the health sector through developments aimed at improving hospital management processes. These types of technologies are key for a rapid adaptation of health infrastructures to cope with emergencies such as that caused by COVID-19.

The financing will contribute to the fulfillment of the objectives of the Digital Agenda for Europe through investments in digitalization in Spain, Germany and Denmark.

The joint press release is attached.

Bilbao, 22 July 2020 José Ramón Berecibar Mutiozabal Secretary of the Board of Directors







### **PRESS RELEASE**

Madrid, 22 July 2020

# Digital innovation: EIB and ICO provide €50 million to Dominion to develop its RDI strategy

- Each entity will advance €25 million.
- The funds will contribute to the development of new engineering solutions, including for healthcare, industry and smart homes.
- Investments will be made in Spain, Germany and Denmark.
- The agreement is supported by the Investment Plan for Europe.

The European Investment Bank (EIB) and the Instituto de Crédito Oficial (ICO) will provide €50 million to finance the innovation strategy of Dominion, a Spanish business group that develops integrated multitechnical engineering, installation, operation and maintenance solutions. The agreement, under which each entity will advance €25 million, will contribute to achieving the objectives of the Digital Agenda for Europe through investments in digitalisation in Spain, Germany and Denmark.

Dominion's innovation strategy will focus on promoting the digitalisation of industrial processes to make them more efficient (Industry 4.0), and on developing new technological solutions for smart home management, e-commerce, safety at work, etc. It will also foster innovation in the healthcare sector through developments aimed at improving hospital management processes. This type of technology is key for the rapid adaptation of health infrastructure to cope with emergencies such as that caused by COVID-19.

The agreement is backed by the <u>Investment Plan for Europe</u>, which enables the EIB to finance projects that present particular value added owing to their structure or nature. The project, which will be implemented over four years, will help strengthen the company's position in a number of highly competitive sectors, expanding the range of services and solutions available to its customers. It will also have a positive impact on employment, contributing to the creation of 400 new jobs during the implementation phase and preserving another 175 highly skilled jobs in the company's research, development and innovation (RDI) centres.

EIB Vice-President Emma Navarro, who is responsible for the Bank's operations in Spain, said: "We are delighted to be supporting Dominion's RDI strategy to promote the digitalisation of key sectors of the European economy that have proven to be of great value in responding to an economic and health crisis such as the one caused by COVID-19. This project will help strengthen the competitiveness of a leading Spanish company in the development of efficient production processes and demonstrates the EIB's firm commitment to innovation in Europe as key to promoting economic recovery after the pandemic."

**ICO Chairman José Carlos García de Quevedo** stressed that the signing of this operation "is part of ICO's efforts to promote key processes such as innovation and digitalisation in manufacturing and industry to foster solid economic recovery and contribute to the creation and preservation of jobs."

Dominion CEO Mikel Barandiarán highlighted the significance of these agreements: "We recently worked with ICO and this is the second loan we have received from the EIB. In addition to financial support, recognition of our projects' innovative nature and relevance is very important to us."

## Supporting innovation

Innovation and skills development are essential ingredients in bringing about sustainable growth and the creation of highly skilled jobs. Both play a key role in achieving long-term competitiveness. This is why financing innovation is one of the EIB's top priorities. In 2019, the EU bank provided €14.44 billion to finance different RDI projects. In Spain alone, last year the EIB made available over €1.32 billion in support of the innovation projects of Spanish companies.

This agreement is the second to be signed between the EIB and Dominion. The previous agreement was signed in 2016 and also lent support to several of the Spanish company's innovation projects. The EIB funds helped provide the company with the stability needed to develop its RDI strategy.

In line with the EU's priorities in the Investment Plan for Europe, ICO's road map includes support for cross-cutting innovation and digitalisation, promoting the financing of projects that favour investment in these areas to increase the competitiveness of Spanish companies and help create high quality employment opportunities.

The European Investment Bank (EIB) is the long-term lending institution of the European Union owned by its Member States. It makes long-term finance available for sound investment in order to contribute towards EU policy objectives.

The Investment Plan for Europe was launched in November 2014 to reverse the downward trend in investment and foster economic recovery in Europe. Its innovative focus, whereby the EIB Group is provided with an EU budget guarantee, makes it possible to mobilise substantial public and private sector funding for investment in strategic sectors of the European economy. The Investment Plan has to date leveraged €514 billion of investment and supported over 1.4 million emerging companies and SMEs throughout Europe. See here the latest results of the Investment Plan for Europe by sector and country, or go to Frequently Asked Questions.

More information on the results of the Investment Plan for Europe is available here.

The Instituto de Crédito Oficial (ICO - www.ico.es) is a corporate state-owned entity attached to the Spanish Ministry of Economic Affairs and Digital Transformation. ICO has become a reference point for the financing of both SMEs and large investment projects. ICO contributes to inclusive and sustainable growth, supporting economic activities meriting promotion and development as a result of their social, cultural, innovative or environmental importance.

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