Orange intends to issue a new Euro-denominated hybrid note and to launch a tender offer on several outstanding hybrid notes

Orange S.A. (the Company) is today announcing its intention to issue Euro denominated undated 8 year non-call deeply subordinated fixed to reset rate notes (the New Notes). The pricing of the New Notes is expected to be announced later today. The New Notes are scheduled to be admitted to trading on Euronext Paris. It is also expected that the rating agencies will assign the New Notes a rating of Baa3/BBB- (Moody’s/ S&P) and an equity content of 50%.

The Company is also launching a tender offer (the Tender Offer) to repurchase its:

- €1,000,000,000 Undated 7 Year Non-Call Deeply Subordinated Fixed to Reset Rate Notes with first call date on 1 October 2021 (of which €500,001,000 is currently outstanding) and admitted to trading on Euronext Paris (ISIN XS1115490523) (the 2021 Notes); and/or

- £650,000,000 Undated 8 Year Non-Call Deeply Subordinated Fixed to Reset Rate Notes with first call date on 7 February 2022 (of which £650,000,000 is currently outstanding) and admitted to trading on Euronext Paris (ISIN XS1028597315) (the 2022 Notes); and/or

- £600,000,000 Undated 8.5 Year Non-Call Deeply Subordinated Fixed to Reset Rate Notes with first call date on 1 April 2023 (of which £600,000,000 is currently outstanding) and admitted to trading on Euronext Paris (ISIN XS1115502988) (the 2023 Notes and, together with the 2021 Notes and the 2022 Notes, the Notes).

The Tender Offer is subject to a maximum acceptance amount, which shall not exceed the principal amount of the New Notes (the Maximum Acceptance Amount). The 2021 Notes, which are within the first acceptance priority level, will be accepted for purchase before any 2022 Notes, which are within the second acceptance priority level, which will be accepted for purchase before any 2023 Notes, which are within the third Acceptance Priority Level. The 2022 Notes and, as the case may be, the 2023 Notes are also subject to a specific maximum acceptance amount which will be determined by the Company (the 2022 Notes Maximum Acceptance Amount and the 2023 Notes Maximum Acceptance Amount), provided that the Company will set the 2022 Notes Maximum Acceptance Amount and, as the case may be, the 2023 Notes Maximum Acceptance Amount at a level which will ensure that the Maximum Acceptance Amount is not exceeded.

The purpose of the Tender Offer and the planned issuance of New Notes is, amongst other things, to proactively manage the Company’s hybrid portfolio, taking advantage of favourable market conditions.
The results of the Tender Offer will be announced on 14 October 2020 (subject to change as a result of any extension, withdrawal, termination, re-opening or amendment of the Tender Offer).

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This announcement does not constitute an invitation to participate in the Tender Offer or the issuance of New Notes in or from any jurisdiction in or from which, or to or from any person to or from whom, it is unlawful to make such invitation under applicable securities laws. The distribution of this announcement in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. Persons into whose possession this announcement comes are required to inform themselves about, and to observe, any such restrictions.

Tenders of Notes for purchase pursuant to the Tender Offer will not be accepted from qualifying holders in any circumstances in which such offer or solicitation is unlawful. The Company does not make any recommendation as to whether or not qualifying holders should participate in the Tender Offer.

Securities may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration under, or an exemption from the registration requirements of, the Securities Act. The New Notes have not been, and will not be, registered under the Securities Act or the securities laws of any state or other jurisdiction of the United States, and may not be offered, sold or delivered, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. Person.

United States

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About Orange

Orange is one of the world’s leading telecommunications operators with sales of 42 billion euros in 2019 and 143,000 employees worldwide at 30 June 2020, including 84,000 employees in France. The Group has a total customer base of 253 million customers worldwide at 30 June 2020, including 208 million mobile customers and 21 million fixed broadband customers. The Group is present in 26 countries. Orange is also a leading provider of global IT and telecommunication services to multinational companies, under the brand Orange Business Services. In December 2019, the Group presented its new “Engage 2025” strategic plan, which, guided by social and environmental accountability, aims to reinvent its operator model. While accelerating in growth areas and placing data and AI at the heart of its innovation model, the Group will be an attractive and responsible employer, adapted to emerging professions.

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