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Obligation to purchase the ordinary shares of Cerved Group S.p.A. pursuant to Article 108, paragraph 2, of the TUF to be carried out by Castor Bidco S.p.A.

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PUBLICATION OF THE INFORMATION DOCUMENT RELATING TO THE PROCEDURE FOR THE FULFILMENT OF THE OBLIGATION TO PURCHASE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 108, PARAGRAPH 2, OF THE TUF PROMOTED BY CASTOR BIDCO S.P.A. ON THE ORDINARY SHARES OF CERVED GROUP S.P.A.

Milan, 24 December 2021 – Following the notice issued on 22 December 2021, with reference to the procedure for the fulfilment of the obligation to purchase (the “**Obligation to Purchase**”) pursuant to Article 108, paragraphs 2, of the TUF, as subsequently amended and supplement, to be carried out by Castor Bidco S.p.A. (“**Castor Bidco**”) on the ordinary shares of Cerved Group S.p.A. (“**Cerved**”) as a result of the passing by Castor Bidco of the threshold of 90% set forth in Article 108, Paragraph 2, of the TUF announced on 16 November 2021 (the “**Procedure**”), it is hereby made public that, on the date hereof, the information document relating to the Procedure approved by Consob with resolution No. 22142 of 22 December 2021 (the “**Information Document**”) has been published on the website of Cerved (www.company.cerved.com) and on the website of Castor Bidco (www.castorgrowth.com).

The Information Document is made available to the public at the registered office of Castor Bidco, at the offices of Intesa San Paolo S.p.A, the intermediary responsible for coordinating the collection of subscriptions to the Procedure, in Milan, Largo Mattioli no. 3 and at the offices of the intermediaries responsible for the collection of subscriptions to the Procedure.

As already communicated on 22 December 2021, please note that, pursuant to Article 50-*quinquies*, paragraph 1, of the Issuers' Regulation, the period for the submission of sale requests in the context of the Procedure, agreed with Borsa Italiana S.p.A., will commence on 10 January 2022 (inclusive) and, unless extended, will end on 4 February 2022 (inclusive). For further details please refer to the Information Document.

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*The procedure envisaged for the performance of the purchase obligation under Article 108, Paragraph 2, of Legislative Decree 58/1998 (the "**Procedure**") described in this press release will be launched by Castor Bidco S.p.A., with a sole shareholder, on the Cerved Group S.p.A.'s ordinary shares.*

Before the beginning of the Procedure, as required by applicable law, Castor Bidco S.p.A. will publish a Disclosure Document which Cerved Group S.p.A.'s shareholders shall carefully examine.

The Procedure is launched exclusively in Italy and is addressed, on equal terms, to all holders of Cerved Group S.p.A.'s shares. The Procedure is launched in Italy as Cerved Group S.p.A.'s shares are listed on the Mercato Telematico Azionario organized and managed by Borsa Italiana and is subject to the obligations and procedural requirements of Italian law.

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