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Purchase of shares of Cerved Group S.p.A.

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PRESS RELEASE PURSUANT TO ART. 41, PARAGRAPH 2, LETT. C), OF THE REGULATION ADOPTED BY CONSOB WITH RESOLUTION NO. 11971 OF 14 MAY 1999, AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED (“ISSUERS’ REGULATION”)

Milan, 3 January 2022 – With reference to the obligation to purchase (the “**Obligation to Purchase**”) pursuant to Article 108, paragraph 2, of Legislative Decree 58/1998 (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**” - ISIN Code IT0005010423) 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, it is hereby made public that on the date hereof Castor Bidco has purchased on the market an overall number of 2,843,258 ordinary shares equal to 1.456% of the share capital of Cerved.

Subject that has carried out the transaction	Date of the transaction	Trading venue	Transaction type	Weighted Average Price (euro)	Quantity
Castor Bidco	3 January 2022	MTA	Purchase	10.20	2,837,359
Castor Bidco	3 January 2022	Aquis-EU	Purchase	10.20	5,899

The aforementioned purchases were performed at a price not exceeding Euro 10.20, equal to the consideration paid in the context of the voluntary tender offer on Cerved’s shares published on 8 March 2021.

It should be noted that, as a result of the above purchases, Castor Bidco holds an aggregate shareholding equal to 95.012% of the share capital of Cerved. Should the legal requirements be met, Castor Bidco will exercise its right to purchase pursuant to Article 111 of the TUF and will fulfil its obligation to purchase pursuant to Article 108, paragraph 1, of the TUF *vis à vis* the holders of the remaining shares who so request, through a single procedure.

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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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