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## PRESS RELEASE

## Settlement of the joint procedure for the exercise of the right to purchase pursuant to Article 111 of the TUF and for the fulfilment of the obligation to purchase pursuant to Article 108, paragraph 1, of the TUF

## Revocation from listing and trading of the ordinary shares of Cerved Group S.p.A.

Milan, 9 February 2022 – Further to the notices published on 4 and 7 February 2022, with reference to the joint procedure for the fulfilment of the obligation to purchase pursuant to Article 108, paragraph 1, of the Legislative Decree 58/1998, as subsequently amended and supplemented (the "**TUF**") and the simultaneous exercise of the right to purchase pursuant to Article 111 of the TUF (the "**Joint Procedure**"), concerning the no. 744,615 residual outstanding ordinary shares of Cerved Group S.p.A. ("**Cerved**" or the "**Issuer**") (the "**Residual Shares**"), equal to 0.381% of the Issuer's share capital, Castor Bidco S.p.A. ("**Castor Bidco**") hereby informs that it has noticed the Issuer pursuant to Article 111, paragraph 3, of the TUF.

As a consequence, the transfer of ownership of the Residual Shares to Castor Bidco will also become effective on the date hereof, with the consequent inscription in the shareholders' ledger by the Issuer pursuant to Article 111, paragraph 3, of the TUF.

In order to obtain the payment of the consideration for the Joint Procedure, holders of nondematerialized Residual Shares must present the original share certificates duly registered in their name at the Issuer's registered office; the Issuer shall verify the share certificates and issue a certificate to the benefit of such holders with which the latter can obtain the payment of the consideration for the Joint Procedure. After the expiration of the five-year statutes of limitation set forth under Article 2949 of the Italian Civil Code, and subject to the provisions of Articles 2941 et seq. of the Italian Civil Code, the owners of the Residual Shares who have not requested payment shall lose the right to obtain payment of the consideration for the Joint Procedure.

It is hereby recalled that Borsa Italiana, with Order no. 8826 dated 28 January 2022, has resolved that the Issuer's shares shall be revoked from listing and trading effective as of the date hereof.

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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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