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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **CERVED GROUP: ASSESSMENT OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF PROFESSIONALITY, INTEGRITY AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE STATUTORY AUDITORS APPOINTED BY THE SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING HELD ON 20 MAY 2020**

**San Donato Milanese, 14 July 2020** – Cerved Group S.p.A. (the “**Company**” or “**Cerved Group**”), the largest information provider and credit servicer in Italy, announces that today's Board of Directors has ascertained, on the basis of the verifications carried out by the Board of Statutory Auditors, in accordance with the provisions of CONSOB Regulation no. 11971/99 and the Borsa Italiana Code of Conduct for listed companies (Codice di Autodisciplina), the existence for all the effective members (Mrs. Antonella Bientinesi - President; Mrs. Costanza Bonelli - Auditor; and Mr. Gilberto Comi - Auditor), of all requirements for taking office and, in particular, (i) possession of the requirements of integrity and professionalism required by law and the Articles of Association as well as (ii) the existence of the independence requisites envisaged by law and by the aforementioned Code of Conduct.

It should be noted that specific assessments have been carried out in relation to the existence of the aforementioned independence requirements for Dr. Gilberto Comi, on the basis of a legal consultancy relationship, relating to the protection of the loans managed by the subsidiary Cerved Credit Management S.p.A. (as servicer of securitization vehicles) and provided in the interest of these vehicles, attributed to a different member of the professional association where Dr. Comi himself holds the role of partner.

These assessments were successful and Dr. Comi was therefore considered independent on the basis of the marginality (i) of the incidence of the remuneration deriving from said consultancy relationship with respect to the total remuneration received by the professional association to which the auditor Comi belongs for the overall activity; and (ii) the usefulness obtained by Dr. Comi from said consultancy relationship as a member of the aforementioned professional association with respect to the overall fees received (in both cases indicatively less than 0.5%).

The curricula of the new members of the Board of Statutory Auditors are available in the "Governance / Shareholders' Meeting" section of the Company's website at <https://company.cerved.com/it/assembly-of-shareholders> and on the authorized storage mechanism eMarket Storage at <https://www.emarketstorage.com> within the slate of candidate proposed.

As of today, according to the information made available to the Company, no Auditor holds shares in the Company.

On this occasion, the Board of Directors has adopted quantitative parameters for the assessment of the independence of the members (i.e. directors and auditors) if they have indirect commercial or professional relations with the Company.

In particular, the Board of Directors has established that a statutory auditor is to be considered independent when the annual consideration for any professional services rendered towards the Company and / or subsidiaries does not exceed:

- 5% of the annual turnover of the Company or Entity over which the exponent has control or is a relevant exponent or of the Professional Firm or of the Consulting Company of which he is a partner; or anyway
- the amount of € 200,000 (to be understood as annual consideration for the professional services rendered by the Company or by the Body of which the exponent has control or is a significant representative or by the Professional Firm or by the Consulting Company of which he both partner).



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