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Voluntary public tender offer launched by Castor Bidco S.p.A. on all the shares of Cerved Group S.p.A.

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PRESS RELEASE PURSUANT TO ART. 37-*TER*, PARAGRAPH 3, OF THE REGULATION ADOPTED BY CONSOB WITH RESOLUTION NO. 11971 OF 14 MAY 1999, AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED ("ISSUERS' REGULATION")

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OFFER DOCUMENT FILED WITH CONSOB

Milan, 25 March 2021

Castor Bidco S.p.A. with sole shareholder (the "**Offeror**") announces that it has today filed with CONSOB, pursuant to and for the purposes of article 102, paragraph 3, of Legislative Decree 24 February 1998, no. 58, as subsequently amended (the "**TUF**"), as well as of article 37-*ter* of the Issuers' Regulations, the offer document (the "**Offer Document**"), intended for publication, relating to the voluntary public tender offer (the "**Offer**") launched by the Offeror, pursuant to articles 102 and 106, paragraph 4, of the TUF, on all the ordinary shares of Cerved Group S.p.A. (the "**Issuer**"), including treasury shares directly or indirectly held, from time to time, by the Issuer.

Moreover, it is notified that, pursuant to and for the purposes of Article 102, paragraph 4, of the Consolidated Law on Finance and Article 37-*ter*, paragraph 1, letter b) of the Issuers' Regulation, the notices and applications for obtaining the authorizations required by the applicable legislation in relation to the Offer have been submitted to the competent authorities.

The Offer Document will be published at the end of the review carried out by CONSOB pursuant to Article 102, paragraph 4 of the Consolidated Law on Finance.

Pending the publication of the Offer Document, please refer to the communication pursuant to art. 102, paragraph 1 of the TUF and art. 37, paragraph 1, of the Issuers' Regulations, published on the websites of the Issuer (<u>https://company.cerved.com/</u>) and of the Offeror (<u>https://castorgrowth.com/</u>), which contains the description of the conditions and essential elements of the Offer.

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The voluntary tender offer referred to in this press release is launched by Castor Bidco S.p.A., with sole shareholder, on all of the ordinary shares of Cerved Group S.p.A.

Prior to the commencement of the Acceptance Period, as required under applicable law, the Offeror will publish an Offer Document which the shareholders of Cerved Group S.p.A. are required to examine carefully.

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

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