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Project Grand Bidco (UK) Limited (the "**Offeror**") notes that on July 15, 2024, Purmo Group Plc ("**Purmo**") published a stock exchange release concerning a public tender offer announced by Haier Europe Appliances Holding B.V. ("**Haier**"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Haier Smart Home Co., Ltd. (the "**Competing Offer**"), pursuant to which the Offeror is required to supplement its tender offer document in accordance with the Finnish Securities Markets Act.

Due to the announcement of the Competing Offer, the Offeror will supplement the tender offer document concerning its tender offer and will publish such supplement document once it has been approved by the Finnish Financial Supervisory Authority. The Offeror will in connection with the supplement extend the offer period in its tender offer as required under applicable law and the regulations and guidelines of the Finnish Financial Supervisory Authority. The new expiry date of the offer period will be announced in connection with the publication of the supplement document at the latest.

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to residential and non-residential buildings, including underfloor heating and cooling systems, a broad range of radiators, heat pumps, flow control and hydronic distribution systems, as well as smart products. Purmo's mission is to be the global leader in sustainable indoor climate comfort solutions. Purmo's approximately 3,090 employees operate in 23 countries, manufacturing and distributing top-quality products and solutions to its over 100,000 customers in more than 100 countries. Purmo's shares are listed on Nasdaq Helsinki with the ticker symbol PURMO. More information: [www.purmogroup.com](http://www.purmogroup.com).

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The Tender Offer is being made for the issued and outstanding shares of Purmo, which is domiciled in Finland, and is subject to Finnish disclosure and procedural requirements. The Tender Offer is made in the United States pursuant to Section 14(e) and Regulation 14E under the Exchange Act, subject to the exemption provided under Rule 14d-1(d) under the Exchange Act, for a Tier II tender offer (the "**Tier II Exemption**"), and otherwise in accordance with the disclosure

and procedural requirements of Finnish law, including with respect to the Tender Offer timetable, settlement procedures, withdrawal, waiver of conditions and timing of payments, which are different from those of the United States. In particular, the financial information included in this stock exchange release has been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards in Finland, which may not be comparable to the financial statements or financial information of U.S. companies. The Tender Offer is made to Purmo's shareholders resident in the United States on the same terms and conditions as those made to all other shareholders of Purmo to whom an offer is made. Any informational documents, including this stock exchange release, are being disseminated to U.S. shareholders on a basis comparable to the method that such documents are provided to Purmo's other shareholders.

As permitted under the Tier II Exemption, the settlement of the Tender Offer is based on the applicable Finnish law provisions, which differ from the settlement procedures customary in the United States, particularly as regards to the time when payment of the consideration is rendered. The Tender Offer, which is subject to Finnish law, is being made to the U.S. shareholders in accordance with the applicable U.S. securities laws, and applicable exemptions thereunder, in particular the Tier II Exemption. To the extent the Tender Offer is subject to U.S. securities laws, those laws only apply to U.S. shareholders and will not give rise to claims on the part of any other person. U.S. shareholders should consider that the offer prices for the Tender Offer are being paid in EUR and that no adjustment will be made to the offer prices based on any changes in the exchange rate.

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