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# 73.53% of Accell Group Shares in Total Tendered under the Offer or Committed

Heerenveen, the Netherlands, 3 June 2022

During the Acceptance Period, that expired at 17:40 hours (CEST) on 3 June 2022, 19,745,964 Shares were tendered under the Offer or committed to the Offeror in writing, representing approximately 73.53% of all Shares on a Fully Diluted basis and an aggregate value of approximately EUR 1,145 million at an Offer Price of EUR 58.00 (cum dividend) in cash per Share.

A condition for the Offeror to declare the Offer unconditional is reaching the Acceptance Threshold of at least 80% of the Shares on a Fully Diluted basis. Since this Acceptance Threshold was not met, the Offeror will consider its options and inform the market in due course in accordance with Section 16, Paragraph 1 of the Decree and Section 3.7 of the Offer Memorandum, no later than on 9 June 2022.

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