

PRESS RELEASE

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS STARTS EVALUATION OF THE MERGER OF CERVED GROUP INTO CASTOR BIDCO FOR THE PURPOSE OF DELISTING

EXTRAORDINARY SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING TO BE CALLED FOR FEBRUARY 11, 2022 TO APPROVE THE MERGER

San Donato Milanese, 5 October 2021 – The Board of Directors of Cerved Group S.p.A. ("**Cerved**" or the "**Company**") has met today to start the evaluation of the merger of Cerved into Castor Bidco S.p.A. for the purpose of the delisting (the "**Merger**") and has resolved with a majority vote to call the Shareholders' Meeting for the approval of the Merger plan for February 11, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. in a single call. The Merger plan and the related documentation required by law, as well as the information document relating to significant transactions with related parties, will be published in the manner and within the terms required by law.

It is noted that, following the approval of the merger plan by the Shareholders' Meeting, those Shareholders who have not taken part in the adoption of the related resolution will have the withdrawal right pursuant to art. 2437-*quinquies* of the Italian Civil Code.

The liquidation value of the shares subject to withdrawal, calculated in compliance with the provisions of art. 2437-*ter*, par. 3, of the Italian Civil Code with reference to the arithmetic mean of the closing prices recorded on the stock exchange in the six months prior to the publication date of the notice of call, will be communicated to the market by means of a subsequent notice pursuant to the law and regulations.

Cerved helps companies, banks, institutions and individuals to protect themselves from risk and grow in a sustainable way. Thanks to a unique wealth of data and analytics, it provides clients with digital and artificial intelligence services and platforms to manage risk and support data-driven growth, also involving customised consultancy solutions. Through Cerved Credit Management it helps the financial and real system to dispose of and recover impaired loans. Cerved Rating Agency, one of Europe's leading rating agencies, operates within the group.

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