WAREHOUSES DE PAUW

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REPORT REGARDING THE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THE AUTHORISED CAPITAL CAN BE USED (INTER ALIA BY WAY OF THE ISSUANCE OF SHARES, CONVERTIBLE BONDS OR SUBSCRIPTION RIGHTS) AND THE AIMS THAT MAY BE PURSUED IN THAT RESPECT

A. Introduction

This report, drawn up in accordance with Article 7:199 of the Belgian Code of companies and associations (the **CCA**), relates to the proposal to renew the mandate regarding the authorised capital.

This proposal will be submitted to the Extraordinary General Meeting on 30 April 2025.

This report provides more detail on the special circumstances under which the board of directors of the Company (the **Board of Directors**) can exercise this mandate to increase the capital and which aims that may be pursued in that respect.

B. Proposed mandate regarding the authorised capital

The Extraordinary General Meeting of shareholders of the Company granted on 24 April 2024 a mandate to the Board of Directors to within the constraints of the mandatory provisions contained in the applicable company law, increase the capital on the dates and subject to the conditions it will determine, in one or more increments, to a maximum amount of:

- I. EUR 125,703,776.34, if the capital increase to be realised is a capital increase in cash with the option for the Company's shareholders to exercise their preferential right or irreducible allocation right (as referred to in the RREC Legislation¹); and
- II. EUR 125,703,776.34, if the capital increase to be realised involves the distribution of an optional dividend; and
- III. EUR 25,140,755.26, if the capital increase to be realised is (a) a capital increase by contribution in kind, or (b) a capital increase in cash without the option for the Company's shareholders to exercise their preferential right or irreducible allocation right (as referred to in the RREC Legislation), or (c) any other kind of capital increase;

¹ The Belgian Act of 12 May 2014 regarding the regulated real estate companies, as amended from time to time (the **RREC Act**) and the Belgian Royal Decree of 13 July 2014 with respect to regulated real estate companies, as amended from time to time (the **RREC RD**). The RREC Act and the RREC RD are hereinafter jointly referred to as the "**RREC Legislation**".

with the understanding that the capital within the framework of this mandate cannot be increased by an amount that exceeds the amount of the capital on the date of the Extraordinary General Meeting that approves the mandate.

The current mandate is valid for a period of 5 years which started on 3 May 2024 (being the date of publication in the Annexes to the Belgian State Gazette of the resolution of the Extraordinary General Meeting of 24 April 2024 to renew the mandate regarding the authorised capital).

The current mandate was used by the Board of Directors for the first time on 4 September 2024² for the contribution in kind of real estate assets in Waregem as established by notarial deed of the same date, executed by Mr. Tim Carnewal, notary in Brussels and Ms. Elise Deboosere, notary in Avelgem. The total issue price of the 1,737,100 new shares without nominal value issued in this context, amounted to EUR 39,699,983.30, of which (i) EUR 1,990,213.19 was allocated to the item capital and (ii) EUR 37,709,770.11 was allocated to the item issue premium.

This existing mandate was used a second time by the Board of Directors on 19 February 2025³ by means of the contribution in kind of (all of the) 63 shares of the private limited liability company ("besloten vennootschap") under Belgian law "PIELON", registered with the Crossroads Bank for Enterprises with enterprise number 0476.904.953 as established by notarial deed of the same date executed by Mr. Tim Carnewal, notary in Brussels. The total issue price of the 311,295 new shares without nominal value issued in this context amounted to EUR 6,465,252.79, of which (i) EUR 356,653.86 was allocated to the item capital and (ii) EUR 6,108,598.93 was allocated to the item issue premium.

At present, the available balance of het authorised capital still amounts to:

- I. EUR 125,703,776.34, if the capital increase to be realised is a capital increase in cash with the option for the company's shareholders to exercise their preferential right or irreducible allocation right (as referred to in the RREC Legislation);
- II. EUR 125,703,776.34, if the capital increase to be realised involves the distribution of an optional dividend; and
- III. EUR 22,793,888.21, if the capital increase to be realised is (a) a capital increase through contribution in kind, or (b) a capital increase in cash without the option for the company's shareholders to exercise their preferential right or irreducible allocation right (as referred to in the RREC Legislation), or (c) any other type of capital increase;

with the understanding that the capital within the framework of the authorised capital during the five-year period of the mandate will not be allowed to be increased by an amount higher than EUR 251,407,552.69.

The Board of Directors proposes to the Extraordinary General Meeting to renew the current mandate regarding the authorised capital and to grant a new mandate to the Board of Directors to, within the constraints of the mandatory provisions contained in the company law, increase the Company's capital on the dates and subject to the conditions it will determine, in one or more increments:

If the capital increase to be realised is a capital increase in cash with the option for the Company's shareholders to exercise their preferential right or irreducible

² See also press release dated 4 September 2024 (https://wdp.eu/en/investors/press-releases/sale-and-lease-back-van-multi-purpose-warehouse-site-in-waregem).

³ See also press release dated 19 February 2025 (https://wdp.eu/en/investors/press-releases/entry-215190).

- **allocation right** (as referred to in the RREC Legislation), up to a maximum amount of 50% of the amount of the capital⁴;
- II. If the capital increase to be realised is a capital increase within the context of the distribution of an **optional dividend**, up to a maximum amount of 50% of the amount of the capital⁴; and
- III. If the capital increase to be realised is (a) a capital increase by contribution in kind, or (b) a capital increase by a contribution in cash without the option for the Company's shareholders to exercise their preferential right or irreducible allocation right (as referred to in the RREC Legislation), or (c) any other kind of capital increase;
 - A) in principal order, up to a maximum amount of 20% of the amount of the capital4,
 - B) if the Extraordinary General Meeting does not approve the proposal under III, A), up to a maximum amount of 10% of the amount of capital⁴,

with the understanding that the capital within the framework of the authorised capital will not be able to be increased by an amount that exceeds the capital amount on the date of the Extraordinary General Meeting that approves the proposed mandate, in other words that the sum of the capital increases with application of the proposed mandate included under points I, II and III can in total not exceed the capital amount as it stands on the date of the Extraordinary General Meeting that approves the proposed mandate.

To be clear, it is specified that the proposal will be deemed approved only if all points I, II and III (A), or if applicable B)) are individually approved. If the Extraordinary General Meeting should not approve the proposal (for all points I, II and III), the current mandate granted by the Extraordinary General Meeting's resolution of 24 April 2024 will remain in full force.

The proposed mandate in **point I** refers to the classic case of an increase in capital (incl. issuing shares, convertible bonds or subscription rights) against a contribution in cash with application of the preferential right on the one hand, and on the other hand the specific case of an increase in capital (incl. issuing shares, convertible bonds or subscription rights) with application of an irreducible allocation right (as meant in the RREC Legislation); it concerns a mandate for 50% of the amount of the capital⁴. The economic impact of an irreducible allocation right is identical to that of a preferential right considering that the irreducible allocation right gives a shareholder in the Company the opportunity to co-invest in the event of a capital increase and to maintain his share in the Company in this way.

The proposed mandate in **point II** refers to the possibility to reward shareholders in a special way by offering them an optional dividend; it concerns a mandate for 50% of the amount of the capital⁴.

The mandate in **point III** refers to capital increases (incl. issuing shares, convertible bonds or subscription rights) (a) by contribution in kind or (b) by contribution in cash <u>without</u> the option for shareholders of the Company to exercise their preferential right or their irreducible allocation right (as meant in the RREC Legislation), or (c) any other kind of capital increase, it being understood that the Board of Directors must comply with the mandatory provisions of the company law and the RREC Legislation, as amended from time to time. The mandate included under this point III concerns a mandate amounting to 20% (in principal order) or 10% (if the Extraordinary General Meeting does not approve the proposal under III, A)) of the amount of the capital⁴. Under point III, the Board of Directors

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⁴ On the date of the Extraordinary General Meeting approving the proposed mandate, rounded down to the nearest euro cent.

may for example implement a capital increase in the form of an "accelerated bookbuilding" procedure. The possibility of implementing such capital increases is legally restricted in the sense that the cumulative amount of capital increases that have been carried out over a period of twelve months in line with the mandate in point III (b), may not exceed 10% of the amount of the capital at the time the decision is made to increase the capital.⁵

Unless otherwise decided by the Board of Directors, capital increases within the context of the distribution of an optional dividend will always be offset against the proposed mandate in point II.

This proposed mandate will be given for a period of 5 years starting on the day the decision of the Extraordinary General Meeting that approves the proposed mandate is published in the Annexes to the Belgian State Gazette. The current mandate regarding the authorised capital, as granted by the Extraordinary General Meeting of 24 April 2024, will lapse from this date and the proposed mandate will assume its place. If the proposed mandate is not approved, the current mandate regarding the authorised capital will remain valid.

The proposed mandate will apply for a capital increase both in cash and in kind (in any case within the boundaries and on the conditions of the mandate given). The mandate will also apply to a capital increase through conversion of reserves (again within the boundaries and on the conditions of the mandate given). By extension, other assets too, including profits carried forward and issue premiums, can be converted into capital, as can all of the equity components in the Company's individual IFRS financial statements which are convertible into capital. In this regard, the Board of Directors can create or issue shares (e.g. bonus shares) (of any class that exists at the time) or other securities or decide not to issue any securities, in line with the mandatory provisions in the company law and the RREC Legislation, as amended from time to time. The Board of Directors may decide to increase the capital below, above or at the par value of the existing shares of the same class.

The Board of Directors shall not only be able to create or issue shares (of any class that exists at the time), but also subscription rights (whether associated with another security or not), convertible bonds, bonds repayable in shares or other securities.

At the time of a capital increase, realised within the limits of the authorised capital, the Board of Directors will have the authority to call for an issue premium. In that case, any issue premiums, where applicable after deduction of a maximum amount equal to the cost of the capital increase within the meaning of the applicable IFRS rules, will be shown in one or more separate accounts under equity in the liabilities on the balance sheet and will thus be available for distribution. The Board of Directors is free to decide to place the issue premiums, where applicable after deduction of an amount that does not exceed the cost of the increase in capital within the meaning of the applicable IFRS rules, into an unavailable account, which cannot under any circumstances be reduced or abolished except by a resolution of the general meeting voting as for an amendment to the articles of association (except in the case of the conversion into capital by the Board of Directors as provided for above).

Consequently, the Board of Directors proposes to amend Article 8 of the articles of association of the Company accordingly as set out in the annex to this report.

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⁵ Article 26 para. 1, third indent, 2° of the RREC Act.

C. Specific circumstances and aims for using the authorised capital (*inter alia* by way of the issuance of shares, convertible bonds or subscription rights)

The mechanics of the authorised capital allow a certain degree of flexibility, elasticity, confidentiality, efficiency, cost cutting and/or speed of implementation. Considering these characteristics, it is sensible to authorise the Board of Directors to resolve to increase the capital to ensure optimum management. The laborious, time consuming and public process of convening an Extraordinary General Meeting for an increase in capital or to issue convertible bonds or subscription rights can in certain circumstances hinder a fast and efficient response to fluctuations in the capital markets, certain challenges the Company would face or certain interesting opportunities that could arise for the Company, for example with regard to reducing the debt ratio of the Company by increasing its equity.

The special circumstances under, and the aims for, which the Board of Directors can use the authorised capital are fundamentally situated in the context of maintaining and developing the corporate interest of the Company.

Considering the impossibility to *a priori* give a restrictive list of the special circumstances under, and aims for, which the Board of Directors can use the authorised capital, the circumstances and aims listed below should not be considered restrictive.

The Board of Directors intends to make use of the proposed mandate in cases where, in the best interest of the Company, decision-making via a General Meeting would not be desirable or convenient.

For example, the Board of Directors could use the authorised capital when:

- it seems opportune to react to market opportunities fast, more specifically (but not exclusively) with the intention to finance (completely or in part) partnerships or takeovers of enterprises and/or assets, attracting new possible partners or shareholders to the capital structure of the Company or expanding the international dimension of the shareholder structure, always subject to the express and mandatory statutory limits that may be in force at any time;
- a need or opportunity for financing arises, whereby the relevant market circumstances or characteristics of the intended financing requires a quick and/or confidential response by the Company, and where the shareholders may not be offered the opportunity to exercise their preferential right or irreducible allocation right (as meant in the RREC Legislation), for example according to the procedure of an "accelerated bookbuilding":
- there is a need for financing whereby a contribution in kind or a contribution in cash without the option for shareholders of the Company to exercise their preferential right or irreducible allocation right (as meant in the RREC Legislation) is appropriate in the interest of the Company;
- the Board of Directors wishes to proceed with a capital increase within the context of an optional dividend, regardless of whether the (whole or part of the) dividend is paid out directly in shares or if the dividend is distributed in cash and new shares can be subscribed to subsequently, either as a whole or in part, possibly with an additional cash payment;
- a preceding convocation of a general meeting would result in premature announcement of the activity in question, which could be to the detriment of the Company;
- the costs associated with convening a general meeting or with offering the Company's shareholders the option to exercise their preferential right or irreducible allocation right (as meant in the RREC Legislation) are not in proportion to the amount of the intended (direct or deferred) capital increase;
- due to the urgency of the matter, it is appropriate in the best interest of the Company to proceed with a capital increase on short notice in accordance with the authorised capital procedure or

issue convertible bonds or subscription rights, possibly without the option for shareholders to exercise their preferential right or irreducible allocation right (as meant in the RREC Legislation).

The Board of Directors can also use the authorised capital in the context of the remuneration policy, inter alia for awarding, for example, shares, share options or subscription rights to personnel of the Company or its subsidiaries (as defined in the company law, as amended from time to time), as well as to people who have in their professional capacity been useful to the Company or its subsidiaries, or will be useful for the Company or its subsidiaries.

Any decision by the Board of Directors to increase the capital or to issue convertible bonds or subscription rights is subject to the mandatory provisions in the company law and the RREC Legislation, as amended from time to time.

D. Special rules regarding capital increase in cash and in kind in general and in the context of an optional dividend in particular

Notwithstanding the application of the mandatory provisions contained in the company law and the RREC Legislation, as amended from time to time, the Board of Directors may within the framework of the authorised capital limit or suspend/cancel the preferential right, also when it is in favour of one or more specific people, other than members of the personnel of the Company or its subsidiaries (as defined in the company law, as amended from time to time).

If, in that case, in accordance with the mandatory provisions contained in the RREC Legislation, an irreducible allocation right must be granted to the existing shareholders when new securities are issued, such an irreducible allocation right must at least comply with the provisions in Article 12.1 of the articles of association. No irreducible allocation right must be given for a capital increase by contribution in cash with limitation or suspension/cancellation of the preferential right, in addition to a contribution in kind within the context of the distribution of an optional dividend, in so far as this is open for payment to all shareholders. Pursuant to the Belgian Act of 2 May 2019 on various financial provisions, which amended Article 26, §1 (3) of the RREC Act, an irreducible allocation right must not be given either in case of a capital increase by contribution in cash with limitation or suspension/cancellation of the preferential right on condition that (i) the capital increase occurs by using the authorised capital and (ii) the cumulative amount of the capital increases that, in accordance with this exception, are carried out over a period of 12 months do not exceed 10% of the capital amount at the time the decision was made to increase the capital.

When securities are issued against contribution in kind, without prejudice to the mandatory provisions contained in the company law, as amended from time to time, the conditions in Article 12.2 of the articles of association must be upheld. However, the special rules on capital increase in kind set out in Article 12.2 of the articles of association do not apply to the contribution of the right to a dividend within the framework of the distribution of an optional dividend, provided this is open for payment to all shareholders.

The conditions mentioned in this report that regulate the use of the authorised capital and the special circumstances under, and the aims for, which the authorised capital can be used, should all be interpreted as broadly as possible.

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Annex: Proposed amendments to Article 8 of the articles of association

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"ARTICLE 8. AUTHORISED CAPITAL

The board of directors is authorised, within the constraints of the mandatory provisions contained in the applicable company law, to increase the share capital on the dates and subject to the conditions that it specifies, in one or more increments, up to a maximum amount of:

I. 125.703.776,34 EUR, [[to be completed: 50% of the amount of the capital on the date of the Extraordinary General Meeting, rounded down to the nearest eurocent], if the capital increase to be realised is a capital increase in cash with the option of the company's shareholders to exercise their preferential right or irreducible allocation right (as referred to in the RREC Legislation (as defined in articleArticle 1 of the articles of association));]; and

II. <u>125.703.776,34 EUR,[[to be completed: 50% of the amount of capital on the date of the Extraordinary General Meeting, rounded down to the nearest eurocent],</u> if the capital increase to be realised involves the distribution of an optional dividend;]; and

III. <u>25.140.755,26 EUR, [[to be completed: [20% or 10%] of the amount of the capital on the date of the Extraordinary General Meeting, rounded down to the nearest eurocent], if the capital increase to be realised <u>is</u> (a) <u>is</u> a capital increase <u>by contribution</u> in kind, or (b) a capital increase in cash without the option <u>effor</u> the company's shareholders to exercise their preferential right or irreducible allocation right (as referred to in the RREC <u>ActLegislation</u>), or (c) any other kind of capital increase;];</u>

with the understanding that the capital will not be allowed to increase within the context of the authorised capital this mandate by an amount that exceeds the amount of the capital on the date of the extraordinary general meeting that approves the mandate.

This mandate is valid for a period of five years from the publication of the minutes of the extraordinary general meeting that approves the mandate.

This mandate is renewable.

Capital increases can be carried out via contributions in cash, contributions contribution in kind or conversion of reserves, including profits carried forward and issue premiums as well as all of the equity components in the company's individual IFRS financial statements (drawn up based on the RREC Legislation) which are convertible into capital, possibly with issuance of shares or other securities (of any existing kind), in accordance with the mandatory provisions set out in the applicable company law the RREC Legislation. and the RREC Legislation. The board of directors can decide on capital increases below, above, or at the par value of the existing shares of the same kind

Eventual Any issue premiums—, as the case may be after deduction of an amount that does not exceed the cost of the capital increase in the meaning of the applicable IFRS rules, will be shown in one or more separate accounts under equity in the liabilities on the balance sheet—and will thus be available for distribution. The board of directors is free to decide to place any issue premiums, possibly as the case may be after deduction of an amount that does not exceed the cost of the capital increase in capital—in the meaning of the applicable IFRS rules, into an unavailable account, which—shall constitute the third party guarantee on the same basis as the capital and cannot under any circumstances be reduced or abolished except by a resolution of the general meeting voting as for an amendment to the articles of association—(except in the case of the conversion into capital—by the board of directors).

Under the conditions and within the limits set out in paragraphs one to five of this article, the The board of directors can not cannot only create or issue shares, (of any existing kind), but also subscription rights (which may be attached to another security), convertible bonds, bonds repayable in shares, or other securities (of any existing kind), while complying at all times with the mandatory provisions set out in the applicable company law and RREC Legislation.

Without prejudice to the application of mandatory provisions of the applicable company law and RREC Legislation, in this process the board of directors may limit or cancel preferential rights, even if this benefits one or more particular persons other than employees of the company.

The board of directors has the power to amend the company's articles of association in line with the capital increase(s) that was / were realised within the context of the authorised capital."