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North Holdings 3 Oy (the “**Offeror**”), a private limited liability company incorporated and existing under the laws of Finland, that will be indirectly owned by a consortium led by North (BC) Lux Holdco SARL (“**Bain Luxco**”) (a vehicle owned and controlled by funds managed or advised by Bain Capital Private Equity (Europe), LLP, and/or its affiliates (together “**Bain Capital**” and such funds being the “**Bain Capital Funds**”)) and further including Security Trading Oy (“**Security Trading**”), Fennogens Investments S.A. (“**Fennogens**”) and Corbis S.A. (“**Corbis**”) (together the “**Consortium**”), announced on November 3, 2022, a voluntary recommended public cash tender offer for all the issued and outstanding shares in Caverion Corporation (“**Caverion**” or the “**Company**”) that are not held by Caverion or its subsidiaries (the “**Shares**” or, individually, a “**Share**”) (the “**Tender Offer**”). As announced on January 24, 2023, the Offeror has on January 24, 2023, agreed to improve the consideration offered for each Share in the Tender Offer and certain other amendments to the terms of the Tender Offer, and expects the supplement to its tender offer document concerning the amended terms of its Tender Offer to be approved and published in early February. The offer period for the Tender Offer commenced on November 24, 2022 and will expire on February 28, 2023.

The Offeror has today received its last remaining regulatory approval, which is the unconditional foreign investment clearance in Finland. As announced on January 24, 2023, the Offeror had already received unconditional merger control clearance from the European Commission on January 11, 2023, and unconditional foreign investment clearances in Austria and Denmark on January 18 and January 20, 2023, respectively. The Offeror announces that it has received all necessary regulatory approvals for the completion of the Tender Offer. Therefore, the Offeror confirms that the condition to completion of the Tender Offer concerning the receipt of regulatory approvals has been fulfilled.

The completion of the Tender Offer is still subject to the fulfilment or waiver by the Offeror of certain other conditions on or by the date of the Offeror’s announcement of the final results of the Tender Offer. Such conditions include the Tender Offer having been validly accepted with respect to Shares representing, together with any other Shares otherwise acquired by the Offeror prior to or during the Offer Period, more than sixty-six and two thirds (66 2/3) percent of the Shares and voting rights in the Company.

*The supplement to the Tender Offer Document as well as additional materials and instructions will be made available after their publication at [www.caverion-offer.com](http://www.caverion-offer.com) and at [www.nordea.fi/caverion-offer](http://www.nordea.fi/caverion-offer).*

## **CAVERION CORPORATION**

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Caverion is a public limited liability company incorporated under the laws of Finland with its shares listed on the official list of Nasdaq Helsinki. Caverion is a Northern & Central European-based expert for smart and sustainable built environments, enabling performance and people's well-being. Caverion offers expert guidance during the entire life cycle of buildings, infrastructure or industrial sites and processes: from design & build to projects, technical and industrial maintenance, facility management as well as advisory services. At the end of September 2022, there were more than 15,000 professionals serving customers at the service of Caverion Group in 10 countries.

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The Tender Offer is made for the issued and outstanding shares of Caverion, 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(c) under the Exchange Act for a Tier I tender offer (the “**Tier I Exemption**”) and Rule 802 (the “**802 Exemption**”) under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933 (the “**U.S. Securities Act**”), 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 Caverion’s shareholders resident in the United States on the same terms and conditions as those made to all other shareholders of Caverion 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 Caverion’s other shareholders.

As permitted under the Tier I 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 I Exemption and the 802 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 (whether paid initially in cash or upon redemption of any Alternative Consideration Instruments) the offer price for the Tender Offer is being paid in EUR and that no adjustment will be made based on any changes in the exchange rate.

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