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MANDATORY TENDER OFFER ON THE ORDINARY SHARES OF SARAS S.P.A. LAUNCHED BY VARAS S.P.A.

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# VARAS S.P.A. HAS CARRIED OUT THE JOINT PROCEDURE FOR THE EXERCISE OF THE PURCHASE RIGHT TO PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 111 OF CFA AND FOR THE FULFILMENT OF THE PURCHASE OBLIGATION TO PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 108, PARAGRAPH 1, OF CFA

## DELISTING OF THE SHARES OF SARAS S.P.A. AS OF TODAY'S DATE

**Milan, 11 September 2024** – With reference to the mandatory public tender offer launched by Varas S.p.A. (the "**Offeror**") pursuant to Articles 102 and 106, paragraph 1, of Legislative Decree 24 February 1998, No. 58 (respectively, the "**Offer**" and the "**CFA**"), concerning a maximum of no. 518,486,282 ordinary shares (the "**Shares**") of Saras S.p.A. ("**Saras**" or the "**Issuer**"), the Offeror announces the following.

Unless otherwise defined in this press release, the capitalized terms shall have the meaning ascribed to them under (i) the offer document approved by CONSOB with resolution no. 23188 of 10 July 2024 and published on 11 July 2024 (the "**Offer Document**") and (ii) the press release published by Issuer on behalf of the Offeror on 3 September 2024 in connection with the final results of the Reopening of the Terms as well as the terms and conditions for the implementation of the Joint Procedure to exercise the Purchase Right and to fulfil the Purchase Obligation pursuant to Art. 108, Paragraph 1 of the CFA (the "**Press Release of 3 September 2024**"). The Offer Document, the Press Release of 3 September 2024 and any other press release issued by the Offeror in relation to the Offer are available, *inter alia*, on the Issuer's website.

## Settlement of the Joint Procedure

The Offeror hereby announces that, on the date hereof, it has notified the Issuer that a sum equal to the Overall Consideration of the Joint Procedure, amounting to Euro 71,738,192, has been deposited on a bank account opened in the name of the Offeror at Unicredit S.p.A. (IBAN IT15F0200809440000107141516) and shall be used only for the payment of the consideration for the No. 44,836,370 shares of the Issuer, equal to 4.715% of the share capital of the Issuer still outstanding (the "**Residual Shares**").

Therefore, pursuant to Article 111, Paragraph 3, of the CFA, the transfer of the Residual Shares to the Offeror has become effective as from the notice of the deposit and, as a result, the Issuer will proceed with the subsequent entries in the shareholders' ledger.

The holders of the Residual Shares will be entitled to receive the payment of the consideration of the Joint Procedure – equal to Euro 1.60 per each Residual Share – from their respective

intermediaries. The obligation to pay the consideration for the Joint Procedure shall be deemed fulfilled when the relevant amounts are transferred to the intermediaries from which the Residual Shares targeted by the Joint Procedure are transferred.

The holders of the Residual Shares bear the entire risk that the Depositary Intermediaries fail to transfer the relevant amounts to the parties entitled thereto or delay such transfer.

Once the five-year limitation period envisaged by Article 2949 of the Italian Civil Code has elapsed and without prejudice to the provisions of Articles 2941 and following of the Italian Civil Code, the right of the holders of the Residual Shares to obtain the payment of the consideration for the Joint Procedure will terminate and the Offeror will be entitled to obtain the return of the amounts deposited as consideration for the Right to Purchase and not collected by those entitled.

## **Delisting of Saras Shares**

By means of resolution no. 9014 of 4 September 2024, Borsa Italiana ordered the delisting of Saras Shares from Euronext Milan as of today's date (prior suspension from trading on Euronext Milan for the sessions of 9 and 10 September 2024).

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The Offer Document, containing a detailed description of the terms and conditions of the Offer, is available for consultation:

- (i) at the Offeror's registered office in Milan, Via Alessandro Manzoni n. 38;
- (ii) at the Issuer's registered office in in S.S. Sulcitana n.195 Km. 19, 09018 Sarroch (CA);
- (iii) at the registered office of the intermediary in Charge of Coordinating the Collection of Acceptances and the Appointed Intermediaries;
- (iv) at the registered office of the appointed intermediaries;
- (v) on the Issuer's website <u>www.saras.it;</u>
- (vi) on the website of the Global Information Agent of the Offer <u>www.georgeson.com/it</u>.

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This notice does not represent nor does it intend to represent an offer, invitation or solicitation to buy or otherwise acquire, subscribe, sell or otherwise dispose of financial instruments, and no sale, issue or transfer of financial instruments of Saras will be made in any country in breach of the regulations applicable therein. The Offer will be launched through the publication of the relevant Offer document subject to the approval of Consob. The Offer document will contain the full description of the terms and conditions of the said Offer, including the manner in which it can be accepted.

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*laws.* To the maximum extent permitted under applicable law, the persons involved in the Offer shall be deemed to be exempted from any liability or adverse effect that might arise from the breach of such restrictions by the relevant persons. This notice has been prepared in accordance with Italian law and the information disclosed herein may be different from that which would have been disclosed if the notice had been prepared under the law of countries other than Italy.

No copy of this notice or of any other documents relating to the Offer shall be, nor may be, sent by post or otherwise forwarded or distributed in any or from any country in which the provisions of local laws and regulations might give rise to civil, criminal or regulatory risks to the extent that information concerning the Offer is transmitted or made available to shareholders of Saras in such country or other countries where such conduct would constitute a violation of the laws of such country and any person receiving such documents (including as custodian, trustee or trustee) is required not to post or otherwise transmit or distribute them to or from any such country.