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All Regulatory Clearances for Flora Acquisition B.V. and NIBC obtained to close the Offer

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- The Offeror and NIBC have obtained all Regulatory Clearances required to close the Offer.
- These include the declarations of no objection from the European Central Bank ("**ECB**").
- Assuming the other conditions to the Asset Sale and Liquidation set forth in the Offer Memorandum are still satisfied at the end of the Acceptance Period, the minimum acceptance level will be lowered from 95% to 85% of the Shares.
- NIBC and the Offeror recommend all Shareholders to tender their Shares.
- The Acceptance Period will end on 21 December 2020 at 17:40 hours CET ("**Acceptance Closing Time**").

Shareholders to tender

The Offeror and NIBC hereby announce that the Regulatory Clearances required to close the Offer have been obtained. This is an important milestone in the transaction process. Shareholders can continue to tender their Shares until the end of the Acceptance Period. The Acceptance Period will end on 21 December 2020 at 17:40 hours CET. NIBC and the Offeror recommend all Shareholders to tender their Shares.

The custodian, bank or stockbroker may set an earlier deadline for communication by Shareholders in order to permit the custodian, bank or stockbroker to communicate its acceptances to the Settlement Agent in a timely manner. Reference is made to section 3 of the Offer Memorandum.

If the Offer is declared unconditional, the Offeror will accept all Shares that have been validly tendered (or defectively tendered provided that such defect has been waived by the Offeror) and not previously withdrawn pursuant to the terms of the Offer in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section 3.5 (Withdrawal rights) of the Offer Memorandum. The Offeror has the right (but not the obligation) to accept any tender of Shares pursuant to the Offer, even if such tender has not been made in compliance with the terms and conditions of the Offer. While the Acceptance Period ends on 21 December 2020 at 17:40 CET, the Offeror will consider accepting tenders submitted after the Acceptance Closing Time if and when the Offer is declared unconditional.

Regulatory Clearances Obtained

The following Regulatory Clearances have been obtained:

- a declaration of no objection from the European Central Bank for each party that will directly or indirectly acquire a qualifying holding in NIBC Bank N.V. following the Offer;
- approval from the Dutch Central Bank on the appointment of new members of the Supervisory Board; and
- confirmation by the Netherlands Authority for the Financial Markets that the propriety of envisaged changes in the co-policymakers of Lendex Nederland B.V., a subsidiary of NIBC, are beyond doubt.

This means that the Offeror has obtained the Regulatory Clearances required to close the Offer.

Minimum Acceptance Condition

Now that the Regulatory Clearances have been obtained (including the declaration of no objection allowing the direct acquisition of NIBC Bank N.V. pursuant to the Asset Sale and Liquidation), and assuming conditions of the Asset Sale and Liquidation set forth in the Offer Memorandum are still satisfied at the end of the Acceptance Period, the minimum acceptance level will be lowered from 95% to 85% of the Shares.

Declaring the Offer unconditional

Accordingly, if all other Offer Conditions are satisfied or waived on or before the Acceptance Closing Time, including the minimum acceptance level of at least 85% of the Shares being tendered as set out in the Offer Memorandum, the Offeror will declare the Offer unconditional.

In case the Minimum Acceptance Condition or any other Offer Condition is not satisfied, the Offeror is under no obligation to declare the Offer unconditional. If the Offeror does not declare the Offer unconditional, the Offer will be terminated.

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