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NORTH HOLDINGS 3 OY STOCK EXCHANGE RELEASE

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As previously announced, North Holdings 3 Oy (the "**Offeror**") and Caverion Corporation (the "**Company**" or "**Caverion**") have entered into a combination agreement (as amended, the "**Combination Agreement**"), pursuant to which the Offeror has made a recommended voluntary public tender offer to acquire all of the issued and outstanding shares in Caverion that are not held by Caverion or any of its subsidiaries (the "**Shares**" or, individually, a "**Share**") (the "**Tender Offer**"). The Offeror has published a tender offer document, dated November 24, 2022 as well as the first supplement to the tender offer document on January 13, 2023, the second supplement to the tender offer document on February 10, 2023, the third supplement to the tender offer document on February 15, 2023 and the fourth supplement to the tender offer **Document**"). The offer period for the Tender Offer commenced on November 24, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. (Finnish time) and is currently set to expire on March 16, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. (Finnish time), unless the offer period is extended further or any extended offer period is discontinued as described in the terms and conditions of the Tender Offer. The Offeror will, however, supplement the Tender Offer Document due to the information disclosed in this announcement and will simultaneously extend the offer period in its Tender Offer as required under applicable law and the regulations and guidelines of the Finnish Financial Supervisory Authority.

The Offeror announces that it will lower the minimum acceptance threshold of the Tender Offer from more than 66 2/3 percent to more than 50 percent of all Shares. Therefore, a condition to the completion of the Tender Offer is that the Tender Offer has 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 fifty (50) percent of the Shares and voting rights in the Company calculated in accordance with Chapter 18 Section 1 of the Finnish Companies Act (624/2006, as amended). Other Conditions to Completion (as defined in the terms and conditions of the Tender Offer) remain unchanged.

The Offeror reserves the right to waive any of the Conditions to Completion that have not been fulfilled. If all Conditions to Completion have been fulfilled or the Offeror has waived the requirements for the fulfilment of all or some of them no later than at the time of announcement of the final results of the Tender Offer, the Offeror will consummate the Tender Offer in accordance with its terms and conditions after the expiration of the offer period by purchasing the Shares validly tendered in the Tender Offer and paying the offer price to the holders of the Shares that have validly accepted the Tender Offer.

The Offeror has already received all necessary regulatory approvals for its Tender Offer which offers the possibility for completion promptly after the end of the offer period, also thanks to the lower acceptance threshold.

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**"), Security Trading Oy ("**Security Trading**"), Fennogens Investments S.A. ("**Fennogens**") and Corbis S.A. ("**Corbis**") form a consortium (the "**Consortium**") for the purposes of the Tender Offer. Security Trading, Fennogens and Corbis, together own approximately 26.7 percent of Shares, and Antti Herlin, Hisra Consulting and Finance Oy and Autumn Spirit Oü, which are not part of the Consortium but are related parties to the Consortium members, together own approximately 0.5 percent of Shares. The members of the Consortium and the above related parties to Consortium members are focused on reaching a successful completion of the Tender Offer, and remain committed to their current partnership for achieving that end.

The Offeror notes the competing offer as announced on February 24, 2023 by Crayfish BidCo Oy ("**Crayfish**"), an entity controlled by Triton Fund V (the "**Competing Offer**").

### Minimum acceptance threshold of the Competing Offer

The Offeror notes that the Competing Offer by Crayfish is conditional on Crayfish acquiring more than 90 percent of all shares and votes in Caverion, unless such condition is explicitly waived by Crayfish. Since approximately 26.7 percent of all Shares in Caverion are held by members of the Consortium, the threshold set in the Competing Offer could not be achieved.

### Antitrust assessments and conditionality of the Competing Offer

The Consortium believes that the Competing Offer by Crayfish includes significant issues in its deliverability and timeline particularly due to Triton's existing ownership in Caverion's key competitor Assemblin. This view is based on the assessments of experienced external advisors, who concur that the potential acquisition of Caverion by Crayfish will likely be subject to a so called Phase II merger review (whether at EU level or at Member State level in Finland and/or other EU Member States), which could last 12 months or potentially longer. There is therefore a strong likelihood that Crayfish would not be able to satisfy the merger control condition by the announced long-stop date of the Competing Offer in early January 2024. After this date, Crayfish has announced that its debt financing commitments expire, and it can withdraw its offer without further justification. As reported also in the statement of the Board of Directors of Caverion issued on February 9, 2023, the Competing Offer would likely result in structural remedies being required as a condition to completion of the Competing Offer, which implies that Crayfish may be forced to dispose of some of the activities of Caverion and/or Assemblin, and such divestments may be subject to their own suspensory regulatory approvals which could further extend the timeline of the Competing Offer. Crayfish itself states, in its tender offer document dated March 7, 2023, that it cannot be ruled out that Crayfish will be required to offer remedies in order to obtain merger control clearance, including potential divestments of select units or operations of Crayfish, Caverion and/or their respective affiliates.

The Consortium also notes that Crayfish has announced its Competing Offer without a recommendation from Caverion's Board of Directors or a combination agreement with Caverion, and Crayfish is therefore not subject to any specific commitments or undertakings with respect to any sales of assets or other potential merger control remedies that may be required. Under the terms of Crayfish's Competing Offer, if Triton were to view potential merger control remedies as materially adverse for its investment case for Caverion or for any of its other investments, Crayfish may unilaterally decide to terminate and withdraw its offer, preventing the Caverion shareholders who have tendered their shares to Crayfish from receiving any proceeds.

# Ivano Sessa, Partner, Head of Industrial Vertical, Bain Capital & Halvor Horten, Partner, Head of Nordics, Bain Capital, comment:

"With this offer, the Consortium is delivering the best package of certainty, value and speed to Caverion shareholders. The lowering of our minimum acceptance threshold to more than 50%, coupled with the timely reception of all the required regulatory clearances, further enhances the attractiveness of our offer. We trust that Caverion shareholders will factor in completion certainty and time value of money when comparing the headline prices of the offers on the Company and, once all the relevant elements are considered, the Consortium's tender offer clearly represents the superior alternative"

## Klaus Cawén, on behalf of Security Trading, Fennogens Investments and Corbis, comments:

"The family owners are committed to the Tender Offer and believe it is the best alternative for all Caverion shareholders as well as the business continuity of Caverion. Based on the reasons stated above, the family owners believe that Crayfish's Competing Offer continues to include significant issues in its deliverability and timeline. The family owners believe that prolonged uncertainty does not promote the future growth and positive development of Caverion, and the concerns over Caverion shareholders suffering delays and potential scenarios of shareholders never receiving any proceeds need to be taken seriously."

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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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