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(Amendment) Notice regarding partial amendment to the "Notice regarding Expression of Opinion in favor of Implementation of MBO and Recommendation to Tender Shares"

Mandom Corporation (the "Company") hereby announces as follows that there were matters to be amended (the "Amendments") with regards to a portion of its press release published on September 25, 2025 and titled "Notice regarding Expression of Opinion in favor of Implementation of MBO and Recommendation to Tender Shares" (including matters that have been amended in the "(Amendment) Notice regarding partial amendment to the "Notice regarding Expression of Opinion in favor of Implementation of MBO and Recommendation to Tender Shares" published by the Company on November 4, 2025, matters that have been amended in the "(Amendment) Notice regarding partial amendment to the "Notice regarding Expression of Opinion in favor of Implementation of MBO and Recommendation to Tender Shares" published by the Company on November 6, 2025, matters that have been amended in the "(Amendment) Notice regarding partial amendment to the "Notice regarding Expression of Opinion in favor of Implementation of MBO and Recommendation to Tender Shares" published by the Company on November 19, 2025, matters that have been amended in the "(Amendment) Notice regarding partial amendment to the "Notice regarding Expression of Opinion in favor of Implementation of MBO and Recommendation to Tender Shares" published by the Company on December 4, 2025 (the "Press Release Dated December 4, 2025"), and matters that have been amended in the "(Amendment) Notice regarding partial amendment to the "Notice regarding Expression of Opinion in favor of Implementation of MBO and Recommendation to Tender Shares" published by the Company on December 15, 2025 (the "Press Release Dated December 15, 2025")).

As stated in the "(Amendment) Notice Regarding Amendment to "Notice Regarding Commencement of Tender Offer for Shares Certificates, Etc. of Mandom Corporation (Securities Code: 4917) by Kalon Holdings Co., Ltd." Due to Filing of Amendment Statement to Tender Offer Registration Statement by Kalon Holdings Co., Ltd." published by the Company on December 15, 2025 at the request of Kalon Holdings Co., Ltd. (the "Tender Offeror") pursuant to Article 30, Paragraph 1, Item 4 of the Order for Enforcement of the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act, in relation to the tender offer (the "Tender Offer") for the shares of common stock of the Company (the "Company Shares") that the Tender Offeror commenced on September 26, 2025, in connection with the announcement made by the Company in the Press Release Dated

December 15, 2025 to the effect that on December 10, 2025, it had received from a third-party candidate a non-legally binding letter of intent regarding taking the Company Shares private, it became necessary for the Tender Offeror to amend the Tender Offer Registration Statement filed on September 26, 2025 (including the matters amended by the Amendment Statement to Tender Offer Registration Statement filed on October 6, 2025, the Amendment Statement to Tender Offer Registration Statement filed on October 10, 2025, the Amendment Statement to Tender Offer Registration Statement filed on November 5, 2025, the Amendment Statement to Tender Offer Registration Statement filed on November 19, 2025, the Amendment Statement to Tender Offer Registration Statement filed on November 27, 2025, and the Amendment Statement to Tender Offer Registration Statement filed on December 4, 2025) (including an amendment to extend the period of purchase, etc. of the Tender Offer (the "Tender Offer Period") from December 18, 2025, which was the final date of the Tender Offer Period after the extension pursuant to the Amendment Statement to Tender Offer Registration Statement filed on November 27, 2025, to January 5, 2026, which is 10 business days after the date of the filing of the Amendment Statement pertaining to the matters to be amended (December 15, 2025)). According to the Tender Offeror, in order to make these amendments, the Tender Offeror filed the Amendment Statement to Tender Offer Registration Statement under Article 27-8, Paragraph 2 of the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act to the Director-General of the Kanto Local Finance Bureau on December 15, 2025. The Amendments have been made in connection with the filing of the Amendment Statement to Tender Offer Registration Statement.

As of December 16, 2025, there is no change in the Company's opinion on the Tender Offer announced in the Press Release Dated December 4, 2025.

Amended sections are indicated with underlines.

- 3. Details of and grounds and reasons for opinions on the Tender Offer
- (2) Grounds and reasons for opinions on the Tender Offer
- (i) Overview of the Tender Offer

(Before amendment)

Consequently, due to the execution of the Amendment Agreement (Basic Transaction Agreement), the Amendment Agreement (Shareholders Agreement), the Tender Agreement (CI11, Etc.), and the Tender Agreement (Hibiki), as well as the filing of the Amendment Statement Dated November 27, 2025 for the Tender Offer in connection with the Tender Offer Price Change, the Tender Offer Period has been extended to December 18, 2025, which is 15 business days after November 27, 2025, the date of the filing of the such Amendment Statement Dated November 27, 2025, in order to secure the Tender Offer Period required by laws and regulations and to satisfy the conditions for concluding the Tender Agreement (CI11, Etc.).

A summary of the overview of the Transactions as currently envisioned is as follows. The percentages below indicate the relevant voting rights ratios. In addition, after the completion of the following series of transactions related to the Transactions, the Tender Offeror will implement an absorption-type merger where the Tender Offeror shall be the surviving company and the Company shall be the absorbed company. In the charts below, "CI11, Etc." refers to the "Shareholders Who Agreed to Tender Their Shares (CI11, Etc.)."

- I. Before the successful completion of the Tender Offer (Current Status)
 (Omitted)
- II. After the successful completion of the Tender Offer (mid-December 2025)
 (Omitted)
- III. Re-Investment (Shareholders Who Agreed to Tender Their Shares) (<u>late December 2025</u> to <u>January</u> 2026) (scheduled)

(Omitted)

IV. After the Re-Investment (Shareholders Who Agreed to Tender Their Shares) (late December 2025 to January 2026) (scheduled)

(Omitted)

V. After the Squeeze-Out Procedures (<u>late March</u> 2026) (scheduled) (Omitted)

VI. Re-Investment (Shareholders Who Agreed Not to Tender Their Shares) (March to April 2026) (scheduled)

(Omitted)

VII. After the Re-Investment (Shareholders Who Agreed Not to Tender Their Shares) (March to April 2026) (scheduled)

(Omitted)

(After amendment)

Consequently, due to the execution of the Amendment Agreement (Basic Transaction Agreement), the Amendment Agreement (Shareholders Agreement), the Tender Agreement (CI11, Etc.), and the Tender Agreement (Hibiki), as well as the filing of the Amendment Statement Dated November 27, 2025 for the Tender Offer in connection with the Tender Offer Price Change, the Tender Offer Period has been extended to December 18, 2025, which is 15 business days after November 27, 2025, the date of the filing of the such Amendment Statement Dated November 27, 2025, in order to secure the Tender Offer Period required by laws and regulations and to satisfy the conditions for concluding the Tender Agreement (CI11, Etc.).

Furthermore, in the "(Amendment) Notice regarding partial amendment to the "Notice regarding Expression of Opinion in favor of Implementation of MBO and Recommendation to Tender Shares" released by the Company on December 15, 2025 (the "Press Release Dated December 15, 2025"), the Company stated that it had received the LOI Dated December 10, 2025 (as defined in "(F) Details of examinations from the Company's Board of Directors meeting held on November 4, 2025 to the Company's Board of Directors meeting held on December 4, 2025, and the determination made at that meeting, and the subsequent process" in "(iii) Decision-making process leading to the Company's decision

to support the Tender Offer and reasons therefor" below; the same applies hereinafter) from the Third-Party Candidate (as defined in "(F) Details of examinations from the Company's Board of Directors meeting held on November 4, 2025 to the Company's Board of Directors meeting held on December 4, 2025, and the determination made at that meeting, and the subsequent process" in "(iii) Decision-making process leading to the Company's decision to support the Tender Offer and reasons therefor" below; the same applies hereinafter) on December 10, 2025. In response to this press release, it became necessary for the Tender Offeror to submit an Amendment Statement to Tender Offer Registration Statement in relation to the Tender Offer. Therefore, as required by laws and regulations, the Tender Offer Period has been extended to January 5, 2026, which is 10 business days after December 15, 2025, the date of the filing of such Amendment Statement.

Additionally, due to the filing of the Amendment Statement dated December 15, 2025, the Tender Offer Period will be a total 64 business days, which already exceeds the maximum optionally extendable tender offer period of 60 business days in total. Therefore, the Tender Offeror does not plan to extend the Tender Offer Period further unless legally required to do so. As described in "(F) Details of examinations from the Company's Board of Directors meeting held on November 4, 2025 to the Company's Board of Directors meeting held on December 4, 2025, and the determination made at that meeting, and the subsequent process" in "(iii) Decision-making process leading to the Company's decision to support the Tender Offer and reasons therefor" below, given that multiple conditions precedent were set by Third-Party Candidate for the announcement of the Transactions Proposed by Third-Party Candidate (as defined in "(F) Details of examinations from the Company's Board of Directors meeting held on November 4, 2025 to the Company's Board of Directors meeting held on December 4, 2025, and the determination made at that meeting, and the subsequent process" in "(iii) Decision-making process leading to the Company's decision to support the Tender Offer and reasons therefor" below; the same applies hereinafter) and for the commencement of the Tender Offer (Third-Party Candidate Proposal) (as defined in "(F) Details of examinations from the Company's Board of Directors meeting held on November 4, 2025 to the Company's Board of Directors meeting held on December 4, 2025, and the determination made at that meeting, and the subsequent process" in "(iii) Decision-making process leading to the Company's decision to support the Tender Offer and reasons therefor" below; the same applies hereinafter), the Tender Offeror believes that there are doubts regarding the viability of the Transactions Proposed by Third-Party Candidate (whether the Tender Offer (Third-Party Candidate Proposal) will actually commence and, if so, when it will commence). As of December 15, 2025, the Tender Offeror has no plans to conduct another tender offer if the Tender Offer becomes unsuccessful. The Tender Offeror believes that, if the Tender Offer becomes unsuccessful and the Transactions Proposed by Third-Party Candidate are not implemented, the Company's shareholders may lose the opportunity to sell their Company Shares at or above the Tender Offer Price. Therefore, the Tender Offeror believes that the Tender Offer provides the Company's shareholders with an early and certainly reasonable opportunity to sell their shares compared to the Transactions Proposed by Third-Party Candidate.

A summary of the overview of the Transactions as currently envisioned is as follows. The percentages below indicate the relevant voting rights ratios. In addition, after the completion of the following series of transactions related to the Transactions, the Tender Offeror will implement an absorption-type merger where the Tender Offeror shall be the surviving company and the Company shall be the absorbed company. In the charts below, "CI11, Etc." refers to the "Shareholders Who Agreed to Tender Their Shares (CI11, Etc.)."

I. Before the successful completion of the Tender Offer (Current Status)
(Omitted)

II. After the successful completion of the Tender Offer (early January 2026)
(Omitted)

III. Re-Investment (Shareholders Who Agreed to Tender Their Shares) (mid-January to February 2026) (scheduled)

(Omitted)

IV. After the Re-Investment (Shareholders Who Agreed to Tender Their Shares) (mid-January to February 2026) (scheduled)

(Omitted)

V. After the Squeeze-Out Procedures (<u>mid-April</u> 2026) (scheduled) (Omitted)

VI. Re-Investment (Shareholders Who Agreed Not to Tender Their Shares) (<u>April</u> to <u>May</u> 2026) (scheduled)

(Omitted)

VII. After the Re-Investment (Shareholders Who Agreed Not to Tender Their Shares) (<u>April</u> to <u>May</u> 2026) (scheduled)

(Omitted)

- (ii) Background, purpose and decision-making process leading to the Tender Offeror's decision to implement the Tender Offer, and management policy after the Tender Offer
- (A) Background, purpose and decision-making process leading to the Tender Offeror's decision to implement the Tender Offer

(Before amendment)

Consequently, due to the execution of the Amendment Agreement (Basic Transaction Agreement), the Amendment Agreement (Shareholders Agreement), the Tender Agreement (CI11, Etc.), and the Tender Agreement (Hibiki), as well as the filing of the Amendment Statement Dated November 27, 2025 for the Tender Offer in connection with the Tender Offer Price Change, the Tender Offer Period has been extended to December 18, 2025, which is 15 business days after November 27, 2025, the date of the filing of the such Amendment Statement Dated November 27, 2025, in order to secure the Tender Offer Period required by laws and regulations and to satisfy the conditions for concluding the Tender Agreement (CI11, Etc.).

(After amendment)

Consequently, due to the execution of the Amendment Agreement (Basic Transaction Agreement), the Amendment Agreement (Shareholders Agreement), the Tender Agreement (CI11, Etc.), and the Tender Agreement (Hibiki), as well as the filing of the Amendment Statement Dated November 27, 2025 for the Tender Offer in connection with the Tender Offer Price Change, the Tender Offer Period has been extended to December 18, 2025, which is 15 business days after November 27, 2025, the date of the filing of the such Amendment Statement Dated November 27, 2025, in order to secure the Tender Offer Period required by laws and regulations and to satisfy the conditions for concluding the Tender Agreement (CI11, Etc.).

Subsequently, in the Press Release Dated December 15, 2025 released by the Company, the Company stated that it had received the LOI Dated December 10, 2025 from the Third-Party Candidate on December 10, 2025. In response to this press release, it became necessary for the Tender Offeror to submit an Amendment Statement to Tender Offer Registration Statement in relation to the Tender Offer. Therefore, as required by laws and regulations, the Tender Offer Period has been extended to January 5, 2026, which is 10 business days after December 15, 2025, the date of the filing of such Amendment Statement.

Additionally, due to the filing of the Amendment Statement dated December 15, 2025, the Tender Offer Period will be a total 64 business days, which already exceeds the maximum optionally extendable tender offer period of 60 business days in total. Therefore, the Tender Offeror does not plan to extend the Tender Offer Period further unless legally required to do so. As described in "(F) Details of examinations from the Company's Board of Directors meeting held on November 4, 2025 to the Company's Board of Directors meeting held on December 4, 2025, and the determination made at that meeting, and the subsequent process" in "(iii) Decision-making process leading to the Company's decision to support the Tender Offer and reasons therefor" below, given that multiple conditions precedent were set by the Third-Party Candidate for the announcement of the Transactions Proposed by Third-Party Candidate and for the commencement of the Tender Offer (Third-Party Candidate Proposal), the Tender Offeror believes that there are doubts regarding the viability of the Transactions Proposed by Third-Party Candidate (whether the Tender Offer (Third-Party Candidate Proposal) will actually commence and, if so, when it will commence). As of December 15, 2025, the Tender Offeror has no plans to conduct another tender offer if the Tender Offer becomes unsuccessful. The Tender Offeror believes that, if the Tender Offer becomes unsuccessful and the Transactions Proposed by Third-Party Candidate are not implemented, the Company's shareholders may lose the opportunity to sell their Company Shares at or above the Tender Offer Price. Therefore, the Tender Offeror believes that the Tender Offer provides the Company's shareholders with an early and certainly reasonable opportunity to sell their shares compared to the Transactions Proposed by Third-Party Candidate.

(5) Policies on the organization restructuring, etc., after the Tender Offer (matters concerning the so-called two-step acquisition)

(Before amendment)

Specifically, promptly after completion of the Tender Offer, the Tender Offeror plans to

request the Company to hold an extraordinary shareholders' meeting (the "Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting") that will include: (a) a proposal regarding consolidation of the Company Shares (the "Share Consolidation") pursuant to Article 180 of the Companies Act and (b) a proposal regarding a partial amendment to the articles of incorporation subject to the Share Consolidation becoming effective for the purpose of abolishing the provision regarding the number of shares constituting one (1) unit of stock. Although the timing of the Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting will depend on the timing of completion of the Tender Offer, it is currently planned to be held in or around mid-February 2026. If the Company receives such a request from the Tender Offeror, the Company plans to comply with the request. The Tender Offeror and Shareholders Who Agreed Not to Tender Their Shares plan to vote in favor of each of the above-mentioned proposals at the Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting.

(Omitted)

(After amendment)

Specifically, promptly after completion of the Tender Offer, the Tender Offeror plans to request the Company to hold an extraordinary shareholders' meeting (the "Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting") that will include: (a) a proposal regarding consolidation of the Company Shares (the "Share Consolidation") pursuant to Article 180 of the Companies Act and (b) a proposal regarding a partial amendment to the articles of incorporation subject to the Share Consolidation becoming effective for the purpose of abolishing the provision regarding the number of shares constituting one (1) unit of stock. Although the timing of the Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting will depend on the timing of completion of the Tender Offer, it is currently planned to be held in or around <u>early March</u> 2026. If the Company receives such a request from the Tender Offeror, the Company plans to comply with the request. The Tender Offeror and Shareholders Who Agreed Not to Tender Their Shares plan to vote in favor of each of the above-mentioned proposals at the Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting.

(Omitted)

- (6) Measures to ensure fairness of the Tender Offer Price and to prevent conflicts of interest, and other measures to ensure fairness of the Tender Offer
- (viii) Securing of objective conditions that ensure the fairness of the Tender Offer

(Before amendment)

The Company has not entered into any agreement with the Tender Offeror that restricts a competing offeror from having contact with the Company, such as an agreement that includes transaction protection provisions that would prohibit the Company from having contact with a competing offeror.

The Tender Offeror has set the Tender Offer Period at <u>57</u> business days, which is longer than 20 business days, the shortest period specified in laws and regulations. By setting the Tender Offer Period to be longer than the period specified in laws and regulations, the Tender Offeror ensures to provide the Company's shareholders with an appropriate

opportunity to make a judgment regarding the tender of their Company Shares in the Tender Offer and ensures to provide the opportunities for persons other than the Tender Offeror to make a competing purchase for the Company Shares, thereby intending to ensure the appropriateness of the Tender Offer Price.

(Omitted)

(After amendment)

The Company has not entered into any agreement with the Tender Offeror that restricts a competing offeror from having contact with the Company, such as an agreement that includes transaction protection provisions that would prohibit the Company from having contact with a competing offeror.

The Tender Offeror has set the Tender Offer Period at <u>64</u> business days, which is longer than 20 business days, the shortest period specified in laws and regulations. By setting the Tender Offer Period to be longer than the period specified in laws and regulations, the Tender Offeror ensures to provide the Company's shareholders with an appropriate opportunity to make a judgment regarding the tender of their Company Shares in the Tender Offer and ensures to provide the opportunities for persons other than the Tender Offeror to make a competing purchase for the Company Shares, thereby intending to ensure the appropriateness of the Tender Offer Price.

(Omitted)

- 4. Matters relating to material agreements regarding the Tender Offer
- (iii) Tender Agreement (CI11, Etc.)

(Before amendment)

The Tender Offeror entered into the Tender Agreement (CI11, Etc.) with the Shareholders Who Agreed to Tender Their Shares (CI11, Etc.) on November 27, 2025, pursuant to which the Shareholders Who Agreed to Tender Their Shares (CI11, Etc.) agreed to tender their Shares Agreed to Be Tendered (CI11, Etc.) (total shareholding ratio: 9,676,600, shareholding ratio: 21.44%) in the Tender Offer. Except for the Tender Agreement (CI11, Etc.), no other agreements concerning the Transactions have been concluded between the Tender Offeror and the Shareholders Who Agreed to Tender Their Shares (CI11, Etc.). Furthermore, except for the payment of the Tender Offer Price, no benefits shall be granted to the Shareholders Who Agreed to Tender Their Shares (CI11, Etc.) in connection with their tender of shares in the Tender Offer.

(Omitted)

(After amendment)

The Tender Offeror entered into the Tender Agreement (CI11, Etc.) with the Shareholders Who Agreed to Tender Their Shares (CI11, Etc.) on November 27, 2025, pursuant to which the Shareholders Who Agreed to Tender Their Shares (CI11, Etc.) agreed to tender their Shares Agreed to Be Tendered (CI11, Etc.) (total shareholding ratio: 9,676,600, shareholding ratio: 21.44%) in the Tender Offer. Except for the Tender Agreement (CI11, Etc.), no other agreements concerning the Transactions have been concluded between the Tender Offeror and the

Shareholders Who Agreed to Tender Their Shares (CI11, Etc.). Furthermore, except for the payment of the Tender Offer Price, no benefits shall be granted to the Shareholders Who Agreed to Tender Their Shares (CI11, Etc.) in connection with their tender of shares in the Tender Offer. In addition, according to the Tender Offeror, the Tender Offeror believes that, due to the fact that the Company published the Press Release Dated December 15, 2025, stating that it had received the LOI Dated December 10, 2025 from the Third-Party Candidate, the Shareholders Who Agreed to Tender Their Shares (CI11, Etc.) may choose not to tender all or part of their Shares Agreed to Be Tendered (CI11, Etc.) in the Tender Offer or may cancel the agreement for the purchase of the Shares Agreed to Be Tendered (CI11, Etc.) resulting from their tender in the Tender Offer pursuant to the proviso in b) below, and, therefore, the decision on whether to tender their shares in the Tender Offer will be left to the discretion of the Shareholders Who Agreed to Tender Their Shares (CI11, Etc.).

(Omitted)

End

[Solicitation Regulations]

This Press Release is intended to announce the Tender Offer to the public and has not been prepared for the purpose of soliciting an offer to sell shares. If shareholders wish to make an offer to sell their shares, they should first read the tender offer explanation statement concerning the Tender Offer and make an offer to sell their shares at their sole discretion. This Press Release shall neither be, nor constitute a part of, an offer or solicitation to sell, or solicitation of an offer to purchase, any securities, and neither this Press Release (or any part of this Press Release) nor its distribution shall be interpreted to constitute the basis of any agreement in relation to the Tender Offer, and this Press Release may not be relied upon at the time of entering into any such agreement.

[Forward-Looking Statements]

This Press Release contains "forward-looking statements" as defined in Section 27A of the U.S. Securities Act of 1933 (as amended) and Section 21E of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (as amended) (the "U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934"). It is possible that actual results may substantially differ from the projections, etc. as expressly or implicitly indicated in any "forward-looking statements" due to any known or unknown risks, uncertainties, or any other factors. Neither the Tender Offeror nor any of its affiliates gives any assurance that such projections, etc. expressly or implicitly indicated in any "forward-looking statements" will ultimately be accurate. The "forward-looking statements" included in this Press Release have been prepared based on the information available to the Tender Offeror as of this date, and unless otherwise required by applicable laws and regulations or Financial Instruments and Exchange Act, neither the Tender Offeror nor any of its affiliates is obliged for updating or modifying such statements in order to reflect any future events or circumstances.

[U.S. Regulations]

The Tender Offer will be conducted in accordance with the procedures and information disclosure standards prescribed in the Japanese law. However, these procedures and information disclosure standards are not necessarily the same as the procedures and information disclosure standards in the U.S. In particular, Section 13(e) and Section 14(d) of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules prescribed thereunder do not apply to the Tender Offer; therefore, the Tender Offer is not conducted in accordance with those procedures or standards. The financial statements contained in this Press Release and reference materials thereof have not been prepared in accordance with the U.S. accounting standards. Accordingly, such financial information may not necessarily be equivalent or comparable to those prepared in accordance with the U.S. accounting standards. Moreover, as the Tender Offeror is a company incorporated outside of the U.S. and a part of or all of its directors are non-U.S. residents, it may be difficult to enforce any rights or claims arising under the U.S. federal securities laws. It may also be impossible to commence legal actions against a non-U.S. company or its officers in a non-U.S. court on the grounds of a violation of the U.S. securities laws. Furthermore, there is no guarantee that a corporation that is based outside of the U.S. or its subsidiaries or affiliated companies may be compelled to submit themselves to the jurisdiction of a U.S. court. Unless otherwise provided, all procedures for the Tender Offer shall be conducted entirely in the Japanese language. Some or all of the documents relating to the Tender Offer are or will be prepared in the English language. However, if there is any inconsistency between the document in English and the document in Japanese, the Japanese document shall prevail.

The Tender Offeror and its affiliate (including the Company) and their respective financial advisors and the affiliates of the Tender Offer Agent may, within their ordinary course of business and to the extent permitted under the related Japanese financial instruments and exchange laws and regulations, purchase or take actions to purchase the Company Shares for their own account or for their customers' accounts other than through the Tender Offer prior to the commencement of, or during the Tender Offer Period in accordance with the requirements of Rule 14e-5(b) under the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934. If any information concerning such purchase, etc. is disclosed in Japan, disclosure of such information in English will be made by the person conducing such purchase, etc. on the website of such person.

[Other Countries]

The announcement, issuance, or distribution of this Press Release may be legally restricted in some countries or territories. In such case, shareholders should be aware of and comply with such restriction. The announcement, issuance, or distribution of this Press Release shall not be interpreted as an offer to purchase or solicitation of an offer to sell share certificates concerning the Tender Offer, but shall be interpreted simply as a distribution of information.