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VOLUNTARY PUBLIC TENDER OFFER LAUNCHED BY ZENIT S.P.A. ON ALL THE SPECIAL SHARES OF IL SOLE 24 ORE S.P.A

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APPROVAL OF THE OFFER DOCUMENT

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Rome, 21 May 2025 – Zenit S.p.A. (the “**Offeror**”), a company whose share capital is wholly owned by Confindustria Servizi S.p.A., which is in turn wholly owned by Confindustria – *Confederazione Generale dell’Industria Italiana* (“**Confindustria**”), hereby announces that CONSOB, by resolution dated 21 May 2025, no. 23560, pursuant to Article 102, paragraph 4, of Legislative Decree No. 58 of 24 February 1998 (the “**CFA**”), has approved the offer document (the “**Offer Document**”) relating to the voluntary totalitarian public tender offer (the “**Offer**”) launched by the Offeror pursuant to Articles 102 *et seq.* of the CFA, on the special shares (the “**Shares**” or “**Special Shares**”) of Il Sole 24 Ore S.p.A. (“**Il Sole 24 Ore**” or the “**Issuer**”), a company with Special Shares listed on Euronext Milan, organized and managed by Borsa Italiana S.p.A.

The Offer is launched on all the Special Shares – other than no. 37,995,082 Special Shares held by Confindustria (representing approximately 67.432% of the share capital represented by Special Shares of Il Sole 24 Ore), and no. 330,202 treasury shares held by Il Sole 24 Ore (representing approximately 0.586% of the share capital represented by Special Shares of Il Sole 24 Ore) – amounting to a maximum of 18,020,513 Special Shares, representing approximately 31.982% of the share capital represented by Special Shares of Il Sole 24 Ore.

The Offer Document, containing a description of the Offer and the procedures for accepting it, will be made available to the public in accordance with the law at:

- (i) the registered office of the Offeror, in Rome, Viale Luigi Pasteur No. 6;
- (ii) the registered office of the Issuer, in Milan, Viale Sarca No. 223;
- (iii) the offices of the Intermediary in Charge of Coordinating the Collection of Acceptances, in Milan, Largo Mattioli No. 3;
- (iv) the registered office of the Appointed Intermediaries;
- (v) the Issuer’s website: www.gruppo24ore.ilsole24ore.com;
- (vi) the website of the Offer’s Global Information Agent: www.georgeson.com/it.

The acceptance period for the Offer, as agreed with Borsa Italiana, will last for 20 (twenty) trading days, starting at 8:30 a.m. (Italian time) on 3 June 2025 and ending at 5:30 p.m. (Italian time) on 30 June 2025, inclusive, unless extended and communicated to the market in accordance with applicable regulations (the “**Acceptance Period**”). Therefore, 30 June 2025 will be the last day to accept the Offer, unless the Acceptance Period is extended, without prejudice to a possible Reopening of the Terms (as defined below).

On the fourth trading day following the end of the Acceptance Period, *i.e.*, on 4 July 2025 (the “**Payment Date**”), unless the Acceptance Period is extended, the Offeror will pay each shareholder who has accepted the Offer during the Acceptance Period a consideration of Euro 1.100 *cum dividend* (the “**Consideration**”) for each Share tendered in the Offer.

Should the conditions be met, pursuant to Article 40-*bis* of the Issuers’ Regulation, the Acceptance Period will be reopened for five consecutive trading days, starting from the trading day following the Payment Date – *i.e.*, unless the Acceptance Period is extended, on 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 July 2025, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (Italian time) (the “**Reopening of the Terms**”). In such a case, 11 July 2025 would be the last day to accept the Offer.

In the event of a Reopening of the Terms, payment of the Consideration for Shares tendered during this period will take place on the fifth trading day after the close of the Reopening of the Terms, *i.e.*, on 18 July 2025 (unless the Acceptance Period is extended).

The purpose of the Offer is to acquire the entire share capital of the Issuer and, in any case, to achieve the delisting of the Special Shares from trading on the Euronext Milan.

Until the Offer Document is published, and for any information not expressly indicated herein, reference should be made to the communication of the Offer pursuant to Article 102, paragraph 1, of the CFA and Article 37, paragraph 1, of the Issuers’ Regulation, released on 9 April 2025 and published, *inter alia*, on Confindustria’s website (<https://www.confindustria.it/home>) and the Issuer’s website (www.gruppo24ore.ilsole24ore.com), which outlines the legal basis and key terms of the Offer.

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The voluntary public tender offer described in this press release has been launched by Zenit S.p.A. on all the special shares of Il Sole 24 Ore S.p.A.

This press release does not constitute an offer to purchase or sell the special shares of Il Sole 24 Ore S.p.A.

Before the beginning of the acceptance period, as required by applicable law, the Offeror will publish an Offer Document that the shareholders of Il Sole 24 Ore S.p.A. are required to read carefully.

The Offer is promoted in Italy, since the special shares are listed on Euronext Milan, organized and managed by Borsa Italiana, and is made, on a non-discriminatory basis and on equal terms, to all shareholders of the Issuer.

*The Offer will not be promoted or disseminated, directly or indirectly, in the United States of America, Australia, Canada, Japan or any other country where the Offer is not permitted in the absence of authorization from the relevant local authorities or would otherwise violate laws or regulations (the “**Other Countries**”), nor by using means of communication or international commerce (including, by way of example, postal network, fax, telex, e-mail, telephone or internet) of the United States of America, Australia, Canada, Japan or the Other Countries, nor through any structure of any of the financial intermediaries of the United States of America, Australia, Canada, Japan or the Other Countries, nor in any other manner.*

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