

zooplus AG – Publication of inside information according to Article 17 of the Regulation (EU) No 596/2014

zooplus AG: Decision by Zorro Bidco S.à r.l. to make a public delisting tender offer for the shares in zooplus AG at a price of EUR 480.00 per share

**Munich, November 8, 2021** – Zorro Bidco S.à r.l., a holding company currently controlled by funds advised by Hellman & Friedman LLC ("**Zorro Bidco**" or the "**Bidder**"), has informed zooplus AG (the "**Company**") today of its decision pursuant to Sec. 10 paras. 1 and 3 of the German Securities Acquisition and Takeover Act (*Wertpapiererwerbs- und Übernahmegesetz, WpÜG*) in conjunction with Sec. 39 para. 2 sentence 3 no. 1 of the German Stock Exchange Act (*Börsengesetz*, "**BörsG**") to make a public delisting tender offer (*öffentliches Delisting-Erwerbsangebot*) to all shareholders of the Company for the acquisition of all no-par value bearer shares (*auf den Inhaber lautende Stückaktien*) in the Company (ISIN DE0005111702) (the "**zooplus-Shares**" and each a "**zooplus-Share**") against payment of a cash consideration of EUR 480.00 per zooplus-Share (the "**Delisting Offer**").

Pursuant to today's announcement by Zorro Bidco of the Delisting Offer, the offer document for the Delisting Offer (in German and a non-binding English translation) (the "Offer Document") containing the detailed terms and other information relating to the Delisting Offer will be published by the Bidder following permission by the German Federal Financial Supervisory Authority (*Bundesanstalt für Finanzdienstleistungsaufsicht, BaFin*) to do so on the internet at <a href="http://www.hf-offer.de">http://www.hf-offer.de</a>.

Based on an agreement with the Bidder, and subject to the fulfilment of certain conditions, among others the timely publication of the Offer Document, the Company will apply, pursuant to Sec. 39 para. 2 BörsG, during the acceptance period of the Delisting Offer, for the revocation of the admission of the zooplus-Shares to trading on the regulated market of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange, and will further request the termination of the inclusion of the zooplus-Shares in the trading on the open market (*Freiverkehr*) of the stock exchanges in Berlin, Dusseldorf, Hamburg, Hannover, Munich and Stuttgart as well as on Tradegate Exchange.



## Company profile:

zooplus AG is the leading online pet platform in Europe measured by sales. Founded as a German start-up in 1999, the company's business model has been successfully launched internationally, dedicated to the mission of creating moments of happiness between pets and pet parents across now 30 European countries. With a large and relevant product offering in the pet food and pet care & accessories range, zooplus caters to more than 8 million pet parents across Europe of which more than 5 million made more than two orders in 2020. The product range includes renowned international brands, popular local brand names as well as high-quality, exclusive own brand lines for pet food, accessories, care products, toys and much else for dogs, cats, birds, hamsters, horses and many other furry and non-furry friends. In addition, zooplus customers benefit from exclusive loyalty programs, best value for money proposition, fast and reliable delivery as well as a seamless digital shopping experience, combined with a variety of interactive content and community offerings. Sales totaled more than EUR 1.8 bn in the 2020 financial year, capturing roughly 7% of the around EUR 28 bn to EUR 29 bn (net) European pet supplies market, both offline and online combined.

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