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GF's Tender Offer for All Shares in Uponor Cleared by the European Commission – All Relevant Regulatory Approvals for the Completion Received

GF announces that the European Commission has granted an unconditional merger clearance regarding the Tender Offer. The approval is an important milestone and further enhances the certainty for the completion the Tender Offer, which would accelerate GF's strategy towards leadership in water and flow solutions.

As previously announced, Georg Fischer Ltd. ("**GF**" or the "**Offeror**") and Uponor Corporation ("**Uponor**" or the "**Company**") have entered into a combination agreement pursuant to which the Offeror has made a voluntary recommended public cash tender offer for all the issued and outstanding shares in Uponor (the "**Shares**" or, individually, a "**Share**") that are not held by Uponor or any of its subsidiaries (the "**Tender Offer**") at a price of EUR 28.50 per share (as adjusted as a result of Uponor's dividend payment as of September 12, 2023) for each Share validly tendered in the Tender Offer (the "**Offer Price**"). The offer period for the Tender Offer commenced on June 26, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. (Finnish time) and will expire on October 31, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. (Finnish time), unless the offer period is further extended, or any extended offer period is discontinued as described in the terms and conditions of the Tender Offer.

The Offeror announces that it has today received an unconditional merger control clearance from the European Commission regarding the Tender Offer. Furthermore, as announced by the Offeror on July 19, 2023, the applicable waiting period under the U.S. Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended, expired in the United States at 11:59 p.m. ET on July 18, 2023. Therefore, the Offeror confirms that the condition to completion of the Tender Offer concerning the receipt of necessary approvals by competition and other regulatory authorities has been fulfilled.

The completion of the Tender Offer is still subject to the fulfilment of certain customary conditions to completion set out in the tender offer document, including the valid acceptance of the Tender Offer with respect to the Shares representing, together with the Shares otherwise held by the Offeror and any of its subsidiaries, more than 50 percent of the Shares and voting rights in Uponor, or waiver by the Offeror of such conditions on or by the date of the Offeror's announcement of the final result of the Tender Offer.

The Offeror will supplement the tender offer document to reflect the information contained in this release, as applicable, and will publish a supplement document once it has been approved by the Finnish Financial Supervisory Authority.

The Offeror will announce the preliminary result of the Tender Offer on or about November 1, 2023, and the final result of the Tender Offer on or about November 6, 2023. If the Tender Offer is completed, the Offer Price will be paid to each shareholder of Uponor who has validly accepted, and not validly withdrawn, the Tender Offer in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Tender Offer. The schedule for the payment of the Offer Price will be confirmed in connection with the announcement of the preliminary result of the Tender Offer.



Information about the Tender Offer is made available at <https://goingforward-movingwater.georgfischer.com>.

For administrative questions regarding the Tender Offer, please contact your bank or nominee where you have your Shares registered.

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About GF

With its three divisions GF Piping Systems, GF Casting Solutions, and GF Machining Solutions, GF offers products and solutions that enable the safe transport of liquids and gases, as well as lightweight casting components and high-precision manufacturing technologies. As a sustainability and innovation leader, GF has strived to achieve profitable growth while offering superior value to its customers for more than 200 years. Founded in 1802, GF is headquartered in Switzerland and present in 34 countries with 138 companies, 60 of which are production companies with 83 facilities. For the year ended December 31, 2022, GF's 15,207 employees worldwide generated sales of EUR 4.1 billion (CHF 4.0 billion).

About Uponor

Uponor is a leading global provider of solutions that efficiently and effectively move water through cities, buildings, and homes. Uponor helps customers in residential and commercial construction, municipalities, and utilities, be more productive – and continuously find new ways to conserve, manage and provide water responsibly, unlocking its potential to provide comfort, health, and efficiency. Uponor's safe drinking water, energy-efficient radiant heating and cooling systems, and reliable infrastructure solutions are sold in more than 80 countries. Uponor employs approximately 3,750 professionals in 26 countries in Europe and North America. In 2022, Uponor's net sales totaled approximately EUR 1.4 billion. Uponor is based in Finland and listed on Nasdaq Helsinki.

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Information for Shareholders of Uponor in the United States

The Tender Offer is made for the issued and outstanding shares in Uponor, which is domiciled in Finland, and is subject to Finnish disclosure and procedural requirements. The Tender Offer is made in the United States in compliance with Section 14(e) of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “**Exchange Act**”) and the applicable rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, including Regulation 14E (in each case, subject to any exemptions or relief therefrom, if applicable) 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. Shareholders in the United States are advised that the Shares are not listed on a U.S. securities exchange and that Uponor is not subject to the periodic reporting requirements of the Exchange Act and is not required to, and does not, file any reports with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “**SEC**”) thereunder.

The Tender Offer is made to Uponor’s shareholders resident in the United States on the same terms and conditions as those made to all other shareholders of Uponor to whom an offer is made. Any information documents, including this release, are being disseminated to U.S. shareholders on a basis comparable to the method that such documents are provided to Uponor’s other shareholders.

To the extent permissible under applicable law or regulations, including Rule 14e-5 under the Exchange Act, the Offeror and its affiliates or its brokers and its broker’s affiliates (acting as agents for the Offeror or its affiliates, as applicable) may from time to time after the date of this release and during the pendency of the Tender Offer, and other than pursuant to the Tender Offer and combination, directly or indirectly, purchase or arrange to purchase, the Shares or any securities that are convertible into, exchangeable for or exercisable for such Shares. These purchases may occur either in the open market at prevailing prices or in private transactions at negotiated prices. To the extent information about such purchases or arrangements to purchase is made public in Finland, such information will be disclosed by means of a stock exchange or press release or other means reasonably calculated to inform U.S. shareholders of Uponor of such information. In addition, the financial advisers to the Offeror may also engage in ordinary course trading activities in securities of Uponor, which may include purchases or arrangements to purchase such securities. To the extent required in Finland, any information about such purchases will be made public in Finland in the manner required by Finnish law.

Neither the SEC nor any U.S. state securities commission has approved or disapproved the Tender Offer, passed upon the merits or fairness of the Tender Offer, or passed any comment upon the adequacy, accuracy or completeness of this release. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offence in the United States.

The receipt of cash pursuant to the Tender Offer by a U.S. holder of Shares may be a taxable transaction for U.S. federal income tax purposes and under applicable U.S. state and local, as well as foreign and other, tax laws. Each holder of Shares is urged to consult its independent professional adviser immediately regarding the tax consequences of accepting the Tender Offer.

It may be difficult for Uponor's shareholders to enforce their rights and any claims they may have arising under the U.S. federal securities laws since the Offeror and Uponor are located in non-U.S. jurisdictions and some or all of their respective officers and directors may be residents of non-U.S. jurisdictions. Uponor's shareholders may not be able to sue the Offeror or Uponor or their respective officers or directors in a non-U.S. court for violations of the U.S. federal securities laws. It may be difficult to compel the Offeror and Uponor and their respective affiliates to subject themselves to a U.S. court's judgment.

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