

## **Preliminary result of Sega Europe Limited’s recommended cash offer for all the shares and options in Rovio Entertainment Corporation**

SEGA EUROPE LIMITED / ROVIO ENTERTAINMENT CORPORATION

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Sega Europe Limited (“**Sega Europe**” or the “**Offeror**”), a private limited company incorporated and existing under the laws of England and Wales, that is directly and wholly owned by Sega Corporation (“**Sega Corporation**”), a corporation incorporated and existing under the laws of Japan, that, in turn, is directly and wholly owned by Sega Sammy Holdings Inc. (“**SSHD**”), a corporation incorporated and existing under the laws of Japan, with its shares listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange, has on May 8, 2023, commenced a voluntary recommended cash offer to acquire all of the issued and outstanding shares in Rovio Entertainment Corporation (“**Rovio**” or the “**Company**”) that are not held by Rovio or any of its subsidiaries (“**Shares**”) and all of the issued and outstanding options under the Company’s Stock Options 2022A plan (“**Options**”) (the “**Offer**”). The Offeror has on May 5, 2023 published the offer document concerning the Offer. The offer period for the Offer commenced on May 8, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. (Finnish time) and expired on August 7, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. (Finnish time).

Based on the preliminary result of the Offer, the 73,324,095 Shares tendered in the Offer represent approximately 96.3 percent of all issued and outstanding Shares and votes in Rovio. In addition, 100 percent of the Options have been tendered in the Offer.

The Offeror will confirm and announce the final result of the Offer on or about August 10, 2023. Provided that the final results of the Offer confirm that the Shares in Rovio tendered into the Offer represent, on a fully diluted basis, more than ninety (90) percent of all issued and outstanding Shares and votes in Rovio and that all other conditions to completion of the Offer, as set forth in the terms and conditions of the Offer, continue to be satisfied at such time or are waived, the Offeror will complete the Offer in accordance with its terms and conditions. Provided that the Offer will be completed, the offer consideration is expected to be paid on or about August 17, 2023 to each shareholder and option holder in Rovio who has validly accepted, and not validly withdrawn, the Offer.

The Offeror and its parent companies have reserved the right to acquire, or enter into arrangements to acquire Shares in Rovio on or after the date of this release in public trading on Nasdaq Helsinki Ltd (“**Nasdaq Helsinki**”) or otherwise to the extent permitted by applicable laws and regulations.

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Information about the Offer is made available at <https://blueoffer.tenderoffer.fi/en>.

**ABOUT THE OFFEROR AND SEGA CORPORATION**

Sega Europe is a UK private limited company, domiciled in the United Kingdom with its registered address at 27 Great West Rd, Brentford TW8 9BW, Middlesex, United Kingdom, that is directly and wholly owned by Sega Corporation. Sega Europe is the European distribution arm of Sega Corporation, a worldwide leader in interactive entertainment. Headquartered in Brentford, London, Sega Europe wholly owns some leading development studios, including Sports Interactive and Creative Assembly, the creators of Football Manager and Total War, respectively.

Sega Corporation engages in the planning, development, sales, and operation of consoles, PCs, and mobile games, as well as arcade equipment. Sega Corporation also plans, develops and provides products based on characters, in the form of digital services and prizes, by utilizing expertise gained from the video game business. In the console, PC, and mobile game business, Sega Corporation develops content through its various studios in Japan and overseas and distributes them worldwide through its many marketing bases around the globe. In the arcade products business, Sega Corporation has developed many ground-breaking products that symbolized each era with innovation and creativity, such as prize machines, and medal games, in addition to various different arcade games. In order to strengthen global development capabilities, Sega Corporation has historically acquired numerous development studios, from the UK-based Creative Assembly in 2005, to the Japan-based ATLUS. CO., LTD. (formerly, Index Corporation) in 2013, and the acquired studios have all greatly expanded in scale while also releasing many new titles across the globe.

**ABOUT ROVIO**

Rovio is a public limited liability company incorporated and existing under the laws of Finland with its shares admitted to trading on the official list of Nasdaq Helsinki. Rovio is a global mobile-first games company that creates, develops and publishes mobile games, which have been downloaded over 5 billion times. Rovio is best known for the global Angry Birds brand, which started as a popular mobile game in 2009, and has since evolved from games to various entertainment, animations and consumer products in brand licensing. Rovio has produced The Angry Birds Movie, and its sequel. The Company offers multiple mobile games and has eight game studios – one in Espoo (Finland), one in Stockholm (Sweden), one in Copenhagen (Denmark), one in Barcelona (Spain), two in Montreal and one in Toronto (Canada). The studios also

include a subsidiary in Izmir (Turkey) called Ruby Oyun ve Yazılım Danışmanlık Sanayi Ticaret Anonim Şirketi, which was acquired in 2021. Most of the employees are based in Finland where Rovio is headquartered.

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