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## CIRCLE GROUP: LAUNCHING AN ACCELERATED BOOKBUILDING PROCEDURE RESERVED FOR QUALIFIED/INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS

Milan 8 July 2024 – <u>CIRCLE S.p.A.</u> ("*CIRCLE*" or the "Company") - Innovative SME listed on the Euronext Growth Milan market at the head of the Group of the same name specializing in process analysis and the development of solutions for the digitalization of the port and intermodal logistics sector and in international consultancy on the Green Deal and energy transition issues, announces the launch of a new Accelerated Bookbuilding procedure, by reason of the resolution of the Shareholders' Meeting held last June 27, which has resolved to increase the share capital, for cash, in a divisible and progressive manner, for a maximum amount of EUR 4,000,000 (four million), including share premium, with the exclusion of option rights pursuant to Article 2441, paragraphs 5 and 6, of the Civil Code, by issuing a maximum of 600,000 ordinary shares (the "Reserved Capital Increase").

The Accelerated Bookbuilding follows the one launched and closed on June 27 (see press release on the same date) and will cover the remaining portion of the not yet subscribed Capital Increase equal to a maximum of € 396,400 and a maximum of 85,200 shares.

The newly issued shares will be offered for subscription as part of a private placement through the Accelerated Bookbuilding procedure will be offered exclusively to (i) qualified investors, as defined by Article 2(e) of Regulation (EU) 2017/1129, in the European Union and the other countries of the European Economic Area, (ii) qualified investors, as defined by Article 2(e) of Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 in the United Kingdom, as domestic regulation under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act of 2018 (as amended), and (iii) institutional investors abroad, within the meaning of Regulation S of the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, thus excluding institutional investors from Australia, Canada, Japan, and the United States, and any other foreign country in which placement is not possible in the absence of authorization from the competent authorities.

The Accelerated Bookbuilding will begin immediately and may be completed at any time. The Company will give timely notice of the outcome of the Accelerated Bookbuilding and therefore of the final price and the number of newly issued shares actually placed.

The newly issued shares will be admitted to trading on Euronext Growth Milan on a par with the shares already outstanding and in accordance with applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

As part of the transaction, Integrae SIM S.p.A. is acting as sole bookrunner of the Accelerated Bookbuilding, while the Company is being assisted in the transaction by LCA Studio Legale.



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Founded in Genoa in 2012, **Circle S.p.A.** is the Innovative SME at the head of the **CIRCLE Group**, the Group specialising in the analysis and development of products for the **innovation** and **digitalisation of the port** and **intermodal logistics sectors and in the international consultancy on topics concerning the Green Deal** and energy transition.

In addition to Circle, the Group includes the software houses **Info.era**, **NEXT Freight** (formerly 'Adele Project') and **Cargo Start**, acquired at the end of 2017, July 2019 and December 2022 respectively, the consulting companies **Magellan Circle** and **Magellan Circle Italy**, the **NewCo NEXT Customs**, as well as the subsidiary **Accudire**.

The synergies between the individual components of the CIRCLE Group have made it possible to expand the portfolio of solutions offered in the areas of IoT, Optimisation, Digital Twin, Big Data and Process Automation, and to strengthen the software products: **Milos**<sup>®</sup> - a suite aimed at all players in intermodal logistics such as inland terminals, port terminals, ports, MTOs and maritime agencies -, the Port Community System **Sinfomar**, the **Master SPED**<sup>®</sup> and **Milos**<sup>®</sup> **Global Supply Chain Visibility** solutions, dedicated respectively to freight forwarding and logistics and to trade and industry, as well as **Star Tracking**<sup>®</sup>, an airport-to-airport tracking solution.

To complete the offer in the Supply Chain area, the so-called **'Federative Services'** able to make the migration of customers towards a digital business model more efficient and offered in cloud mode.

Through **Magellan Circle** (with offices in Porto and Brussels) and **Magellan Circle Italy**, Circle operates in the field of advocacy at European Institutions, supporting Public Bodies and Companies by identifying their positioning at a European level (**Strategic Communication and Advocacy**) and funding opportunities (**Eu Funding Accelerator**), with a vertical focus on Green Deal and energy transition issues.

The acquisition of the 51% of shares of **Cargo Start** in December 2022, a company specialising in the development and sale of innovative technological products and services for air cargo, allowed Circle to strengthen its offering in a rapidly expanding segment that is strategic to the **Connect 4 Agile Growth** industrial path.

*Circle leads the Log@Sea business network, which is instrumental in enhancing the offer of advanced Gate Automation* solutions aimed at port and intermodal nodes.

In December 2023, Circle subscribed to a capital increase equal to 20% of the share capital of ACCUDIRE, an Innovative Startup from Veneto that provides a **Collaborative Digital Platform** capable of helping players along global Supply Chains in the exchange of information and in the management of document flows accompanying goods shipments, starting first and foremost with the **e-CMR** (or electronic waybill, part of an international standard and transposition law just approved by the Italian Parliament).



Finally, in February 2024 Circle established the NewCo **NEXT Customs**, dedicated to digital customs optimisation services and functional to the continuation of initiatives aimed at the harmonisation of customs processes, a highly strategic area for the evolution of the **Connect 4 Agile Growth path**.

*Circle S.p.A. has been listed on the Euronext Growth Milan* market of Borsa Italiana since October 26, 2018 (alphanumeric code: CIRC; ISIN code ordinary shares: IT. 0005344996).

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