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As previously announced, Montana BidCo Oy ("**Montana**" or the "**Offeror**"), a private limited liability company, that is indirectly wholly owned by Methode Electronics, Inc. ("**Methode**"), announced on April 19, 2023 that it will complete the voluntary recommended public offer for all of the issued and outstanding shares in Nordic Lights Group Corporation ("**Nordic Lights**" or the "**Company**") (the "**Shares**" or, individually, a "**Share**") (the "**Offer**"). The offer period for the Offer commenced on March 15, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. (Finnish time) and expired on April 14, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. (Finnish time). As announced on April 19, 2023, the Offeror decided to commence a subsequent offer period in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Offer (the "**Subsequent Offer Period**"). The Subsequent Offer Period commenced on April 24, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. (Finnish time) and will expire on May 8, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. (Finnish time).

As previously announced, the Offeror holds more than 90 per cent of the all the Shares and voting rights carried by the Shares in Nordic Lights, and it therefore has the right and the obligation under Chapter 18, Section 1 of the Finnish Companies Act to redeem the Shares held by the other shareholders of Nordic Lights at fair price.

The Offeror has today provided the following information regarding the redemption proceedings under the Finnish Companies Act:

The Offeror has decided to exercise its redemption right pursuant to the Finnish Companies Act and to redeem all the Shares held by any other remaining shareholders in Nordic Lights. To implement the redemption of the remaining Shares, the Offeror will initiate arbitration proceedings as soon as possible as provided in the Finnish Companies Act. In such redemption proceedings, the Offeror will demand that the redemption price for the remaining Shares is set to no more than EUR 6.18 per Share, which corresponds to the consideration paid by the Offeror in the Offer in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Offer, as adjusted by the dividend payment decided upon by Nordic Lights' Annual General Meeting held on April 20, 2023.

It is the Offeror's intention to acquire all Shares in Nordic Lights and to apply for the Shares in Nordic Lights to be delisted from Nasdaq First North Growth Market Finland ("**Nasdaq First North**") as soon as permitted and reasonably practicable under the applicable laws and regulations and the rules of Nasdaq First North. The Offeror and Methode reserve the right to acquire, or enter into arrangements to acquire, shares in Nordic Lights on or after the date of this release in public trading on Nasdaq First North or otherwise. Any purchases made or arranged will be disclosed in accordance with applicable rules.

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## **About the Offeror and Methode**

Montana is a newly established company that is indirectly wholly owned by Methode. Montana has previously not conducted any business. Montana was formed to make the Offer and to operate as the parent company of Nordic Lights. Methode is a leading global supplier of custom engineered solutions with sales, engineering and manufacturing locations in North America, Europe, Middle East and Asia. Methode designs, engineers and produces mechatronic products for Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) utilizing a broad range of technologies for user interface, LED lighting system, power distribution and sensor applications. Its solutions are found in the end markets of transportation (including automotive, commercial vehicle, e-bike, aerospace, bus and rail), cloud computing infrastructure, construction equipment, consumer appliance and medical devices. Methode was founded in 1946 and is headquartered in Chicago, Illinois, with its shares admitted to public trading since 1966. As reported in Methode's last 10-K annual report filing, at April 30, 2022, Methode had approximately 7,000 employees worldwide, and net sales of approximately USD 1.1636 billion.

## **About Nordic Lights**

Nordic Lights, based in Pietarsaari, Finland, has paved its way as a global premium supplier of high-quality lighting solutions for heavy-duty equipment in several demanding industrial sectors. Nordic Lights' mission is to enable the safe and efficient use of equipment. With three decades of experience Nordic Lights works with the most demanding manufacturers of machinery from design to production and aftermarket support. Nordic Lights' revenue in 2022 was EUR 82 million. The company employs around 300 employees globally. Nordic Lights' share is listed on Nasdaq Helsinki's First North marketplace. [www.nordiclights.com](http://www.nordiclights.com)

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The Offer is made for the issued and outstanding shares (which are not held in treasury) of Nordic Lights, which is domiciled in Finland, and is subject to Finnish disclosure and procedural requirements. The Offer is made in the United States pursuant to Section 14(e) and Regulation 14E under the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “**Exchange Act**”), subject to the exemption provided under Rule 14d-1(c) under the Exchange Act, for a Tier I tender offer (the “**Tier I Exemption**”), and otherwise in accordance with the disclosure and procedural requirements of Finnish law, including with respect to the Offer timetable, settlement procedures, withdrawal, waiver of conditions and timing of payments, which are different from those of the United States. In particular, the financial information included in this company release has been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards in Finland, which may not be comparable to the financial statements or financial information of U.S. companies. The Offer is made to Nordic Lights’ shareholders resident in the United States on the same terms and conditions as those made to all other shareholders of Nordic Lights to whom an offer is made. Any informational documents, including this release, are being disseminated to U.S. shareholders on a basis comparable to the method that such documents are provided to Nordic Lights’ other shareholders. U.S. shareholders should consider that the Offer Consideration is being paid in EUR and that no adjustment will be made based on any changes in the exchange rate.

To the extent permissible under applicable law or regulations, the Offeror and its affiliates or its brokers and its brokers’ 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 Offer, and other than pursuant to the Offer, directly or indirectly purchase or arrange to purchase shares or any securities that are convertible into, exchangeable for or exercisable for 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 press release or other means reasonably calculated to inform U.S. shareholders of Nordic Lights of such information. In addition, the financial advisers to the Offeror may also engage in ordinary course trading activities in securities of Nordic Lights, 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.

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To the extent the Offer is subject to U.S. securities laws, those laws only apply to U.S. holders of shares and will not give rise to claims on the part of any other person. It may be difficult for Nordic Lights’ shareholders to enforce their rights and any claims they may have arising under the U.S. federal securities laws, since the Offeror and Nordic Lights 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. Nordic Lights shareholders may not be able to sue the Offeror or Nordic Lights 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 or Nordic Lights or their respective affiliates to subject themselves to a U.S. court’s judgment.

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