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# VOLUNTARY TOTALITARIAN TENDER OFFER LAUNCHED BY GREY S.À R.L. OVER THE ORDINARY SHARES OF IVS GROUP S.A.

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#### **Press Release**

## pursuant to Article 36 of the Regulation adopted by CONSOB by resolution no. 11971 of 14 May 1999, as subsequently amended and supplemented ("Issuers' Regulation")

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### Obtainment of the Prior Authorization of the Bank of Italy

*Luxembourg/Turin, 28 August 2024* — In relation to the voluntary totalitarian tender offer (the "**Offer**"), launched by Grey S.à r.l. ("**Offeror**"), pursuant to, and for the purposes of, Articles 102 *et seq.* of Legislative Decree no. 58 of 24 February 1998, as subsequently amended and supplemented ("**CFA**"), and applicable implementing provisions contained in the Issuers' Regulation, over the ordinary shares of IVS Group S.A. ("**IVSG**" or the "**Issuer**"), the Offeror hereby announces that, by order No. 1673287 dated 27 August 2024, the Bank of Italy granted the authorization for the Offeror to acquire a qualified indirect controlling interest in Moneynet S.p.A., a financial intermediary which qualifies as "payment institution" *(istituto di pagamento)* and belonging to IVSG Group, pursuant to Articles 19 and 114*-undecies,* of the Consolidated Banking Act and the Regulation of the Bank of Italy on the ownership structures of banks and other financial intermediaries dated 26 July 2022 (*Disposizioni in materia di assetti proprietari di banche e altri intermediari*).

In light of the foregoing, all Prior Authorizations required under applicable law to conduct the Offer have been obtained. Accordingly, the offer document pertaining to the Offer (the "**Offer Document**") will be published upon completion of the review by CONSOB pursuant to Article 102, paragraph 4, of the CFA.

For the sake of completeness, it is reminded that, by way of press release dated 25 June 2024, the Offeror announced the decision of the UK Secretary of State not to take any action under Article 14 of the National Security and Investment Act 2021 ("**UK NSI Act**"), in connection with the transaction which is the subject of the Investment Agreement entered into on 22 April 2024 by, *inter alia*, E-Coffee Solutions S.r.1., the Offeror and IVS Partecipazioni S.p.A. and the consequent

crossing of a threshold of indirect shareholding, relevant under the UK NIS Act, by ECS and the Offeror in N-And Group Ltd. – an IVSG Group company incorporated under English law, active in the design and implementation of information technology platforms and applications ("**UK NSI Act Authorization**").

Therefore, it is reminded that the effectiveness of the Offer is subject to the satisfaction of the Threshold Condition and the Defence Condition, as further detailed in the Offeror's communication published on 22 April 2024 pursuant to Articles 102, paragraph 1, of the CFA and 37 of the Issuers' Regulation (the "**Offeror's Communication**").

Pending the publication of the Offer Document, which was filed with CONSOB on 10 May 2024 pursuant to Articles 102, paragraph. 3, of the CFA and 37-*ter* of the Issuers' Regulation, reference is made to the Offeror's Communication available on the Issuer's website (www.ivsgroup.it), which sets forth the legal requirements, the terms, the conditions and the essential elements of the Offer.

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The voluntary totalitarian public tender offer described in this press release (the "**Offer**") shall be promoted by Grey S.à r.l. (the "**Offeror**" or "**Grey**") over the ordinary shares of IVS Group S.A. (the "**Issuer**" or "**IVSG**").

This press release does not constitute an offer to buy or sell the ordinary shares of IVSG.

Before the beginning of the Offer Period, as required by applicable regulations, the Offeror will publish the Offer Document, which the shareholders of IVSG shall carefully examine.

The Offer will be promoted exclusively in Italy and will be addressed, on equal terms, to all holders of IVSG's ordinary shares. The Offer will be promoted exclusively in Italy as IVSG's ordinary shares are listed exclusively on Euronext Milan, STAR segment, regulated market organized and managed by Borsa Italian S.p.A., and is subject to the obligations and procedural requirements provided for by Italian law and Luxembourg Law being the Issuer incorporated and operating under Luxembourg law.

The Offer is not and will not be promoted, or disseminated in the United States of America (*i.e.*, addressed to *U.S. Persons*, as defined pursuant to the *U.S. Securities Act* of 1933, as amended), Canada, Japan and Australia, as well as in any other country where such Offer would not be allowed without the approval by competent authorities or would be in breach of laws or regulations (such countries, including the United States of America, Canada, Japan and Australia, jointly, the "**Other Countries**"), neither by using national or international instruments of communication or commerce of the Other Countries (including, for example, postal network, fax, telex, e-mail, telephone and internet), nor through any structure of any of the Other Countries' financial intermediaries or in any other way. No action has been or will be adopted to make the Offer possible in any of the Other Countries.

Copies of any document that the Offeror will issue in relation to the Offer, or portions thereof, are not and shall not be sent, nor in any way transmitted, or otherwise distributed, directly or indirectly, in the Other Countries. Anyone receiving such documents shall not distribute, forward or send them (neither by postal service nor by using any instruments of communication or commerce) in the Other Countries.

Any tender in the Offer resulting from solicitation carried out in violation of the above restrictions will not be accepted.

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