# **Press Release**



# Takeover offer for GK Software successful. Remaining minority shareholders can tender their shares until May 9, 2023.

- Fujitsu has secured 65.57% of all shares exceeding the minimum acceptance threshold of 55% at the end of initial acceptance period.
- Additional acceptance period for minority stakeholders will run from April 26, 2023 to May 9, 2023.
- Completion of the Takeover offer expected by no later than May 25, 2023.

**Tokyo, April 25, 2023** – Fujitsu ND Solutions AG ("ND Solutions"), a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of Fujitsu Limited ("Fujitsu") announces the success of its public takeover offer for GK Software. At the expire of the initial acceptance period, a total of 1,490,328 shares representing 65.57% of the share capital have been tendered, above the minimum threshold of 55%. With this milestone, all conditions, including clearances under merger control as well as foreign investment control proceedings in Germany were achieved. Closing of the takeover offer is currently expected to occur by May 25, 2023.

Minority shareholders who have not yet accepted the offer can tender their shares at a price of EUR 190.00 per share, during the additional acceptance period that will run from April 26, 2023 to May 9, 2023. Shareholders must submit a declaration of acceptance to their custodian bank for the takeover offer by ND Solutions and instruct their custodian bank to affect the booking of their GK Software shares, for which they wish to accept the offer, into the ISIN DE000A2GSYK2. All relevant information regarding the acceptance of the offer during the additional acceptance period are set out in the offer document which is available on the offer website at: <a href="https://www.nd-offer.de">www.nd-offer.de</a>.

The management board and supervisory board of GK Software support in their joint reasoned statement the takeover offer as in the best interest of GK Software, its shareholders, employees and other stakeholders. Following the additional acceptance period, ND Solutions may consider to initiate a delisting of GK. In case of a corresponding request, the executive board of GK has agreed to support this process. Fujitsu has committed in the Business Combination Agreement not to enter into a domination and/or profit and loss transfer agreement with GK for at least two years upon closing of the takeover offer.

# Fujitsu's Commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted by the United Nations in 2015 represent a set of common goals to be achieved worldwide by 2030. Fujitsu's purpose – "to make the world more sustainable by building trust in society through innovation" – is a promise to contribute to the vision of a better future empowered by the SDGs.

## **About Fujitsu**

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#### About GK Software SE

GK Software SE is a leading global provider of cloud solutions for the international retail industry and one of the fastest growing companies in its field. The cornerstones of the company are self-developed, open and platform-independent solutions. Thanks to its comprehensive product portfolio, 22 percent of the world's 50 largest retailers currently rely on solutions from GK. The company's customers include Adidas, Aldi, Coop (Switzerland), Edeka, Grupo Kuo, Hornbach, HyVee, Lidl, Migros, Netto Marken-Discount and Walmart International. GK has subsidiaries in the U.S., France, Czech Republic, Switzerland, South Africa, Singapore, Australia and holds ownership or majority stakes in DF Deutsche Fiskal GmbH, Artificial Intelligence for Retail AG and retail7. Since its IPO in 2008, the company has grown more than sevenfold and generated revenues of EUR 130.8 million in 2021. GK was founded in 1990 by CEO Rainer Gläß and Stephan Kronmüller and is still founder-managed today. In addition to its headquarters in Schoeneck, the group now operates 16 sites worldwide. GK's goal is to become the leading cloud solutions company in the retail industry worldwide, enabling consumers on all continents to enjoy the best possible shopping experiences.

Further information about the company: <a href="https://www.gk-software.com/">https://www.gk-software.com/</a>

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To the extent permissible under applicable law or regulation, ND Solutions and its affiliates or brokers (acting as agents for ND Solutions or its affiliates, as applicable) may from time to time before, during or after the period in which the takeover offer remains open for acceptance, and other than pursuant to the intended takeover offer, directly or indirectly purchase, or arrange to purchase, shares of GK, that may be the subject of the takeover offer, or any securities that are convertible into, exchangeable for or exercisable for shares of GK. Any such purchases, or arrangements to purchase, will comply with all applicable German rules and regulations and Rule 14e-5 under the U.S. Securities Exchange Act to the extent applicable. Information about such purchases will be disclosed in Germany to the extent required by applicable law. To the extent information about such purchases or arrangements to purchase is made public in Germany, such information also will be deemed to be publicly disclosed in the United States. In addition, the financial advisors to ND Solutions may also engage in ordinary course trading activities in securities of GK, which may include purchases or arrangements to purchase such securities. In some jurisdictions, publication or distribution of this announcement may be illegal or permitted only to certain persons.

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