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THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA ANNOUNCES TENDER OFFERS FOR EACH OF ITS OUTSTANDING $\notin 2,230,000,000\ 0.200$ PER CENT. NOTES DUE 2023 (OF WHICH $\notin 1,517,666,000$ IS CURRENTLY OUTSTANDING) AND $\notin 1,500,000,000\ 4.625$ PER CENT. NOTES DUE 2024 (OF WHICH $\notin 1,496,905,000$ IS CURRENTLY OUTSTANDING)

The Republic of Slovenia (the "**Issuer**" or the "**Republic**"), announces today its invitations to eligible holders (subject to the offer restrictions referred to below) of its outstanding (i) $\notin 2,230,000,000$ 0.200 per cent. Notes due 2023 (ISIN: SI0002103974) (of which $\notin 1,517,666,000$ is currently outstanding) (the "**2023 Notes**") and/or (ii) $\notin 1,500,000,000$ 4.625 per cent. Notes due 2024 (ISIN: SI0002102984) (of which $\notin 1,496,905,000$ is currently outstanding) (the "**2024 Notes**" and, together with the 2023 Notes, the "**Notes**" and each a "**Series**") to tender their Notes for purchase by the Issuer for cash (each an "**Offer**" and, together, the "**Offers**").

The Offers are made on the terms and subject to the conditions set out in the Tender Offer Memorandum dated 12 September 2022 (the "**Tender Offer Memorandum**").

Copies of the Tender Offer Memorandum are available from the KDD - Centralna klirinško depotna družba, d.o.o. (the "**KDD**"). Capitalised terms used in this announcement but not defined have the meanings given to them in the Tender Offer Memorandum.

	ISIN	Outstanding Nominal Amount	2023 Notes Maximum Purchase Yield	2023 Notes Purchase Yield	Amount subject to the Offer in respect of the 2023 Notes
2023 Notes	SI0002103974	€1,517,666,000	-0.05 per cent.	To be determined pursuant to a modified Dutch auction	The Issuer will determine, in its sole and absolute discretion, the aggregate nominal amount of 2023 Notes (if any) it will accept for purchase pursuant to the relevant Offer

For information purposes only, the 2023 Notes Purchase Price, determined in the manner described in the Tender Offer Memorandum and on the basis of the 2023 Notes Purchase Yield being the 2023 Notes Maximum Purchase Yield, will be 100.127 per cent. if the Settlement Date is 27 September 2022. Should the Settlement Date differ from 27 September 2022 and/or should the 2023 Notes Purchase Yield differ from the 2023 Notes Maximum Purchase Yield, the 2023 Notes Purchase Price will be recalculated, all as further described in the Tender Offer Memorandum.

	ISIN	Outstanding Nominal Amount	Reference Rate	2024 Notes Maximum Purchase Spread	2024 Notes Clearing Spread	Amount subject to the Offer in respect of the 2024 Notes
2024 Notes	SI0002102984	€1,496,905,000	Interpolated Mid- Swap Rate	-130 basis points	To be determined pursuant to a modified Dutch auction	The Issuer will determine, in its sole and absolute discretion, the aggregate nominal amount of 2024 Notes (if any) it will accept for purchase pursuant to the relevant Offer

Rationale for the Offers

The Issuer is making the Offers (subject to the New Financing Condition (as defined below)) as part of the Republic of Slovenia's effective management of its Central Government debt.

Details of the Offers

Determination of the 2023 Notes Purchase Price

In respect of the 2023 Notes, the Issuer will pay for the 2023 Notes validly tendered and accepted by it for purchase pursuant to the relevant Offer a purchase price (expressed as a percentage (rounded to three decimal points) of the nominal amount of 2023 Notes) (the "2023 Notes Purchase Price") to be determined in the manner described in the Tender Offer Memorandum by reference to a purchase yield (such purchase yield, the "2023 Notes Purchase Yield").

The 2023 Notes Purchase Price will be determined in accordance with market convention and expressed as a percentage (rounded to three decimal points) of the nominal amount of the 2023 Notes, and is intended to reflect a yield to maturity of the 2023 Notes on the Settlement Date equal to the 2023 Notes Purchase Yield. Specifically, the 2023 Notes Purchase Price will equal (a) the value of all future payments of principal and interest on the 2023 Notes up to and including the scheduled maturity date of the 2023 Notes, discounted to the Settlement Date at a discount rate equal to the 2023 Notes Purchase Yield, minus (b) Accrued Interest in respect of the 2023 Notes up to (but excluding) the Settlement Date, all calculated in accordance with market convention.

Determination of the 2024 Notes Purchase Price

In respect of the 2024 Notes, the Issuer will pay for the 2024 Notes validly tendered and accepted by it for purchase pursuant to the relevant Offer a purchase price (the "2024 Notes Purchase Price") to be determined at or around 12.00 p.m. (noon) (CET) (the "Pricing Time") on 20 September 2022 (the "Pricing Date") in the manner described in the Tender Offer Memorandum by reference to the sum (such sum, the "2024 Notes Purchase Yield") of a purchase spread (the "2024 Notes Clearing Spread") and the Interpolated Mid-Swap Rate.

The 2024 Notes Purchase Price will be determined in accordance with market convention and expressed as a percentage (rounded to three decimal points) of the nominal amount of the 2024 Notes, and is intended to reflect a yield to maturity of the 2024 Notes on the Settlement Date equal to the 2024 Notes Purchase Yield. Specifically, the 2024 Notes Purchase Price will equal (a) the value of all remaining payments of principal and interest on the 2024 Notes up to and including the scheduled maturity date of the 2024 Notes, discounted to the Settlement Date at a discount rate equal to the 2024 Notes Purchase Yield, minus (b) the Accrued Interest in respect of the 2024 Notes up to (but excluding) the Settlement Date, all calculated in accordance with market convention.

2023 Notes Purchase Yield and 2024 Notes Clearing Spread - Modified Dutch Auction Procedure

The 2023 Notes Purchase Yield and 2024 Notes Clearing Spread will be determined pursuant to a modified Dutch auction procedure, as described in the Tender Offer Memorandum (the "**Modified Dutch Auction Procedure**").

Under the Modified Dutch Auction Procedure, the Issuer will determine, in its sole and absolute discretion, following expiration of the relevant Offer, (i) the aggregate nominal amount of Notes of the relevant Series (if any) it will accept for purchase pursuant to the relevant Offer (each such amount, a "Series Acceptance Amount"), (ii) in the case of the 2023 Notes, the 2023 Notes Purchase Yield (expressed as a percentage) that it will use in the calculation of the 2023 Notes Purchase Price, taking into account the aggregate nominal amount of 2023 Notes tendered in the relevant Offer and the purchase yields specified (or deemed to be

specified, as set out below) by tendering Noteholders and (iii) in the case of the 2024 Notes, the 2024 Notes Clearing Spread (expressed in basis points) that it will use in the calculation of the 2024 Notes Purchase Price, taking into account the aggregate nominal amount of 2024 Notes tendered in the relevant Offer and the purchase spreads specified (or deemed to be specified, as set out below) by tendering Noteholders.

The 2023 Notes Purchase Yield will not be greater than -0.05 per cent. (the "**2023 Notes Maximum Purchase Yield**") and will otherwise be the highest purchase yield that will enable the Issuer to purchase the Series Acceptance Amount for the 2023 Notes pursuant to the relevant Offer.

The 2024 Notes Clearing Spread will be not more than -130 basis points (the "**2024 Notes Maximum Purchase Spread**") and will otherwise be the highest spread that will enable the Issuer to purchase the Series Acceptance Amount for the 2024 Notes pursuant to the relevant Offer.

The Issuer is not under any obligation to accept for purchase any Notes tendered pursuant to the relevant Offer. The acceptance for purchase by the Issuer of Notes tendered pursuant to the relevant Offer is at the sole and absolute discretion of the Issuer and tenders may be rejected by the Issuer for any, or no, reason.

The Issuer will determine, in its sole and absolute discretion, following expiration of the Offers, the aggregate nominal amount of Notes (if any) it will accept for purchase pursuant to the Offers (the final amount accepted for purchase pursuant to the Offers being the "**Final Acceptance Amount**"). The Issuer will determine the allocation of the Final Acceptance Amount between each Series in its sole and absolute discretion, and reserves the right to accept significantly more or less (or none) of the Notes of any Series as compared to any other Series.

New Financing Condition

The Issuer is not under any obligation to accept for purchase any Notes tendered pursuant to the relevant Offer. The acceptance for purchase by the Issuer of Notes tendered pursuant to the relevant Offer is at the sole and absolute discretion of the Issuer and tenders may be rejected by the Issuer for any, or no, reason.

The Issuer announced on 12 September 2022 its intention to issue new euro denominated notes (the "**New Notes**"). Whether the Issuer will accept for purchase Notes validly tendered in the relevant Offer is subject (unless such condition is waived by the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion), without limitation, to the successful completion of the issue(s) of the New Notes or such other financing as the Issuer may determine on terms acceptable to it (in each case as determined by the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion) (the "**New Financing Condition**").

New Notes Priority Allocation

When considering any potential allocation of New Notes, the Issuer's intention is to give preference to those Noteholders who, prior to such allocation, have validly tendered or indicated a firm intention to tender the Notes pursuant to the Offers and such Notes have been accepted for purchase by the Issuer.

However, the Issuer is not obliged to allocate the New Notes to a Noteholder who has validly tendered or indicated a firm intention to tender the Notes pursuant to the Offers and any allocation in the New Notes may be more or less than the amount of principal amount of the Notes validly tendered by a given Noteholder or for which it indicated its firm intention to tender. The joint lead managers in respect of the offering of the New Notes, on behalf of the Issuer, are not obliged to allocate the New Notes to an investor which has validly tendered or indicated a firm intention to tender Notes pursuant to the Offers.

Any allocation of the New Notes, while being considered by the Issuer as set out above, will be made in accordance with customary new issue allocation processes and procedures. In the event that a Noteholder validly tenders Notes pursuant to the Offers, such Notes will remain subject to such tender and the conditions

of the Offers as set out in the Tender Offer Memorandum irrespective of whether that Noteholder receives all, part or none of any allocation of New Notes for which it has applied.

Accrued Interest

The Issuer will also pay an Accrued Interest Payment in respect of Notes of the relevant Series accepted for purchase pursuant to the relevant Offer.

Tender Instructions

Tender Instructions may be submitted on a "non-competitive" or a "competitive" basis as follows:

- a "**Non-Competitive Tender Instruction**" is a Tender Instruction that either (i) does not specify, in the case of the 2023 Notes, a purchase yield, or, in the case of the 2024 Notes, a purchase spread, or (ii) specifies, in the case of the 2023 Notes, a purchase yield greater than or equal to the 2023 Notes Maximum Purchase Yield, or, in the case of the 2024 Notes, a purchase spread for the 2024 Notes greater than or equal to the 2024 Notes Maximum Purchase Spread. Each Non-Competitive Tender Instruction, whether falling within (i) or (ii) above, will be deemed to have specified, in the case of the 2023 Notes, the 2023 Notes, the 2023 Notes Maximum Purchase Spread; and
- a "**Competitive Tender Instruction**" is a Tender Instruction that specifies, in the case of the 2023 Notes, a purchase yield of less than the 2023 Notes Maximum Purchase Yield, or, in the case of the 2024 Notes, a purchase spread of less than the 2024 Notes Maximum Purchase Spread. In the case of the 2023 Notes, purchase yields may only be specified in increments of 0.01 per cent. below the 2024 Notes, purchase Spreads may only be specified in increments of 1 basis point below the 2024 Notes Maximum Purchase Spread in such Competitive Tender Instructions.

Scaling

If the Issuer accepts any Notes of a Series for purchase pursuant to the relevant Offer and the aggregate nominal amount of the Notes of such Series validly tendered pursuant to Non-Competitive Tender Instructions (as defined above) is greater than the relevant Series Acceptance Amount, the Issuer intends to accept such Notes for purchase (subject to the satisfaction or waiver of the New Financing Condition on or prior to the Settlement Date) on a *pro rata* basis such that the aggregate nominal amount of such Notes accepted for purchase is no greater than the relevant Series Acceptance Amount. In such circumstances, in the case of the 2023 Notes, the 2023 Notes Purchase Yield will be the 2023 Notes Maximum Purchase Yield, and in the case of the 2024 Notes, the 2024 Notes Clearing Spread will be the 2024 Notes Maximum Purchase Spread and the Issuer will not accept for purchase any Notes of such Series tendered pursuant to Competitive Tender Instructions (as defined above).

If (other than as described in the preceding paragraph) the aggregate nominal amount of Notes of a Series validly tendered:

- (i) pursuant to Non-Competitive Tender Instructions; and
- (ii) pursuant to Competitive Tender Instructions that specify, in the case of the 2023 Notes, a purchase yield that is greater than or equal to the 2023 Notes Purchase Yield, or, in the case of the 2024 Notes, a purchase spread that is greater than or equal to the 2024 Notes Clearing Spread,

is greater than the relevant Series Acceptance Amount, the Issuer intends to accept for purchase (subject to satisfaction or waiver of the New Financing Condition on or prior to the Settlement Date):

(A) first, all Notes of such Series tendered pursuant to Non-Competitive Tender Instructions in full;

- (B) second, all Notes of such Series tendered pursuant to Competitive Tender Instructions that specify, in the case of the 2023 Notes, a purchase yield above the 2023 Notes Purchase Yield and/or (as the case may be), in the case of the 2024 Notes, a purchase spread above the 2024 Notes Clearing Spread, in full; and
- (C) third, all Notes of such Series tendered, in the case of the 2023 Notes, at the 2023 Notes Purchase Yield and/or (as the case may be), in the case of the 2024 Notes, at the 2024 Notes Clearing Spread, on a *pro rata* basis such that the aggregate nominal amount of Notes of such Series accepted for purchase is no greater than the relevant Series Acceptance Amount.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Issuer will not accept any Notes tendered for purchase, in the case of the 2023 Notes, at a purchase yield below the 2023 Notes Purchase Yield or, in the case of the 2024 Notes, at a purchase spread below the 2024 Notes Clearing Spread.

Participation in the Offers

In order to participate in, and be eligible to receive the relevant Purchase Price (and any Accrued Interest Payment) pursuant to, the relevant Offer, Noteholders must validly tender their Notes by delivering, or arranging to have delivered on their behalf, a valid Tender Instruction that is received by the KDD by the Expiration Deadline.

Tender Instructions must be submitted in respect of a minimum nominal amount of Notes of the relevant Series of no less than the minimum denomination of each Series (being $\notin 1,000$), and may thereafter be submitted in multiples of $\notin 1,000$. A Tender Instruction submitted by a Direct Participant in respect of each Series on behalf of multiple beneficial owners of Notes which hold such Notes, directly or indirectly, in an account operated by such Direct Participant on their behalf must set out the instructions of each such beneficial owner separately.

Tender Instructions will be irrevocable except in the limited circumstances described in the Tender Offer Memorandum.

The Issuer is not under any obligation to accept for purchase any Notes tendered pursuant to the relevant Offer. Tenders of Notes for purchase may be rejected in the sole and absolute discretion of the Issuer for any reason and the Issuer is not under any obligation to Noteholders to furnish any reason or justification for refusing to accept a tender of Notes for purchase. For example, tenders of Notes for purchase may be rejected if the relevant Offer is terminated, if the relevant Offer does not comply with the relevant requirements of a particular jurisdiction or for any other reason.

Indicative Timetable for the Offers

Events	Times and Dates		
Commencement of the Offers	12 September 2022		
Expiration Deadline	5.00 p.m. (CET) on 19 September 2022		
Announcement of indicative Series Acceptance Amounts, 2023 Notes Purchase Yield and 2024 Notes Clearing Spread and indicative details of scaling	As soon as reasonably practicable after the Expiration Deadline on 20 September 2022		
Pricing Date and Pricing Time in respect of 2024 Notes	At or around 12.00 p.m. (noon) (CET) on 20 September 2022		
Announcement of Results and Pricing	As soon as reasonably practicable after the Pricing Time		
Settlement Date	27 September 2022		

The Issuer may, acting in its sole and absolute discretion, extend, re-open, amend, waive any condition of and/or terminate any Offer at any time (subject to applicable law and as provided in the Tender Offer Memorandum), and the above times and dates are subject to the Issuer's right, acting in its sole and absolute discretion, to extend, re-open, amend and/or terminate any Offer.

Noteholders are advised to check with any bank, securities broker or other intermediary through which they hold Notes when such intermediary would need to receive instructions from a Noteholder in order for that Noteholder to be able to participate in, or (in the limited circumstances in which revocation is permitted) revoke their instruction to participate in, any Offer before the deadlines specified above and in the Tender Offer Memorandum. The deadlines set by other central securities depositories or other intermediaries (including, but not limited to Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear) for the submission of Tender Instructions will be earlier than the relevant deadlines specified above and in the Tender Offer Memorandum.

Unless stated otherwise, announcements in connection with the Offers will be made (i) by publication on the website of the Ljubljana Stock Exchange at seonet.ljse.si and (ii) by the delivery of notices to the KDD for communication to Direct Participants. Such announcements may also be made on the relevant Reuters Insider Screen and/or by the issue of a press release to a Notifying News Service. Copies of all such announcements, press releases and notices can also be obtained upon request from the KDD, the contact details for which are below. Significant delays may be experienced where notices are delivered to the Direct Participants and/or intermediaries and Noteholders are urged to contact the KDD for the relevant announcements during the course of the Offers. In addition, Noteholders may contact the Dealer Managers for information using the contact details below.

The Issuer reserves the right, subject to applicable law, to purchase any of its outstanding debt securities from time to time, whether by way of public tender, open market purchases, privately negotiated transactions or otherwise. Any such purchase would be upon such terms and at such prices as the Issuer may determine, and may (where permitted by applicable law or regulation) be on an undisclosed basis. Whilst the Issuer will not purchase any Notes during the period of the Offers (other than pursuant to the Offers themselves), Noteholders are advised that it may purchase any of its other outstanding debt securities during the period of the Offers.

Noteholders are advised to read carefully the Tender Offer Memorandum for full details of and information on the procedures for participating in the Offers.

Barclays Bank Ireland PLC, BNP Paribas, Erste Group Bank AG, and J.P. Morgan SE are acting as Dealer Managers.

Questions and requests for assistance in connection with the Offers may be directed to any Dealer Manager.

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Questions and requests for assistance in connection with the delivery of Tender Instructions may be directed to the KDD. Copies of the Tender Offer Memorandum or related documents may also be obtained, free of charge, from the KDD.

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Telephone: +386 1 307 35 61 Email: <u>korporacijske@kdd.si</u> / <u>poravnava@kdd.si</u> Attention: Iztok Kovač **DISCLAIMER** This announcement must be read in conjunction with the Tender Offer Memorandum. This announcement and the Tender Offer Memorandum contain important information which should be read carefully before any decision is made with respect to the Offers. If you are in any doubt as to the contents of this announcement or the Tender Offer Memorandum or the action you should take, you are recommended to seek your own financial and legal advice, including as to any tax consequences, immediately from your stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant or other independent financial or legal adviser. Any individual or company whose Notes are held on its behalf by a broker, dealer, bank, custodian, trust company or other nominee or intermediary must contact such entity if it wishes to participate in the Offers. None of the Dealer Managers, the KDD or the Issuer makes any recommendation as to whether Noteholders should tender Notes for purchase pursuant to the Offers.

OFFER AND DISTRIBUTION RESTRICTIONS

Neither this announcement nor the Tender Offer Memorandum constitutes an offer to buy or the solicitation of an offer to sell Notes (and tenders of Notes in the Offers will not be accepted from Noteholders) in any circumstances in which such offer or solicitation is unlawful. In those jurisdictions where the securities, blue sky or other laws require an Offer to be made by a licensed broker or dealer and any of the Dealer Managers or any of the Dealer Managers' respective affiliates is such a licensed broker or dealer in any such jurisdiction, that Offer shall be deemed to be made by such Dealer Manager or affiliate, as the case may be, on behalf of the Issuer in such jurisdiction.

The distribution of this announcement and the Tender Offer Memorandum in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. Persons into whose possession this announcement or the Tender Offer Memorandum comes are required by the Issuer and the Dealer Managers to inform themselves about, and to observe, any such restrictions.

United States

Neither this announcement nor the Tender Offer Memorandum is an offer to buy or sell, or a solicitation of an offer to sell or buy, any New Notes or other securities in the United States. Securities may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration under, or an exemption from the registration requirements of, the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). The New Notes have not been, and will not be, registered under the Securities Act or the securities laws of any state or other jurisdiction of the United States, and may not be offered, sold or delivered, directly or indirectly, within the United States except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws.

Italy

None of the Offers, this announcement, the Tender Offer Memorandum or any other document or materials relating to the Offers have been submitted to the clearance procedures of the *Commissione Nazionale per le Società e la Borsa* ("CONSOB") pursuant to Italian laws and regulations. Each Offer is being carried out in the Republic of Italy as an exempted offer pursuant to article 101-bis, paragraph 3-bis of the Legislative Decree No. 58 of 24 February 1998, as amended (the "Italian Financial Services Act") and article 35-bis, paragraph 4 of CONSOB Regulation No. 11971 of 14 May 1999, as amended. Holders or beneficial owners of the Notes that are located in the Republic of Italy can tender Notes for purchase in the Offers through authorised persons (such as investment firms, banks or financial intermediaries permitted to conduct such activities in the Republic of Italy in accordance with the Italian Financial Services Act, CONSOB Regulation No. 20307 of 15 February 2018, as amended from time to time, and Legislative Decree No. 385 of 1 September 1993, as amended) and in compliance with applicable laws and regulations or with requirements imposed by CONSOB or any other Italian authority.

Each intermediary must comply with the applicable laws and regulations concerning information duties *vis-à-vis* its clients in connection with the Notes or the Offers.

United Kingdom

The communication of this announcement, the Tender Offer Memorandum and any other documents or materials relating to the Offers is not being made and such documents and/or materials have not been approved by an authorised person for the purposes of section 21 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the "**FSMA**"). Accordingly, such documents and/or materials are not being distributed to, and must not be passed on to, the general public in the United Kingdom. The communication of such documents and/or materials may be exempt from the restriction on financial promotion under section 21 of the FSMA pursuant to Article 34 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005 (the "**Financial Promotion Order**") or on the basis that any such communication is only directed at and may only be communicated to persons to whom these documents and/or materials may lawfully be communicated in accordance with the Financial Promotion Order.

France

Neither this announcement, the Tender Offer Memorandum and any other offering material relating to the Offers may be distributed in France only to qualified investors (*investisseurs qualifiés*) as defined in Article 2(e) of Regulation (EU) 2017/1129. Neither this announcement nor the Tender Offer Memorandum, nor any other such offering material has not been and will not be submitted for clearance to, nor approved by the *Autorité des Marchés Financiers*.

Belgium

None of this announcement, the Tender Offer Memorandum nor any other documents or materials relating to the Offers have been or will be notified to, and none of this announcement, the Tender Offer Memorandum nor any other documents or materials relating to the Offers have been or will be approved by, the Belgian Financial Services and Markets Authority (*Autoriteit voor Financiële Diensten en Marketn/Autorité des Services et Marchés Financiers*). The Offers may therefore not be made in Belgium by way of a public takeover bid (*openbaar overnamebod/offre publique d'acquisition*) as defined in Article 3 of the Belgian law of 1 April 2007 on public takeover bids, as amended (the "**Belgian Takeover Law**"), save in those circumstances where a private placement exemption is available.

The Offers are conducted exclusively under applicable private placement exemptions. The Offers may therefore not be advertised and the Offers will not be extended, and none of this announcement, the Tender Offer Memorandum nor any other documents or materials relating to the Offers have been or will be distributed or made available, directly or indirectly, to any person in Belgium other than (i) to qualified investors within the meaning of Article 2(e) of Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 and (ii) in any circumstances set out in Article 6, §4 of the Belgian Takeover Law.

This announcement and the Tender Offer Memorandum has been issued for the personal use of the above-mentioned qualified investors only and exclusively for the purpose of the Offers.