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CASH OFFER

for

KAPE TECHNOLOGIES PLC

by

UNIKMIND HOLDINGS LIMITED

Update on Offer and Regulatory Clearances

Introduction

On 13 February 2023, the Board of Unikmind Holdings Limited ("Unikmind") (the "Unikmind Board") announced the terms of a cash offer to be made by Unikmind to acquire the issued and to be issued share capital of Kape Technologies plc ("Kape") not already held by Unikmind (the "Offer").

The offer document containing the full terms of, and Conditions to, the Offer (the "Offer Document") was published and posted to Kape Shareholders on 6 March 2023.

Capitalised terms in this announcement (the "Announcement"), unless otherwise defined, have the same meanings as set out in the Offer Document.

The response document from the Independent Directors of Kape was published on 20 March 2023.

Update on Offer and Regulatory Clearances

Unikmind confirms that, with respect to the outstanding regulatory condition in Romania, it has received confirmation that the Offer does not require the prior approval of the Romanian FDI Commission. Furthermore, the parties have determined that a filing with the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States ("CFIUS") is not required. Accordingly, Condition 1.2 of Part A of the Offer Document has been satisfied, and as such there are no further outstanding regulatory conditions in relation to the Offer.

The Offer remains subject to the satisfaction or, where applicable, waiver of the conditions set out in the Offer Document published on 6 March 2023, including the Acceptance Condition, which, as at the date of this Announcement remains outstanding. Subject to the satisfaction or (if permitted) waiver of the Condition, it is expected that the Offer will become or be declared unconditional during the second quarter of 2023.

Delisting from AIM

As set out in the Offer Document, Unikmind continues to believe that while Kape's AIM listing has served it well, Kape's growth trajectory is now better served in the private arena, where Kape would benefit from the sizeable business support and financial resources that Unikmind and Globe Invest would bring.

Unikmind would like to remind Kape Shareholders that, regardless of the outcome of the Offer, Unikmind intends to pursue a delisting of Kape from AIM as soon as reasonably practicable. This may involve the requisitioning of a general meeting of Kape to seek to pass a resolution to that effect. However, should Unikmind acquire (pursuant to the Offer or otherwise) voting rights representing 75 per cent. or more of the total voting rights of Kape, Unikmind intends that Kape will make an application to the London Stock Exchange for the cancellation of the admission to trading of Kape Shares on AIM, in which case, it would be possible to obtain the delisting on an accelerated timeline.

Unconditional Date

The Offer will initially remain open for acceptance until 1.00 p.m. (London time) on 5 May 2023 unless the Unconditional Date is brought forward by Unikmind publishing an Acceleration Statement in accordance with the requirements of the Code and as further described in paragraph 2.3 of Part B of Appendix I of the Offer Document.

General

Copies of this Announcement, the Offer Document and the Form of Acceptance will be available free of charge (subject to certain restrictions relating to persons in Restricted Jurisdictions) on Unikmind's website at http://www.unikmind-holdings.com/ until the end of the Offer Period. For the avoidance of doubt, the content of Unikmind's website is not incorporated into, and does not form part of, this Announcement.

If you have any questions relating to the procedure for acceptance of the Offer, please telephone the Receiving Agent, Equiniti, on +44 371 384 2050 between 8.30 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. Monday to Friday (excluding UK or Isle of Man public holidays). Calls are charged at the standard geographic rate and will vary by provider. Calls outside the United Kingdom will be charged at the applicable international rate.

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Important Notices

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This Announcement is for information purposes only and is not intended to and does not constitute or form part of, an offer, invitation or the solicitation of an offer to purchase, otherwise acquire, subscribe for, sell or otherwise dispose of any securities or the solicitation of any vote or approval in any jurisdiction in contravention of applicable law.

The Offer will be made solely by the Offer Document (together with, in the case of Kape Shares in certificated form, the Form of Acceptance, which will contain the full terms and condition of the Offer, including details of how the Offer may be accepted. Kape Shareholders should carefully read the Offer Document (and, if they hold their Kape Shares in certificated form, the Form of Acceptance) in its entirety before making a decision with respect to the Offer. Each Kape Shareholder is urged to consult its independent professional adviser immediately regarding the tax consequences to it (or its beneficial owners) of the Offer.

Overseas Shareholders

The Offer relates to securities in a company which is registered in the Isle of Man, which is admitted to trading on AIM and is subject to the disclosure requirements, rules and practices applicable to such companies, which differ from those of the United States in certain material respects. This document has been prepared for the purposes of complying with English law, the laws of the Isle of Man, the AIM Rules and the rules of the London Stock Exchange and the Code, and the information disclosed may not be the same as that which would have been disclosed if this document had been prepared in accordance with the laws of jurisdictions outside the Isle of Man or the United Kingdom.

The release, publication or distribution of this Announcement in or into certain jurisdictions other than the United Kingdom or the Isle of Man may be restricted by law and therefore any persons who are subject to the laws of any jurisdiction other than the United Kingdom or the Isle of Man should inform themselves about, and observe, any applicable requirements.

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the companies and persons involved in the Offer disclaim any responsibility or liability for the violation of such restrictions by any person.

Copies of this Announcement and formal documentation relating to the Offer shall not be, and must not be, mailed or otherwise forwarded, distributed or sent in, into or from any Restricted Jurisdiction or any jurisdiction where to do so would violate the laws of that jurisdiction and persons receiving such documents (including custodians, nominees and trustees) must not mail or otherwise forward, distribute or send them in, into or from any Restricted Jurisdiction. Doing so may render invalid any related purported acceptance of the Offer.

Unless otherwise permitted by applicable law and regulation, the Offer may not be made, directly or indirectly, in or into, or by the use of mails or any means or instrumentality (including, but not limited to, e-mail or other electronic transmission, telex or telephone) of interstate or foreign commerce of, or of any facility of a national, state or other securities

exchange of any Restricted Jurisdiction and the Offer may not be capable of acceptance by any such use, means, instrumentality or facilities.

Further details in relation to Overseas Shareholders shall be contained in the Offer Document.

If you are a resident of the United States, please read the following:

The Offer is being made to acquire the securities of Kape, a company incorporated under the laws of the Isle of Man, and is being made in the United States in reliance on, and compliance with, the exemption from certain requirements of Regulation 14E under the US Securities Exchange Act of 1934 afforded by Rule 14d-1(d) thereunder. The Offer shall be made in the United States by Unikmind and no one else.

The Offer is subject to the disclosure and procedural requirements of the Isle of Man and the United Kingdom, which differ from those in the United States. In addition, the payment and settlement procedure with respect to the Offer shall comply with the relevant Isle of Man and United Kingdom rules, which differ from United States payment and settlement procedures. Neither the SEC, nor any securities commission of any state of the United States has approved the Offer, passed upon the fairness of the Offer or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this document. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offence in the United States.

In accordance with normal United Kingdom practice, Unikmind or its nominees, or its brokers (acting as agents), may from time to time make certain purchases of, or arrangements to purchase, shares or other securities of Kape outside of the US, other than pursuant to the Offer, before or during the period in which the Offer remains opens for acceptance. These purchases may occur either in the open market at prevailing prices or in private transactions at negotiated prices. Any information about such purchases shall be disclosed as required by law or regulation in the Isle of Man, the United Kingdom and the United States, and, shall be reported to a Regulatory Information Service ("RIS") and shall be available on the London Stock Exchange website at www.londonstockexchange.com.

Financial information relating to Kape included in this document has been extracted from Kape's published financial statements, prepared in accordance with UK adopted international accounting standards (collectively, "IFRS"), and may not be comparable to financial information of US companies or companies whose financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States.

Unikmind and Kape are organised under the laws of the Isle of Man. Some or all of the officers and directors of Unikmind and Kape, respectively, are residents of countries other than the United States. In addition, most of the assets of Unikmind and Kape are located outside the United States. As a result, it may be difficult for US shareholders of Kape to effect service of process within the United States upon Unikmind or Kape or their respective officers or directors or to enforce against them a judgment of a US court predicated upon the federal or state securities laws of the United States.

Forward Looking Statements

This announcement (including information incorporated by reference in this document), oral statements made regarding the Offer, and other information published by Kape, Unikmind or any member of the Wider Unikmind Group contain statements which are, or may be deemed to be, "forward looking statements". Such forward looking statements are prospective in nature and are not based on historical facts, but rather on current expectations and on numerous assumptions regarding the business strategies and the environment in which Unikmind, any member of the Wider Unikmind Group shall operate in the future and are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by those statements. The forward looking statements contained in this announcement relate to Unikmind, any member of the Wider Unikmind Group's future prospects, developments and business strategies, the expected timing and scope of the Offer and other statements other than historical facts. In some cases, these forward looking statements can be identified by the use of forward looking terminology, including the terms "believes", "estimates", "will look to", "would look to", "plans", "prepares", "anticipates", "expects", "is expected to", "is subject to", "intends", "may", "will", "shall" or "should" or their negatives or

other variations or comparable terminology. By their nature, forward-looking statements involve risk and uncertainty because they relate to events and depend on circumstances that shall occur in the future. These events and circumstances include changes in the global. political, economic, business, competitive, market and regulatory forces, future exchange and interest rates, changes in tax rates and future business combinations or disposals. If any one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialises or if any one or more of the assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may differ materially from those expected, estimated or projected. Such forward looking statements should therefore be construed in the light of such factors. Neither Unikmind or any member of the Wider Unikmind Group, nor any of their respective associates or directors, officers or advisers, provides any representation, assurance or guarantee that the occurrence of the events expressed or implied in any forward looking statements in this document shall actually occur. Given these risks and uncertainties, potential investors should not place any reliance on forward looking statements. The forward looking statements speak only at the date of this document. All subsequent oral or written forwardlooking statements attributable to any member of the Wider Unikmind Group, or any of their respective associates, directors, officers, employees or advisers, are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statement above.

Unikmind and the Wider Unikmind Group expressly disclaim any obligation to update such statements other than as required by law or by the rules of any competent regulatory authority, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Disclosure requirements of the Code

Under Rule 8.3(a) of the Code, any person who is interested in 1% or more of any class of relevant securities of an offeree company or of any securities exchange offeror (being any offeror other than an offeror in respect of which it has been announced that its offer is, or is likely to be, solely in cash) must make an Opening Position Disclosure following the commencement of the offer period and, if later, following the announcement in which any securities exchange offeror is first identified. An Opening Position Disclosure must contain details of the person's interests and short positions in, and rights to subscribe for, any relevant securities of each of (i) the offeree company and (ii) any securities exchange offeror(s). An Opening Position Disclosure by a person to whom Rule 8.3(a) applies must be made by no later than 3.30 p.m. on the 10th business day following the commencement of the offer period and, if appropriate, by no later than 3.30 p.m. on the 10th business day following the announcement in which any securities exchange offeror is first identified. Relevant persons who deal in the relevant securities of the offeree company or of a securities exchange offeror prior to the deadline for making an Opening Position Disclosure must instead make a Dealing Disclosure.

Under Rule 8.3(b) of the Code, any person who is, or becomes, interested in 1% or more of any class of relevant securities of the offeree company or of any securities exchange offeror must make a Dealing Disclosure if the person deals in any relevant securities of the offeree company or of any securities exchange offeror. A Dealing Disclosure must contain details of the dealing concerned and of the person's interests and short positions in, and rights to subscribe for, any relevant securities of each of (i) the offeree company and (ii) any securities exchange offeror(s), save to the extent that these details have previously been disclosed under Rule 8. A Dealing Disclosure by a person to whom Rule 8.3(b) applies must be made by no later than 3.30 p.m. on the business day following the date of the relevant dealing.

If two or more persons act together pursuant to an agreement or understanding, whether formal or informal, to acquire or control an interest in relevant securities of an offeree company or a securities exchange offeror, they will be deemed to be a single person for the purpose of Rule 8.3.

Opening Position Disclosures must also be made by the offeree company and by any offeror and Dealing Disclosures must also be made by the offeree company, by any offeror and by any persons acting in concert with any of them (see Rules 8.1, 8.2 and 8.4).

Details of the offeree and offeror companies in respect of whose relevant securities Opening Position Disclosures and Dealing Disclosures must be made can be found in the Disclosure Table on the Panel's website at http://www.thetakeoverpanel.org.uk, including details of the

number of relevant securities in issue, when the offer period commenced and when any offeror was first identified. You should contact the Panel's Market Surveillance Unit on +44 (0)20 7638 0129 if you are in any doubt as to whether you are required to make an Opening Position Disclosure or a Dealing Disclosure.

No offer or solicitation

This announcement is for information purposes only and does not constitute a prospectus or prospectus equivalent document. This announcement is not intended to and does not constitute, or form part of, any offer or invitation or the solicitation of any offer to sell or purchase any securities or the solicitation of any offer to otherwise acquire, subscribe for, sell or otherwise dispose of any security pursuant to the Offer or otherwise. The Offer is made solely by the Offer Document (together with, in the case of Kape Shares in certificated form, the Form of Acceptance), which contains the full terms and conditions of the Offer, including details of how the Offer may be accepted. Kape Shareholders should carefully read the Offer Document (and, if they hold their Kape Shares in certificated form, the Form of Acceptance) in its entirety before making a decision with respect to the Offer. Any decision in respect of, or other response to, the Offer should be made only on the basis of the information in the Offer Document and Form of Acceptance as applicable.

Publication on Website and Availability of Hard Copies

This Announcement, together with all information incorporated into this document by reference to another source, subject to certain restrictions relating to persons resident in Restricted Jurisdictions, shall be available on Unikmind's website at www.unikmind-holdings.com by no later than 12 noon (London time) on the Business Day following this Announcement. For the avoidance of doubt, the contents of these websites are not incorporated into and do not form part of this Announcement.

You may request a hard copy of this Announcement and/or any information incorporated into this Announcement by reference to another source by contacting the Receiving Agent, Equiniti on +44 371 384 2050. You may also request that all future documents, announcements and information to be sent to you in relation to the offer should be in hard copy form. Calls are charged at the standard geographic rate and will vary by provider. Calls outside the United Kingdom will be charged at the applicable international rate.

If you are in any doubt about the contents of this Announcement or the action you should take, you are recommended to seek your own independent financial advice immediately from your stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant or independent financial adviser duly authorised under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (as amended) if you are resident in the United Kingdom or, if not, from another appropriately authorised independent financial adviser.

Information relating to Kape Shareholders

Please be aware that addresses, electronic addresses and certain other information provided by Kape Shareholders, persons with information rights and other persons for the receipt of communications from Kape may be provided to Unikmind during the Offer Period as required under Section 4 of Appendix 4 to the Takeover Code.

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