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To the Board of Directors of:
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Norway

Statement on the mandatory offer pursuant to the Norwegian Securities Trading Act section 6-16

Background

On April 24, 2025, Anchor AS (the "**Offeror**"), announced a recommended voluntary cash offer to the shareholders of REC Silicon ASA (the "**Company**") for all issued and outstanding shares in the Company at NOK 2.20 per share (the "**Voluntary Offer**"). The Voluntary Offer was accepted by shareholders representing 184,839,587 shares, or 43.95% of the Company's share capital and voting rights. As a result, the Offeror's ownership exceeded 1/3 of the Company's shares and voting rights, triggering a mandatory offer obligation under Section 6-1 of the Norwegian Securities Trading Act.

On July 14, 2025, the Offeror announced that it would make a mandatory offer to purchase all issued and outstanding shares in the Company not already owned by the Offeror, in aggregate 235,786,072 shares, in accordance with Chapter 6 of the Securities Trading Act at a price per share of NOK 2.20 (the "**Offer**").

Pareto's mandate

Pursuant to the Norwegian Securities Trading Act section 6-16, the board of directors of the Company shall provide a statement on the Offer. In this case, the Norwegian Financial Supervisory Authority (the "**NFSA**"), in its capacity as takeover supervisory authority, is of the opinion that the Offer has been made in concert with the board of directors of the Company. The NFSA, in its capacity as takeover supervisory authority, has therefore decided that the statement from the Company on the Offer shall be made by an independent expert engaged by the Company.

Pareto Securities AS ("**Pareto**" or "**we**") has been engaged and requested by the board of directors to give such statement (the "**Opinion**") regarding the valuation of the Company's shares in connection with the Offer.

We have assessed and confirmed our independence directly to the NFSA. We confirm that we do not have a business relationship with the Company, the Offeror or closely related parties that should raise concerns regarding impartiality and we do not have any interest in the outcome of the offer. Pareto's mandate was approved by the NFSA on 15 August 2025.

Impact of the Offer on the Company:

The Offeror has stated in the Offer Document that:

"As the Company's largest shareholder and major creditor, the Hanwha Group has provided financial support to the Company through a long and challenging period. Despite this, the Company, recently stated that it does not have sufficient available cash to meet debt service and other anticipated operating cash flow requirements for 2025. The Company is in urgent need of continued financial support from the Hanwha Group or other sources of capital."

Based on the current financial situation of the Company, the Offeror is of the view that the best viable path for the Company, in order to safeguard the future of the Company and retain remaining shareholder values, is to be taken into private ownership through a delisting from Euronext Oslo Børs.”

In a situation where the Company lacks long-term financing, the Offer provides the Shareholders an exit opportunity to preserve shareholder values.

Under private ownership, the Offeror will seek to sustain and develop the Group's business operations, while integrating the business into the Hanwha Group. This strategic integration will provide improved access to capital and operational synergies, aiming to enhance the financial position of the Group. With its well-established network and deep expertise in the industry, the Hanwha Group is well-positioned to help the Company optimize its supply chain, improve operational efficiency, drive continuous innovation and enhance its competitiveness in the global market.

Additionally, through strategic investments in product development and R&D, the Offeror is confident that the Company will be able to diversify its product offerings, innovate its technological capabilities, and solidify its position as a leading global material supplier.

By securing stable financial support and ensuring financial soundness, the Company will be better equipped to seize emerging market opportunities, invest in next-generation technologies, and expand its footprint in the rapidly evolving material industries.”

Impact of the Offer on employees:

The Offeror has stated in the Offer Document that:

“Completion of the Offer will not in itself have legal, economic or work-related consequences for the employees of the Company. The Offeror has no current plans to make changes to the Company's workforce following completion of the Offer (except in the ordinary course of business) or to make any reorganisation of the Company, cf. section 6-13 of the Norwegian Securities Trading Act.”

Impact of the Offer on shareholders:

The Offeror has stated in the Offer Document that:

“Following completion of the Offer, dependent upon the number of Shares acquired by the Offeror pursuant to the Offer, the Offeror intends to propose to the general meeting of the Company to apply to the Euronext Oslo Børs for the delisting of the Shares. Such proposal requires the approval of a 2/3 majority at the general meeting to be adopted. Any application for delisting will be approved or rejected by Euronext Oslo Børs in accordance with its continuing obligations of stock exchange listed companies, taking into account among other things the interests of any minority Shareholders. Euronext Oslo Børs may also decide on its own initiative to delist the Shares should the conditions for listing no longer be fulfilled.”

Settlement of the Offer will entail that the Offeror becomes the owner of all Shares validly tendered under the Offer in addition to any Shares acquired outside the Offer.

If the Offer is completed with the Offeror's ownership of Shares representing 2/3 or more of the share capital and votes in the Company, the Offeror will, among other things, be able to amend the Company's articles of association, approve mergers and demergers and change the Company's capital structure.

“In the event that the Offeror as a result of the Offer or otherwise, acquires and holds more than 90% of the Shares, the Offeror intends to proceed with a compulsory acquisition of the remaining Shares.”

Access to information and valuation approach

Pareto has prepared this Opinion on the basis of publicly available information and information from the Company, including inter alia management estimates. Pareto has based its statement on the presumption that this material is accurate and correct. Pareto has not undertaken any independent examination in this respect and does not represent or warrant its accuracy. The evaluation of the Offer

has been made on objective criteria to the extent possible, based on generally accepted and recognized valuation methods that have been deemed necessary and applicable. Pareto's valuation is essentially based on commercial, economic and other conditions available that can be validated on this date.

Pareto will receive a fixed fee for delivering this Opinion. The fee is independent of the conclusion of the Opinion. Except this Opinion, Pareto does not have any ongoing assignments for the Company or the board of directors. However, as a leading investment bank in the Nordic region, Pareto may in the future have assignments for the Company or any of its major shareholders, however none that are, in the opinion of Pareto, influencing the assessments made in this Opinion.

The Opinion is dated 22.08.2025 and the valuation date is 15.08.2025. Events or information occurring after that date have not been subject to consideration herein. Evaluations of this nature will always contain an element of uncertainty, and although reasonable care and efforts have been exerted, Pareto does not accept any legal or financial liability related to the Opinion or for any consequences resulting from acting to or relying on statements made in the Opinion.

This Opinion is addressed to the board of directors for the purpose of serving as basis for the current shareholders' standpoint regarding the Offer and we do not accept any responsibility for its use for other purposes than this.

Conclusion

Pareto is, based on the evaluation described above, of the opinion that the Offer does reflect the current underlying value in the Company and thereof a fair valuation of the Company.

Kind regards,

Pareto Securities AS