

The Directors  
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### **Smurfit Kappa Group plc**

We report on the pro forma financial information (the ‘Pro forma financial information’) set out in Section A of Part VII (*Unaudited Pro Forma Financial Information for the Combined Group*) of the class 1 circular dated 14 May 2024 (the ‘Circular’), which has been prepared on the basis described in the notes thereto, for illustrative purposes only, to provide information about how the proposed combination (the ‘Combination’) of Smurfit Kappa Group plc (the ‘Company’) with WestRock Company to create Smurfit WestRock plc (‘Smurfit WestRock’) (the ‘Combined Group’) might have affected the financial information presented on the basis of the accounting policies to be adopted by Smurfit WestRock (being the continuing issuer following completion of the Combination) in preparing the financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2024. This report is required by paragraph 13.3.3R of the Listing Rules of the Financial Conduct Authority (the ‘FCA’) (the ‘Listing Rules’) and is given for the purpose of complying with that paragraph and for no other purpose.

### **Responsibilities**

It is the responsibility of the directors of the Company to prepare the Pro forma financial information in accordance with Section 3 of Annex 20 of the PR Regulation as applied by paragraph 13.3.3R of the Listing Rules.

It is our responsibility to form an opinion, as required by Section 3 of Annex 20 of the PR Regulation, as applied by paragraph 13.3.3R of the Listing Rules, as to the proper compilation of the Pro forma financial information and to report that opinion to you.

In providing this opinion we are not updating or refreshing any reports or opinions previously made by us on any financial information used in the compilation of the Pro forma financial information, nor do we accept responsibility for such reports or opinions beyond that owed to those to whom those reports or opinions were addressed by us at the dates of their issue.

Save for any responsibility which we may have to those persons to whom this report is expressly addressed and which we may have to ordinary shareholders as a result of the inclusion of this report in the Circular, to the fullest extent permitted by law we do not assume any responsibility and will not accept any liability to any other person for any loss suffered by any such other person as a result of, arising out of, or in connection with this report or our statement, required by and given solely for the purposes of complying with Listing Rule 13.4.1R(6) of the Financial Conduct Authority, consenting to its inclusion in the Circular.

### **Basis of opinion**

We conducted our work in accordance with the Standards for Investment Reporting (Ireland) issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority. The work that we performed for the purpose of making this report, which involved no independent examination of any of the underlying financial information, consisted primarily of comparing the unadjusted financial information with the source documents, considering the evidence supporting the adjustments and discussing the Pro forma financial information with the directors of the Company.

We planned and performed our work so as to obtain the information and explanations we considered necessary in order to provide us with reasonable assurance that the Pro forma financial information has been properly compiled on the basis stated and that such basis is consistent with the accounting policies to be adopted by the Combined Group.

Our work has not been carried out in accordance with auditing or other standards and practices generally accepted in the United States of America or other jurisdictions and accordingly should not be relied upon as if it had been carried out in accordance with those standards and practices.

**Opinion**

In our opinion:

- the Pro forma financial information has been properly compiled on the basis stated; and
- such basis is consistent with the accounting policies to be adopted by the Combined Group.

Yours faithfully

KPMG  
*Chartered Accountants*  
*Dublin, Ireland*