## **PJT Partners**



The Directors Smurfit Kappa Group plc Beech Hill, Clonskeagh Dublin 4 D04 N2R2

14 May 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

## **Project Latour Circular**

We refer to the circular dated 14 May 2024 (the "Circular") proposed to be sent by Smurfit Kappa Group plc to its shareholders on or around the date hereof:

- (a) containing, among other things, details of the proposed combination of Smurfit Kappa Group plc and WestRock Company (the "Combination"); and
- (b) seeking such shareholders' approval for the Combination.

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In accordance with Listing Rule 13.3.1R(10) of the Financial Conduct Authority, we hereby confirm that we have given and not withdrawn our consent to the inclusion in the Circular of our name and the references thereto in the form and context in which they appear. A copy of the cover of the Circular initialled by us is attached for the purposes of identification.

Yours faithfully

PJT Partners (UK) Limited

THIS CIRCULAR AND THE ACCOMPANYING FORMS OF PROXY FOR THE SHAREHOLDER MEETINGS ARE IMPORTANT AND REQUIRE YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION. If you are in any doubt about the contents of this Circular or the action you should take, you are recommended to seek your own personal financial advice as soon as possible from your stockbroker, bank, solicitor, accountant or other appropriate independent professional financial adviser (being, in the case of Smurfit Kappa Shareholders in Ireland, an organisation or firm authorised or exempted under the Investment Intermediaries Act, 1995 of Ireland (as amended) or the European Union (Markets in Financial Instruments) Regulations 2017 (as amended) or, in the case of Smurfit Kappa Shareholders in the United Kingdom, an adviser authorised pursuant to the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, or from another appropriately authorised independent financial adviser if you are in a territory outside Ireland or the United Kingdom).

Capitalised terms used in this Circular are defined in Part XI (Definitions) of this Circular.

Except where stated otherwise or where the context otherwise requires, where the term "Smurfit Kappa Shareholder" is used in this Circular, it refers to a holder of equity securities of Smurfit Kappa regardless of whether the equity securities are traded on the LSE's main market for listed securities in the form of Smurfit Kappa CDIs or quoted on Euronext Dublin in the form of Smurfit Kappa Shares. Similarly, where the term "Smurfit Kappa Share" is used in this Circular in relation to Smurfit Kappa, it includes Smurfit Kappa CDIs, where appropriate. Further, in this Circular, references to "Smurfit WestRock Shares" in the context of the admission to trading on the LSE's main market for listed securities include any Smurfit WestRock DIs.

If you sell or have sold or otherwise transferred your entire holding of Smurfit Kappa Shares, please send this Circular, together with the accompanying Forms of Proxy for the Shareholder Meetings, as soon as possible to the purchaser or transferee, or to the stockbroker, bank or other agent through whom the sale or transfer was effected for onward transmission to the purchaser or transferee. However, such documents should not be forwarded or transmitted in or into any jurisdiction in which such act would constitute a violation of the relevant laws or regulations in such jurisdiction. If you sell or have sold or otherwise transferred only part of your holding of Smurfit Kappa Shares, you should retain this Circular and the accompanying Forms of Proxy and immediately consult the stockbroker, bank or other agent through whom the sale or transfer was effected.

A Prospectus relating to the admission of the Smurfit WestRock Shares to the standard listing segment of the Official List of the FCA and to trading on the LSE's main market for listed securities, and a US Registration Statement pursuant to which the offer and sale of Smurfit WestRock Shares to WestRock Shareholders pursuant to the Merger have been registered pursuant to the US Securities Act, have, in addition to this Circular, been published on Smurfit Kappa's website, at www.smurfitkappa.com/investors/meetings2024. This Circular should be read in conjunction with the Prospectus and US Registration Statement. This Circular, the Prospectus and the US Registration Statement will also be available on request from Smurfit Kappa. To request copies, please contact Smurfit Kappa by phone on +353 1 202 7000. Lines are open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays in Ireland and England).

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## SMURFIT KAPPA GROUP PLC

(incorporated and registered in Ireland under the Irish Companies Act with registered number 433527)

## Proposed Combination of Smurfit Kappa and WestRock

Proposed acquisition of Smurfit Kappa Group plc by Smurfit WestRock to be effected by means of a Scheme of Arrangement under Section 450 of the Companies Act 2014 of Ireland

and

Proposed merger of Sun Merger Sub, LLC (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Smurfit WestRock) with and into WestRock Company

Circular to Smurfit Kappa Shareholders and Explanatory Statement under Section 452 of the Companies Act 2014 of Ireland

**Notice of Scheme Meeting** 

and

Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting