

January 15, 2026

To Whom It May Concern

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**(Amendment) Notice Regarding Amendment to “Notice Regarding Commencement of Tender Offer for Shares Certificates, Etc. of Mandom Corporation (Securities Code: 4917) by Kalon Holdings Co., Ltd.” Due to Filing of Amendment Statement to Tender Offer Registration Statement by Kalon Holdings Co., Ltd.**

With respect to the Tender Offer Registration Statement filed on September 26, 2025 (including matters amended by the Amendment Statement to Tender Offer Registration Statement filed on October 6, 2025, the Amendment Statement to Tender Offer Registration Statement filed on October 10, 2025, the Amendment Statement to Tender Offer Registration Statement filed on November 5, 2025, the Amendment Statement to Tender Offer Registration Statement filed on November 19, 2025, the Amendment Statement to Tender Offer Registration Statement filed on November 27, 2025, the Amendment Statement to Tender Offer Registration Statement filed on December 4, 2025, the Amendment Statement to Tender Offer Registration Statement filed on December 15, 2025 and the Amendment Statement to Tender Offer Registration Statement filed on January 5, 2026), concerning the tender offer for shares certificates, etc. of Mandom Corporation, it became necessary for Kalon Holdings Co., Ltd. to file an Amendment Statement to Tender Offer Registration Statement with the Director-General of the Kanto Local Finance Bureau on January 15, 2026, under Article 27-8, Paragraph 1 and Paragraph 2 of the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act. Accordingly, the contents of the “Notice Regarding Commencement of Tender Offer for Shares Certificates, Etc. of Mandom Corporation (Securities Code: 4917)” dated September 25, 2025 (including matters amended by the “(Amendment) Notice Regarding Amendment to “Notice Regarding Commencement of Tender Offer for Shares Certificates, Etc. of Mandom Corporation (Securities Code: 4917)” Due to Filing of Amendment Statement to Tender Offer Registration Statement” dated November 5, 2025, the “Notice of Extension of the Tender Offer Period for the Tender Offer for Share Certificates,

etc., of Mandom Corporation (Securities Code: 4917)" dated November 19, 2025, the "(Amendment) Notice Regarding Amendment to "Notice Regarding Commencement of Tender Offer for Shares Certificates, Etc. of Mandom Corporation (Securities Code: 4917)" Due to Filing of Amendment Statement to Tender Offer Registration Statement" dated November 27, 2025, the "(Amendment) Notice Regarding Amendment to "Notice Regarding Commencement of Tender Offer for Shares Certificates, Etc. of Mandom Corporation (Securities Code: 4917)" Due to Filing of Amendment Statement to Tender Offer Registration Statement" dated December 4, 2025, the "(Amendment) Notice Regarding Amendment to "Notice Regarding Commencement of Tender Offer for Shares Certificates, Etc. of Mandom Corporation (Securities Code: 4917)" Due to Filing of Amendment Statement to Tender Offer Registration Statement" dated December 15, 2025 and the "(Amendment) Notice Regarding Amendment to "Notice Regarding Commencement of Tender Offer for Shares Certificates, Etc. of Mandom Corporation (Securities Code: 4917)" Due to Filing of Amendment Statement to Tender Offer Registration Statement" dated January 5, 2026) will be changed as set forth in the attached document.

This press release is released at the request to Mandom Corporation (the target company in the tender offer) from Kalon Holdings Co., Ltd. (the tender offeror) pursuant to Article 30, Paragraph 1, Item 4 of the Order for Enforcement of the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act.

(Attachment)

"(Amendment) Notice Regarding Amendment to 'Notice Regarding Commencement of Tender Offer for Shares Certificates, Etc. of Mandom Corporation (Securities Code: 4917)' Due to Filing of Amendment Statement to Tender Offer Registration Statement" dated January 15, 2026

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Company Name: Kalon Holdings Co., Ltd.  
Name of Representative: Yukinori Sugiyama,  
Representative Director

**(Amendment) Notice Regarding Amendment to “Notice Regarding Commencement of Tender Offer for Shares Certificates, Etc. of Mandom Corporation (Securities Code: 4917)” Due to Filing of Amendment Statement to Tender Offer Registration Statement**

Kalon Holdings Co., Ltd. (the “Tender Offeror”) has commenced the tender offer (the “Tender Offer”) under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act (Act No. 25 of 1948, as amended; the “Act”) from September 26, 2025 as part of a series of transactions to take the common shares of Mandom Corporation (Securities Code: 4917, the “Target Company”) (the “Target Company Shares”), a company listed on the Prime Market of the Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc., private.

(1) (i) The Tender Offeror entered into an agreement with Hibiki Path Advisors Pte. Ltd. and Hibiki Path Advisors SPC on January 9, 2026 regarding the transfer of the contractual position under the tender agreement dated November 27, 2025, with Hibiki Path Advisors Pte. Ltd. and the amendment to the tender agreement accompanying such transfer, (ii) the Target Company announced that on January 13, 2026, it received from KOHLBERG KRAVIS ROBERTS & CO. L.P. a legally binding letter of intent regarding taking the Target Company Shares private, as announced in the “(Amendment) Notice regarding partial amendment to the ‘Notice regarding Expression of Opinion in favor of Implementation of MBO and Recommendation to Tender Shares’” released by the Target Company on January 14, 2026 and (2) there are some points that need to be amended regarding the method of describing the number of share, etc. owned by Hibiki Path Advisors Pte. Ltd., and as a result, it became necessary for the Tender Offer Registration Statement filed on September 26, 2025 (including matters amended by the Amendment Statement to Tender Offer Registration Statement filed on October 6, 2025, the Amendment Statement to Tender Offer Registration Statement filed on October 10, 2025, the Amendment Statement to Tender Offer Registration Statement filed on November 5, 2025, the Amendment Statement to Tender Offer Registration Statement filed on November 19, 2025, the Amendment Statement to Tender Offer Registration Statement filed on November 27, 2025, the Amendment Statement to Tender Offer Registration Statement filed on December 4, 2025, the Amendment Statement to Tender Offer Registration Statement filed on December 15, 2025 and the Amendment Statement to Tender Offer Registration Statement filed on January 5, 2026) to be amended (including an amendment to extend the Tender Offer Period from January 20, 2026, which is the last day of the Tender Offer Period after the extension under the Amendment Statement to Tender

Offer Registration Statement filed on January 5, 2026, to January 29, 2026, which is 10 business days after today).

In accordance therewith, the content of the “Notice Regarding Commencement of Tender Offer for Shares Certificates, Etc. of Mandom Corporation (Securities Code: 4917) by Kalon Holdings Co., Ltd.” dated September 25, 2025 (including matters amended by the “(Amendment) Notice Regarding Amendment to “Notice Regarding Commencement of Tender Offer for Shares Certificates, Etc. of Mandom Corporation (Securities Code: 4917)” Due to Filing of Amendment Statement to Tender Offer Registration Statement” dated November 5, 2025, the “Notice of Extension of the Tender Offer Period for the Tender Offer for Share Certificates, etc., of Mandom Corporation (Securities Code: 4917)” dated November 19, 2025, the “(Amendment) Notice Regarding Amendment to “Notice Regarding Commencement of Tender Offer for Shares Certificates, Etc. of Mandom Corporation (Securities Code: 4917)” Due to Filing of Amendment Statement to Tender Offer Registration Statement” dated November 27, 2025, the “(Amendment) Notice Regarding Amendment to “Notice Regarding Commencement of Tender Offer for Shares Certificates, Etc. of Mandom Corporation (Securities Code: 4917)” Due to Filing of Amendment Statement to Tender Offer Registration Statement” dated December 4, 2025, the “(Amendment) Notice Regarding Amendment to “Notice Regarding Commencement of Tender Offer for Shares Certificates, Etc. of Mandom Corporation (Securities Code: 4917)” Due to Filing of Amendment Statement to Tender Offer Registration Statement” dated December 15, 2025 and the “(Amendment) Notice Regarding Amendment to “Notice Regarding Commencement of Tender Offer for Shares Certificates, Etc. of Mandom Corporation (Securities Code: 4917)” Due to Filing of Amendment Statement to Tender Offer Registration Statement” dated January 5, 2026) will be amended as follows.

The amended portions are underlined.

## **1. Details of the Tender Offer**

### **(3) Period of Purchase, Etc.**

(Before Amendment)

From September 26, 2025 (Friday) through January 20, 2026 (Tuesday) (74 business days)

(After Amendment)

From September 26, 2025 (Friday) through January 29, 2026 (Thursday) (81 business days)

### **(6) Commencement Date of Settlement**

(Before Amendment)

January 27, 2026 (Tuesday)

(After Amendment)

February 5, 2026 (Thursday)

## **2. Overview of the Tender Offer**

(Before Amendment)

<Omitted>

Furthermore, on November 27, 2025, the Tender Offeror entered into a tender offer agreement (the “Tender Agreement (CI11 et al.)”) with the shareholders of the Target Company – City Index Eleventh Co., Ltd. (as of November 27, 2025, number of shares held: 100 shares, shareholding ratio: 0.00%), Ms. Aya Nomura (as of November 27, 2025, number of shares held: 4,502,300 shares, shareholding ratio: 9.97%), City Index First Co., Ltd. (as of November 27, 2025, number of shares held: 4,495,600 shares, shareholding ratio: 9.96%), and ATRA Co., Ltd. (as of November 27, 2025, number of shares held: 678,600 shares, shareholding ratio: 1.50%) (collectively, the “Shareholders Who Agreed to Tender Their Shares (CI11 et al.)”), stipulating that, subject to the Tender Offeror raising the Tender Offer Price to at least 2,520 yen and extending the Tender Offer Period to December 18, 2025, the Shareholders Who Agreed to Tender Their Shares (CI11 et al.) would tender all of the Target Company Shares they hold as of that date (total number of shares held: 9,676,600 shares, total shareholding ratio: 21.44%) in the Tender Offer. Meanwhile, on November 27, 2025, the Tender Offeror entered into a tender offer agreement (the “Tender Agreement (Hibiki)”) with Hibiki Path Advisors Pte. Ltd. (the “Shareholder Who Agreed to Tender Its Shares (Hibiki)”) on the terms of the Tender Agreement (Hibiki) stipulating that (i) the Shareholder Who Agreed to Tender Its Shares (Hibiki) would tender all of the Target Company Shares it holds as of that date (number of shares held: 2,496,700 shares, shareholding ratio: 5.53%) in the Tender Offer, and (ii) subject to the condition precedent that the Tender Offer is successfully completed and the settlement is made, the Shareholder Who Agreed to Tender Its Shares (Hibiki) may, at a time separately agreed upon with the Tender Offeror, make a capital contribution of 2.5 billion yen to (a) the limited partnership that will be newly formed by a CVC Fund and indirectly hold the Target Company Shares or (b) a new company governed by Hong Kong law which will be the indirect parent company of the Tender Offeror or Lumina Group Holdings Limited (the “the Hibiki Re-Investment”) (Note 18).

<Omitted>

Subsequently, in order to enhance the likelihood of the successful completion of the Tender Offer, the Tender Offeror confirmed, on and after December 24, 2025, with Ogawa & Co., Ltd. (the “Shareholder Who Agreed to Tender Its Shares (Ogawa)”), a shareholder of the Target Company (Number of shares held: 339,200 shares, shareholding ratio: 0.75%), its intention to tender its shares in the Tender Offer. On January 4, 2026, the Tender Offeror reached an agreement via email with the Shareholder Who Agreed to Tender Its Shares (Ogawa) (the “Agreement to Tender (Ogawa)”) that the Shareholder Who Agreed to Tender Its Shares (Ogawa) would tender all of its Target Company Shares in the Tender

Offer and would not withdraw such tender. On January 5, 2026, the Tender Offeror notified the Target Company that the Agreement to Tender (Ogawa) has been made with the Shareholder Who Agreed to Tender Its Shares (Ogawa). Due to the filing of the Amendment Statement to Tender Offer Registration Statement, as required by the provisions of Article 27-8, Paragraph 8 of the Act and the main clause of Article 22, Paragraph 2 of the TOB Order, the Tender Offer Period has been extended to January 20, 2026, which is 10 business days after January 5, 2026, the date of the filing of such amendment statement, resulting in a total of 74 business days.

(After Amendment)

<Omitted>

Furthermore, on November 27, 2025, the Tender Offeror entered into a tender offer agreement (the “Tender Agreement (CI11 et al.)”) with the shareholders of the Target Company – City Index Eleventh Co., Ltd. (as of November 27, 2025, number of shares held: 100 shares, shareholding ratio: 0.00%), Ms. Aya Nomura (as of November 27, 2025, number of shares held: 4,502,300 shares, shareholding ratio: 9.97%), City Index First Co., Ltd. (as of November 27, 2025, number of shares held: 4,495,600 shares, shareholding ratio: 9.96%), and ATRA Co., Ltd. (as of November 27, 2025, number of shares held: 678,600 shares, shareholding ratio: 1.50%) (collectively, the “Shareholders Who Agreed to Tender Their Shares (CI11 et al.)”), stipulating that, subject to the Tender Offeror raising the Tender Offer Price to at least 2,520 yen and extending the Tender Offer Period to December 18, 2025, the Shareholders Who Agreed to Tender Their Shares (CI11 et al.) would tender all of the Target Company Shares they hold as of that date (total number of shares held: 9,676,600 shares, total shareholding ratio: 21.44%) in the Tender Offer. Meanwhile, on November 27, 2025, the Tender Offeror entered into a tender offer agreement (including the amendment by the Agreement (Tender Agreement (Hibiki)) (as defined below; the same applies hereinafter)) (the “Tender Agreement (Hibiki)”) with Hibiki Path Advisors Pte. Ltd. (the “Former Hibiki” or the “Shareholder Who Agreed to Tender Its Shares (Hibiki)”) (After the execution of the Agreement (Tender Agreement (Hibiki)), the “New Hibiki” (as defined below) shall be referred to as the “Shareholder Who Agreed to Tender Its Shares (Hibiki)”) on the terms of the Tender Agreement (Hibiki) stipulating that (i) the Shareholder Who Agreed to Tender Its Shares (Hibiki) would tender all of the Target Company Shares it holds as of that date (number of shares held: 2,496,700 shares, shareholding ratio: 5.53%) in the Tender Offer, and (ii) subject to the condition precedent that the Tender Offer is successfully completed and the settlement is made, the Shareholder Who Agreed to Tender Its Shares (Hibiki) may, at a time separately agreed upon with the Tender Offeror, make a capital contribution of 2.5 billion yen to (a) the limited partnership that will be newly formed by a CVC Fund and indirectly hold the Target Company Shares or (b) a new company governed by Hong Kong law which will be the indirect parent company of the Tender Offeror or Lumina Group Holdings Limited (the “the Hibiki Re-Investment”) (Note 18).

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Subsequently, the Tender Offeror received a notice dated January 5, 2026, from the Former Hibiki, stating that due to the integration of its business with 3D Investment Partners Pte. Ltd. (3DIP) (“3DIP”), a major independent investment management firm, effective January 2026, it was necessary for the Former Hibiki to transfer all of the Target Company Shares with the investment mandate to Hibiki Path Advisors SPC (the “New Hibiki” (Note 20)) (the “Share Transfer Between Hibiki”). Subsequently, the Tender Offeror received a notice from the Former Hibiki, stating that the Share Transfer Between Hibiki will be executed on January 15, 2026. In response, on January 9, 2026, the Tender Offeror entered into an agreement (the “Agreement (Tender Agreement (Hibiki))” with the Former Hibiki and the New Hibiki regarding the transfer of the contractual position under the Tender Agreement (Hibiki) and amendment to the Tender Agreement (Hibiki) accompanying such transfer. According to the Former Hibiki and the New Hibiki, the Former Hibiki plans to transfer to the New Hibiki, for no consideration, all of the Target Company Shares over which the Former Hibiki holds investment mandate; therefore, regardless of whether the New Hibiki qualifies as a specially related party as defined in Article 27-2, Paragraph 1, Item 1 of the Act, they believe this transfer does not fall under purchases not through a tender offer as prohibited by Article 27-5, Paragraph 1 of the Act and does not violate said paragraph. In the “(Amendment) Notice regarding partial amendment to the ‘Notice regarding Expression of Opinion in favor of Implementation of MBO and Recommendation to Tender Shares” released by the Target Company on January 14, 2026, the Target Company stated that on January 13, 2026, it had received from KOHLBERG KRAVIS ROBERTS & CO. L.P. (including its affiliate companies and related funds) a legally binding letter of intent regarding taking the Target Company Shares private through a tender offer for the Target Company Shares and a

squeeze-out. In response to this, it became necessary for the Tender Offeror to submit an Amendment Statement to Tender Offer Registration Statement. Therefore, as required by laws and regulations, the Tender Offer Period has been extended to January 29, 2026, which is 10 business days after January 15, 2026, the date of the filing of such amendment statement.

(Note 20) According to the Former Hibiki and the New Hibiki, the New Hibiki is under the umbrella of 3DIP and does not belong to the same group as the Former Hibiki.

**3. Policy Regarding Reorganization, etc., Following Completion of the Tender Offer (So-Called “Two-Step Acquisition”)**

(Before Amendment)

<Omitted>

Specifically, promptly after completion of the Tender Offer, the Tender Offeror plans to request the Target Company to hold an extraordinary shareholders' meeting (the "Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting") that will include: (a) a proposal regarding consolidation of the Target Company Shares (the "Share Consolidation") pursuant to Article 180 of the Companies Act and (b) a proposal regarding a partial amendment to the articles of incorporation subject to the Share Consolidation becoming effective for the purpose of abolishing the provision regarding the number of shares constituting one (1) unit of stock. Although the timing of the Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting will depend on the timing of completion of the Tender Offer, it is currently planned to be held in or around mid-March 2026. According to the "Notice regarding Expression of Opinion in favor of Planned Implementation of MBO and Recommendation to Tender Shares" published by the Target Company on September 10, 2025 (the "Target Company's Press Release Dated September 10, 2025"), if the Target Company receives such a request from the Tender Offeror, the Target Company plans to comply with the request. The Tender Offeror and Shareholders Who Agreed Not to Tender Their Shares plan to vote in favor of each of the above-mentioned proposals at the Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting.

<Omitted>

(After Amendment)

<Omitted>

Specifically, promptly after completion of the Tender Offer, the Tender Offeror plans to request the Target Company to hold an extraordinary shareholders' meeting (the "Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting") that will include: (a) a proposal regarding consolidation of the Target Company Shares (the "Share Consolidation") pursuant to Article 180 of the Companies Act and (b) a proposal regarding a partial amendment to the articles of incorporation subject to the Share Consolidation becoming effective for the purpose of abolishing the provision regarding the number of shares constituting one (1) unit of stock. Although the timing of the Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting will depend on the

timing of completion of the Tender Offer, it is currently planned to be held in or around late March 2026. According to the “Notice regarding Expression of Opinion in favor of Planned Implementation of MBO and Recommendation to Tender Shares” published by the Target Company on September 10, 2025 (the “Target Company’s Press Release Dated September 10, 2025”), if the Target Company receives such a request from the Tender Offeror, the Target Company plans to comply with the request. The Tender Offeror and Shareholders Who Agreed Not to Tender Their Shares plan to vote in favor of each of the above-mentioned proposals at the Extraordinary Shareholders’ Meeting.

<Omitted>

### **Solicitation Regulations**

This Press Release is intended to announce the Tender Offer to the public and has not been prepared for the purpose of soliciting an offer to sell shares. If shareholders wish to make an offer to sell their shares, they should first read the tender offer explanation statement concerning the Tender Offer and make an offer to sell their shares at their sole discretion. This Press Release shall neither be, nor constitute a part of, an offer or solicitation to sell, or solicitation of an offer to purchase, any securities, and neither this Press Release (or any part of this Press Release) nor its distribution shall be interpreted to constitute the basis of any agreement in relation to the Tender Offer, and this Press Release may not be relied upon at the time of entering into any such agreement.

### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This Press Release contains “forward-looking statements” as defined in Section 27A of the U.S. Securities Act of 1933 (as amended) and Section 21E of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (as amended) (the “U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934”). It is possible that actual results may substantially differ from the projections, etc. as expressly or implicitly indicated in any “forward-looking statements” due to any known or unknown risks, uncertainties, or any other factors. Neither the Tender Offeror nor any of its affiliates gives any assurance that such projections, etc. expressly or implicitly indicated in any “forward-looking statements” will ultimately be accurate. The “forward-looking statements” included in this Press Release have been prepared based on the information available to the Tender Offeror as of this date, and unless otherwise required by applicable laws and regulations or Financial Instruments and Exchange Act, neither the Tender Offeror nor any of its affiliates is obliged for updating or modifying such statements in order to reflect any future events or circumstances.

### **U.S. Regulations**

The Tender Offer will be conducted in accordance with the procedures and information disclosure standards prescribed in the Japanese law. However, these procedures and information disclosure standards are not necessarily the same as the procedures and information disclosure standards in the U.S. In particular, Section 13(e) and Section 14(d) of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules prescribed thereunder do not apply to the Tender Offer; therefore, the Tender Offer is not conducted in accordance with those procedures or standards. The financial statements contained in this Press Release and reference materials thereof have not been prepared in accordance with the U.S. accounting standards. Accordingly, such financial information may not necessarily be equivalent or comparable to those prepared in accordance with the U.S. accounting standards. Moreover, as the Tender Offeror is a company incorporated outside of the U.S. and a part of or all of its directors are non-U.S. residents, it may be difficult to enforce any rights or claims arising under the U.S. federal securities laws. It may also be impossible to commence legal actions against a non-U.S. company or its officers in a non-U.S. court on the grounds of a violation of the U.S. securities laws. Furthermore, there is no guarantee that a corporation that is based outside of the U.S. or its subsidiaries or affiliated companies may be compelled to submit themselves to the jurisdiction of a U.S. court.

Unless otherwise provided, all procedures for the Tender Offer shall be conducted entirely in the Japanese language. Some or all of the documents relating to the Tender Offer are or will be prepared in the English language. However, if there is any inconsistency between the document in English and the document in Japanese, the Japanese document shall prevail. The Tender Offeror and its affiliate (including the Target Company) and their respective financial advisors and the affiliates of the Tender Offer Agent may, within their ordinary course of business and to the extent permitted under the related Japanese financial instruments and exchange laws and regulations, purchase or take actions to purchase the Target Company Shares for their own account or for their customers' accounts other than through the Tender Offer prior to the commencement of, or during the Tender Offer Period in accordance with the requirements of Rule 14e-5(b) under the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934. If any information concerning such purchase, etc. is disclosed in Japan, disclosure of such information in English will be made by the person conducting such purchase, etc. on the website of such person.

### **Other Countries**

The announcement, issuance, or distribution of this Press Release may be legally restricted in some countries or territories. In such case, shareholders should be aware of and comply with such restriction. The announcement, issuance, or distribution of this Press Release shall not be interpreted as an offer to purchase or solicitation of an offer to sell share certificates concerning the Tender Offer, but shall be interpreted simply as a distribution of information.