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Dear Sir/Madam

# Takeover bid by Soprano Design Technology (Australia) Pty Ltd for Whispir Limited – Third Supplementary Bidder's Statement

We act for Soprano Design Technology (Australia) Pty Ltd ACN 672 092 241 (**Soprano DTA**), a wholly owned subsidiary of Soprano Design Pty Ltd ACN 066 450 397 in relation to its off-market takeover bid under Chapter 6 of the *Corporations Act* 2001 (Cth) (the **Corporations Act**) for all of the fully paid ordinary shares in Whispir Limited ACN 097 654 656 (ASX: WSP) (**Whispir**).

We enclose for release to the Australian Securities Exchange, in accordance with section 647(3)(a)(ii) of the Corporations Act, a copy of Soprano DTA's third supplementary bidder's statement dated 19 December 2023 (**Third Supplementary Bidder's Statement**).

Yours sincerely

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# Third Supplementary Bidder's Statement

This document is a supplementary bidder's statement under section 643 of the *Corporations Act* 2001 (Cth) (Corporations Act). It is the third supplementary bidder's statement (Third Supplementary Bidder's Statement) issued by Soprano Design Technology (Australia) Pty Ltd ACN 672 092 241 (Soprano DTA) in relation to its off-market takeover bid for all the ordinary shares (Shares) in Whispir Limited ACN 097 654 656 (Whispir). This Third Supplementary Bidder's Statement supplements, and should be read together with Soprano DTA's bidder's statement dated and lodged with ASIC on 6 November 2023 (Original Bidder's Statement), first supplementary bidder's statement dated and lodged with ASIC on 21 November 2023 (First Supplementary Bidder's Statement) and second supplementary bidder's statement dated and lodged with ASIC on 12 December 2023 (Second Supplementary Bidder's Statement). Unless the context otherwise requires, terms defined in this Third Supplementary Bidder's Statement have the same meaning as in the Original Bidder's Statement. This Third Supplementary Bidder's Statement is dated 19 December 2023 and was lodged with ASIC and given to ASX on that date. Neither ASIC, nor the ASX, nor any of their respective officers takes any responsibility for the content of this Third Supplementary Bidder's Statement.

#### 1 Conditional increases in Offer Price

Soprano DTA announces that it will increase its all-cash Offer Price under its off-market takeover bid for Whispir:

- (a) to \$0.52 per Share on Wednesday, 20 December 2023; and
- (b) to \$0.55 per Share if, by 5.00pm (Sydney time) on Friday, 22 December 2023, Soprano DTA receives evidence of valid acceptances of its Offer which increase its aggregate relevant interest in Shares to 27.5% or more.<sup>1,2</sup>

Whispir Shareholders whose valid acceptances are received by 5.00pm (Sydney time) on 22 December 2023 will be paid on T+5 payment terms.<sup>3</sup>

Soprano DTA's off-market takeover bid for Whispir is wholly unconditional, certain and not subject to financing.

#### 2 Extension of Offer Period

Soprano DTA announces that it has today extended the close of its Offer Period to 7.00pm (Sydney time) on 28 December 2023 (**Closing Date**) (unless further extended or withdrawn).<sup>4</sup>

#### 3 How to ACCEPT the Offer

You can <u>ACCEPT</u> the Offer online or by completing and returning your personalised Acceptance Form.

To accept the Offer online, login in to <a href="https://investor.automic.com.au/#/home">https://investor.automic.com.au/#/home</a> and follow the instructions below:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Whispir Shareholders should note that, if they accept the Offer and the circumstance specified in this paragraph (b) does not occur, they will receive \$0.52 per Share. However, this is subject to the comment in footnote 2.

Whispir Shareholders should also note that, if they validly accept the Offer before 5.00pm (Sydney time) on Friday, 22 December 2023, and the Offer Price is subsequently increased, they will be entitled to receive the increase in the Offer Price.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Soprano DTA reserves the right to change its Offer Price in other circumstances – however, it has no current intention of doing so.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Whispir Shareholders whose acceptance is received after this time will be sent their consideration under the Offer on or before the earlier of: (i) one month after the Offer is accepted; and (ii) 21 days after the end of the Offer Period. See section 9.6 of the Original Bidder's Statement.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Whispir Shareholders should note that section 624(2) of the Corporations Act provides that if, within the last 7 days of an offer period, (a) the offers under the bid are varied to improve the consideration offered, or (b) the bidder's voting power in the target increases to more than 50%, the offer period is automatically extended so that it ends 14 days after the event referred to in (a) or (b). Soprano DTA reserves the right to extend the Offer Period in other circumstances – however, it has no current intention of doing so.

- click "Register" then select "Whispir Limited Takeover Offer" from the dropdown list in the Issuer Name Field
- 2. enter your Holder Identification Number / Holder Reference. This is shown on the top of your Acceptance Form
- 3. enter your postcode OR country of residence (only if outside Australia)
- 4. tick the box "I'm not a robot" and then select "Next"
- 5. complete the prompts to set up your username and password details
- 6. once you are logged in, select "Offers" from the left-hand vertical menu and follow the prompts.

You can also <u>ACCEPT</u> the Offer by returning your completed and signed Acceptance Form to the address indicated on the form before the Closing Date. Alternatively, if your Shares are registered in a CHESS holding (such holdings will be evidenced by your Holder Identification Number commencing with an 'X'), you can accept the Offer by instructing your Controlling Participant (normally your broker) to accept the Offer on your behalf, before the Closing Date.

For further details on how to <u>ACCEPT</u> the Offer, see section 9 of the Original Bidder's Statement which can be accessed via Whispir's ASX announcements page.

If you have any questions about the Offer (including how to accept the Offer), please call the Soprano Offer Information Line, Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays) between 8.30am and 5.00pm (Sydney time) on 1300 441 608 (for calls made within Australia) or +61 2 8072 1406 (for calls made outside Australia).

# 4 Other information

# 4.1 On market purchases

In accordance with ASIC Market Integrity Rule 5.13.1 and 5.14.1 and the Corporations Act, Soprano DTA reserves, and may at any time exercise, the right to acquire Shares on-market at or below the Offer Price (at the relevant time) during the bid period (as defined in the Market Integrity Rules). Soprano DTA has appointed Jarden Australia Pty Ltd to make such purchases on its behalf. Jarden Australia Pty Ltd is unable to give sellers advice in respect of the proposed purchases of Shares.

Whispir Shareholders who sell their Shares on the ASX will receive payment on a T+2 basis (being two Business Days after the date of the relevant transaction). Whispir Shareholders who sell Shares on the ASX cannot subsequently accept the Offer in respect of their Shares sold on the ASX. In addition, Whispir Shareholders who sell Shares on the ASX may incur brokerage charges and GST on brokerage charges which they may not incur if they accept the Offer.

# 4.2 Approval

This Third Supplementary Bidder's Statement has been approved by a resolution passed by the sole director of Soprano DTA.

date	19 December 2023
	Signed for and on behalf of <b>Soprano DTA</b> by Kichard Favers
	Richard Favero, Sole Director