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**Subject:** confidential information – preliminary information on the Issuer's financial performance

The Management Board of FABRYKI MEBLI "FORTE" S.A. based in Ostrów Mazowiecka (the Issuer, the Company) hereby publishes preliminary information on the financial performance of the FABRYKI MEBLI "FORTE" S.A. Group (the Group) in Q2 of the financial year from 1 July 2024 to 30 September 2024.

According to preliminary calculations, the Group's consolidated sales revenue for the six-month period, i.e. from 1 April 2024 to 30 September 2024, amounted to approx. PLN 479 million (including PLN 74 million in respect of surplus furniture board manufactured at the Group's own board factory, i.e. TANNE Sp. z o.o. sold outside the Group) vs PLN 476 million in the corresponding period of 2023 (including PLN 41 million from sales of board outside the Group), i.e. it was 1% higher than in the corresponding period of 2023.

According to preliminary calculations, the Group's consolidated sales revenue in Q2 2024\_25, i.e. from 1 July 2024 to 30 September 2024, amounted to approx. PLN 228 million (including PLN 33 million in respect of surplus furniture board manufactured at the Group's own board factory, i.e. TANNE Sp. z o.o. sold outside the Group) vs PLN 212 million in the corresponding period of 2023\_24 (including PLN 18 million from sales of board outside the Group), i.e. it was 8% higher than in the corresponding period of the previous financial year.

The Group's estimated consolidated EBIT for the six-month period of the financial year 2024\_25, i.e. from 1 April 2024 to 30 September 2024, was PLN 14 million, compared to PLN (-)12 million in the corresponding period of 2023\_24.

The Group's estimated consolidated EBIT for Q2 2024\_25 was PLN 4 million, compared to (-)14 million in Q2 of the previous year.

The Group's estimated consolidated EBITDA for the 6 months of the current financial year was PLN 42 million, compared to PLN 16 million in the comparative period 2023\_24 (an increase by 163%), while for Q2 2024\_25 alone, EBITDA reached PLN 19 million vs. PLN (-)1 million in Q2 2023\_24.

The current financial results reflect the still difficult situation of the furniture industry, with the already visible effect of cost optimisations implemented by the FORTE Group in previous quarters. Additionally, EBIT was positively influenced by a standard two-week summer shutdown at TANNE vs. a one-month shutdown in the summer of the previous financial year, which resulted in a lower burden of unused production capacity costs on operating activities (PLN 3.6 million in Q2 2024 vs PLN 7.3 million in Q2 2023).

The Issuer's Management Board informs that as of 30 September 2024, the financial debt to EBITDA ratio was 3.4. This ratio is within the range agreed with the financing banks in the Joint Terms Agreement concluded on 24 July 2024.

The Issuer's Management Board informs that the above financial results are estimates only and may differ from the final figures that will be presented in the report for Q2 of the financial year 2024\_25.

**Legal basis:** Article 17(1) of Market Abuse Regulation (MAR)