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### Schedule 14A

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This Schedule 14A filing consists of communications from Workhorse Group Inc. ("Workhorse" or the "Company"), to the Company's employees, customers, partners and analysts relating to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated August 15, 2025, by and among the Company, Motiv Power Systems, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Motiv"), Omaha Intermediate 2, Inc., a Delaware corporation, Omaha Intermediate, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and Omaha Merger Subsidiary, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Merger Agreement").

The following communication was distributed by the Company on October 8, 2025:

# 1. What is the Workhorse Meeting about?

- Workhorse is holding its Annual Meeting of shareholders on November 12, 2025, in connection with the proposed transaction with Motiv and our ordinary annual
  meeting proposals.
- It is very important that Workhorse shareholders vote FOR all of the proposals so we can proceed with the Motiv transaction and provide shareholders the
  opportunity to participate in the upside of the combined company.

# 2. How do I vote for the Workhorse-Motiv transaction?

You can vote by:

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- o Attending the Workhorse Annual Meeting virtually on November 12, 2025.
- o Voting online at www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/WKHS2025.
- o Completing, signing, dating and returning a proxy card.
- If you are a beneficial owner of shares of Workhorse Common Stock, please refer to the vote instruction form provided by your broker, bank or nominee.

# 3. Can I vote my shares without attending the Meeting?

- Yes. If you're a Workhorse shareholder as of September 18, 2025, you can vote by proxy by following the instructions provided in the proxy card mailed to you, or online at www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/WKHS2025.
- If you are a beneficial owner of shares of Workhorse Common Stock, please refer to the vote instruction form provided by your broker, bank or nominee.

# 4. What proposals do I need to vote on at the Workhorse Annual Meeting? Do I need to vote on all of them?

There are nine proposals up for a vote at the Workhorse Annual Meeting.

- In order for us to complete the transaction with Motiv, we need Workhorse shareholders to approve all of the proposals in connection with the Meeting.
- Follow the instructions provided in the proxy card mailed to you or visit votewkhs.com for instructions on how to vote FOR all of the proposals at the Workhorse Annual Meeting.

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### 5. Why is the Workhorse-Motiv transaction good for Workhorse shareholders?

- The combination will provide Workhorse shareholders the opportunity to participate in the upside of a leader in the medium-duty EV commercial vehicle market, with a significant ownership stake in the combined company.
- Workhorse also believes the actions to strengthen the combined company's financial position will create opportunities for margin expansion and provide greater flexibility to pursue future growth initiatives.
- Further, Workhorse and Motiv expect to have more scale and the ability to operate more efficiently, enabling the combined company to compete more effectively with the industry's pure-play electric and legacy OEMs and also capitalize on new opportunities to serve more customers.

### 6. Why should I vote for Workhorse directors if they are going to be replaced once the transaction closes?

- In order to complete the transaction, we need to remain compliant with our NASDAQ listing and therefore elect a slate of directors in the normal course at the Workhorse Annual Meeting.
- As such, we need your vote FOR all proposals that are being brought forth at the Meeting, including the election of Workhorse directors.

### 7. Who is going to be on the new Board once the transaction is complete? Will it mostly be Motiv directors? When do I vote for that?

- The Board will be appointed upon completion of the transaction, as described in the merger agreement and our SEC filings.
- The Board will comprise seven directors, five of whom will be designated by Motiv and two of whom will be designated by Workhorse.
- The specific individuals who will serve on the go-forward board have not yet been disclosed. That board will be up for election at the combined company's next
  Annual Meeting.
- In the meantime, we need shareholders to vote for Workhorse directors who are up for election so we can complete the transaction.

### 8. What is the deadline for getting my vote in for the Workhorse Annual Meeting?

- Votes must be received at the Workhorse Annual Meeting or in advance of the Meeting, which is scheduled for November 12, 2025.
- It is imperative that shareholders vote on all proposals, including those Annual Meeting proposals not related to the transaction with Motiv, to ensure that Workhorse can complete the transaction.

## 9. Why is Workhorse doing a reverse stock split?

- A reverse stock split will likely be necessary in order to ensure Workhorse complies with Nasdaq initial listing rules and meets a minimum share price.
- This would enable Workhorse to complete its transaction with Motiv, create a leading North American medium-duty electric truck OEM, and provide Workhorse shareholders the opportunity to participate in the upside of the combined company.

## 10. When would the Workhorse-Motiv transaction be completed?

• The transaction is expected to close in the fourth quarter of 2025, subject to Workhorse shareholder approval and other customary closing conditions.

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# 11. What if Workhorse shareholders vote against the transaction? What happens to Workhorse if the transaction isn't completed?

- If the transaction does not close, Workhorse will have to continue as an independent company. It will not get access to the financial resources this transaction would provide and shareholders would not have the opportunity to participate in the upside of the combined company.
- We are excited about Workhorse's future with Motiv and focused on completing the transaction.
- We are confident that Workhorse will complete the transaction with Motiv and look forward to providing Workhorse shareholders the opportunity to participate in the upside of the combined company.
- Until the transaction closes, Workhorse will continue to operate as an independent company, just as we always have.

# 12. Will Workhorse file for Chapter 11 or go bankrupt if the transaction is not completed?

- As noted in our proxy filings, if Workhorse is not able to complete the transaction, we may not be able to satisfy the obligations under our financing arrangements
  and may be unable to obtain additional financing, which could cause our results of operations and financial condition to suffer and may force us to pursue
  bankruptcy.
- If Workhorse shareholders vote for the transaction, they can have the opportunity to participate in the upside of the combined company.

#### 13. Is Workhorse only doing this transaction so its executives can get paid?

- · Workhorse is doing this transaction to maximize value for its shareholders and to strengthen its near- and long-term financial positions.
- Workhorse also believes the actions to strengthen the combined company's financial position will create opportunities for margin expansion and provide greater flexibility to pursue future growth initiatives.
- We are confident that we will complete the transaction with Motiv and look forward to providing Workhorse shareholders the opportunity to participate in the upside
  of the combined company.

### 14. What will happen to Workhorse's stock if it can't complete the reverse stock split and merger?

- Approval from Workhorse shareholders to effect a reverse stock split is necessary to comply with Nasdaq listing standards, which is a requirement to completing
  the Motiv transaction.
- By voting FOR the reverse stock split and all of the matters up for election, Workhorse shareholders can participate in the upside of the combined company.

#### 15. What will happen to Workhorse's stock if shareholders don't elect the current directors that are up for election as part of the Annual Meeting?

- Workhorse shareholders need to elect directors so the Company can comply with Nasdaq listing standards, which is a requirement to completing the Motiv transaction.
- By voting FOR the reverse stock split and all of the matters up for election, Workhorse shareholders can participate in the upside of the combined company.

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#### Forward Looking Statements

This communication contains "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 21E of the Exchange Act, and the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, as amended. All statements other than statements of historical fact included in this communication, including, among other things, statements regarding the proposed Merger and other transactions described herein, future events, plans and anticipated results of operations, business strategies, the anticipated benefits of the proposed transactions, the anticipated impact of the proposed transaction on the combined company's business and future financial and operating results, the expected amount and timing of synergies from the proposed transaction, the anticipated closing date for the proposed transaction and other aspects of either company's operations or operating results are forward-looking statements. Some of these statements may be identified by the use of the words "plans", "expects" or "does not expect", "estimated", "is expected", "budget", "scheduled", "estimates", "forecasts", "intends", "anticipates" or "does not anticipate", "targets", "projects", "contemplates", "predicts", "potential", "continue", or "believes", or variations of such words and phrases or state that certain actions, events or results "may", "could", "would", "should", "might", "will" or "will be taken", "occur" or "be achieved".

Forward-looking statements are based on the opinions and estimates of management of Workhorse as of the date such statements are made, and they are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties, assumptions and other factors that may cause the actual results, level of activity, performance or achievements to be materially different from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties could give rise to a delay in or the failure to consummate the Merger or the other transactions described herein (collectively, the "Transactions"). Some factors that could cause actual results to differ include the outcome of continuing discussions between the Workhorse and Motiv with respect to the Transactions, including the possibility that the parties may terminate certain of the Transactions or that the terms of certain of the Transactions may change; our ability to consummate the Transactions or achieve the expected synergies and/or efficiencies; potential regulatory delays; the industry and market reaction to this announcement; the effect of the announcement of the Transactions on the ability of the parties to operate their businesses and retain and hire key personnel and to maintain favorable business relationships; the possibility that the integration of the parties may be more difficult, time-consuming or costly than expected or that operating costs and business disruptions may be greater than expected; the ability to obtain regulatory and other approvals required to consummate the Transactions, including from Nasdaq; the risk that the price of our securities may be volatile due to a variety of factors; changes in laws, regulations, technologies, the global supply chain, and macro-economic and social environments affecting our business; and our ability to maintain compliance with Nasdaq rules and otherwise maintain our listing of securities on Nasdaq.

Additional information on these and other factors that may cause actual results and Workhorse's performance to differ materially is included in Workhorse's periodic reports filed with the SEC, including, but not limited to, Workhorse's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2024, including those factors described under the heading "Risk Factors" therein, and Workhorse's subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q. Copies of Workhorse's filings with the SEC are available publicly on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov or may be obtained by contacting Workhorse. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should any of our assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary in material respects from those projected in these forward-looking statements. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance upon any forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date made. These forward-looking statements are made only as of the date hereof, and Workhorse undertakes no obligations to update or revise the forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law.

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# Additional Information and Where to Find It

Workhorse has filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") a definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A (the "Definitive Proxy Statement") and a proxy card with respect to its solicitation of proxies for Workhorse's 2025 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Annual Meeting"). The Definitive Proxy Statement contains important information about the matters to be voted on at the Annual Meeting. STOCKHOLDERS OF WORKHORSE ARE URGED TO READ THESE MATERIALS CAREFULLY AND IN THEIR ENTIRETY (INCLUDING ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS THERETO) AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS THAT WORKHORSE HAS FILED OR WILL FILE WITH THE SEC BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN OR WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT WORKHORSE AND THE MATTERS TO BE VOTED ON AT THE ANNUAL MEETING. Stockholders are able to obtain a free copy of the Proxy Statement and other relevant documents once such documents are filed with the SEC from the SEC's website at www.sec.gov, or by directing a request by mail to Workhorse Group Inc., 3600 Park 42 Drive, Suite 160E, Sharonville, Ohio 45241, or from the Workhorse's website at www.ir.workhorse.com.

### Participants in the Solicitation

Workhorse and certain of its directors and officers may be deemed to be "participants" in the solicitation of proxies in respect of the matters to be considered about the Annual Meeting. Information concerning the directors and officers of Workhorse and interests of the persons who may be considered "participants" in the solicitation is set forth in Amendment No. 1 to Workhorse's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2024, including under the headings "Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers

and Corporate Governance", "Item 11. Executive Compensation", "Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters" and "Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence", filed with the SEC on April 30, 2025, and available at https://www.sec.gov/ix?doc=/Archives/edgar/data/1425287/000121390025037631/ea0239686-10ka1\_workhorse.htm. Other information regarding the participants in the proxy solicitation and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, will be contained in the proxy statement and other relevant materials to be filed with the SEC regarding the proposed transaction when such materials become available. Investors should read the proxy statement carefully when it becomes available before making any voting or investment decisions. Copies of these documents can be obtained, without charge, at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov, or by directing a request to Workhorse at the address above, or at www.ir.workhorse.com.

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The following risks and uncertainties, among others, could cause actual results or events to differ materially from those described in forward-looking statements: the parties' ability to successfully integrate their businesses and technologies, which may result in the combined company not operating as effectively and efficiently as expected; the risk that the expected benefits and synergies of the proposed transaction may not be fully achieved in a timely manner, or at all; the risk associated with Workhorse's ability to obtain the approval of its shareholders required to consummate the proposed transaction and the timing of the closing of the proposed transaction, including the risk that the conditions to the transaction are not satisfied on a timely basis or at all or the failure of the transaction to close for any other reason or to close on the anticipated terms; the risk that any regulatory approval, consent or authorization that may be required for the proposed transaction is not obtained or is obtained subject to conditions that are not anticipated; the occurrence of any event, change or other circumstance that could give rise to the termination of the proposed transaction; unanticipated difficulties, liabilities or expenditures relating to the transaction; the effect of the announcement, pendency or completion of the proposed transaction on the parties' business relationships and business operations generally; the effect of the announcement or pendency of the proposed transaction on Workhorse's common stock prices and uncertainty as to the long-term value of the combined company's common stock; risks that the proposed transaction disrupts current plans and operations of the parties and their respective management teams and potential difficulties in hiring or retaining employees as a result of the proposed transaction; our ability to develop and manufacture our product portfolio, including the W4 CC, W750, and W56 and other programs; our ability to attract and retain customers for our existing and new products; ongoing and anticipated changes in the U.S. political environment, including those resulting from the new Presidential Administration, control of Congress, and changes to regulatory agencies; the implementation of changes to the existing tariff regime by the new Presidential Administration and measures taken in response to such tariffs by foreign governments; risks associated with obtaining orders and executing upon such orders; the unavailability, reduction, elimination or adverse application of government subsidies and incentives or any challenge to or failure by the federal government, states or other governmental entities to adopt or enforce regulations such as the California Air Resource Board's Advanced Clean Fleet regulation; changes in attitude toward environmental, social, and governance matters among regulators, investors, and parties with which we do business; supply chain disruptions, including constraints on steel, semiconductors and other material inputs and resulting cost increases impacting us, our customers, our suppliers or the industry; our ability to capitalize on opportunities to deliver products to meet customer requirements; our limited operations and need to expand and enhance elements of our production process to fulfill product orders; our general inability to raise additional capital to fund our operations and business plan; our ability to receive sufficient proceeds from our current and any future financing arrangements to meet our immediate liquidity needs and the potential costs, dilution and restrictions resulting from any such financing; our ability to maintain compliance with the listing requirements of the Nasdaq and the impact of any steps we have taken, including reverse splits of our common stock, on our operations, stock price and future access to funds; our ability to protect our intellectual property; market acceptance of our products; our ability to obtain sufficient liquidity from operations and financing activities to continue as a going concern and, our ability to control our expenses; the effectiveness of our cost control measures and impact such measures could have on our operations, including the effects of furloughing employees; potential competition, including without limitation shifts in technology; volatility in and deterioration of national and international capital markets and economic conditions; global and local business conditions; acts of war (including without limitation the conflicts in Ukraine and the Middle East) and/or terrorism; the prices being charged by our competitors; our inability to retain key members of our management team; our inability to satisfy our customer warranty claims; the outcome of any regulatory or legal proceedings, including with Coulomb Solutions Inc.; our ability to realize the benefits of the sale and leaseback transaction of our Union City Facility; and other risks and uncertainties and other factors discussed from time to time in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC").

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No offering of securities will be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or an exemption therefrom.