

Volato Group Sets Preliminary Shareholder Meeting Date to Approve Merger with M2i Global

Special meeting targeted for February 26, 2026 to approve strategic combination

ATLANTA--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Volato Group, Inc. (the "Company" or "Volato") (NYSE American: SOAR) announced today that it has set a preliminary date of February 26, 2026 and preliminary record date of January 17, 2026 for a special meeting of shareholders to vote on the proposed merger with M2i Global, Inc. (OTCQB: MTWO) ("M2i Global") and related matters.

The preliminary meeting date and record date remain subject to applicable regulatory and exchange requirements, including the effectiveness of Volato's Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-292132) (the "Registration Statement") filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and the mailing of definitive proxy materials to shareholders.

The proposed merger creates a combined company built for scale. M2i Global brings a platform focused on critical minerals and national supply chain resilience, while Volato contributes proven aviation technology, software capability, and an established track record of operational execution. Together, the companies aim to participate in a U.S. critical minerals market estimated at more than \$320 billion annually.

A strategic combination with complementary strengths

Under the terms of the merger agreement, M2i Global will merge with a wholly owned subsidiary of Volato with M2i Global continuing as the surviving entity and a wholly owned subsidiary of Volato. Upon closing, M2i Global shareholders are expected to own approximately 85 percent of the combined company and Volato shareholders are expected to own approximately 15 percent on an as converted and fully diluted basis, excluding shares of common stock underlying outstanding Volato warrants.

The merger brings together M2i Global's expertise across mining, refining, and recycling with Volato's strengths in software, data systems, and operational execution. The result is a diversified platform positioned to support U.S. industrial and defense priorities with a modern, technology-enabled foundation for long-term growth.

"Setting a preliminary shareholder meeting date reflects our steady progress toward completing this transformative merger. Once finalized, we believe that this combination will enhance Volato's financial position and expand our reach into the strategically important U.S. critical minerals market," said Matt Liotta, Chief Executive Officer of Volato.

Major General (Ret.) Alberto C. Rosende, Chief Executive Officer of M2i Global, added: "We look forward to uniting with Volato to deliver a secure and transparent domestic supply chain for the minerals that power advanced manufacturing and national defense."

Next steps

Volato will confirm the final meeting date and record date once the SEC declares the Registration Statement effective and definitive proxy materials are prepared for distribution to shareholders.

About Volato

Volato Group, Inc. (NYSE American: SOAR) is a technology company focused on building scalable software and data solutions that improve the reliability and intelligence of high-stakes business decisions. The Company's existing Parslee Document Intelligence platform enhances the performance of leading large language models (LLMs) by adding deterministic structure and auditability to complex documents such as contracts and SEC filings. Through its proposed merger with M2i Global, Volato Group is expanding into the critical minerals sector—leveraging its software expertise to bring greater transparency, traceability, and operational intelligence to supply chains essential for U.S. national security and advanced technologies. For more information visit www.flyvolato.com.

About M2i Global, Inc.

M2i Global, Inc. integrates people, technology, and solutions from across sectors to ensure access to critical minerals and metals for national defense and economic security. M2i Global aims to establish a Critical Mineral Reserve, creating a resilient supply chain that addresses the global shortage of essential minerals and metals. For more information, please visit: www.m2i.global.

Additional Information about the Proposed Transaction and Where to Find It

This communication relates to a potential transaction (the "Transaction") involving M2i Global and Volato. Volato filed with the SEC a Current Report on Form 8-K with respect to the execution of the definitive agreement and the Registration Statement, which includes a preliminary proxy statement/prospectus. This communication is not a substitute for the Registration Statement, the definitive proxy statement/final prospectus or any other document that Volato or M2i Global has filed or will file with the SEC or send to its shareholders or investors in connection with the potential Transaction. This document does not contain all the information that should be considered concerning the potential Transaction and other matters and is not intended to form the basis for any investment decision or any other decision in respect of such matters.

BEFORE MAKING ANY VOTING OR INVESTMENT DECISION, VOLATO'S SHAREHOLDERS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES ARE URGED TO READ THE DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE AND ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS THERETO AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS FILED BY VOLATO WITH THE SEC IN CONNECTION WITH THE POTENTIAL TRANSACTION, OR INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE THEREIN, IN THEIR ENTIRETY BEFORE MAKING ANY VOTING OR INVESTMENT DECISION WITH RESPECT TO THE

POTENTIAL TRANSACTION BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE POTENTIAL TRANSACTION AND THE PARTIES TO THE POTENTIAL TRANSACTION.

After the Registration Statement is declared effective, the definitive proxy statement will be mailed to shareholders of Volato as of the final record date established for voting on the potential Transaction. Additionally, Volato will file other relevant materials with the SEC in connection with the potential Transaction. Copies of the Registration Statement, the definitive proxy statement/final prospectus, and all other relevant materials for the potential Transaction filed, or that will be filed, with the SEC may be obtained, when available, free of charge at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. Volato's shareholders may also obtain copies of the definitive proxy statement/prospectus, when available, without charge, by directing a request to Volato at 1954 Airport Road, Suite 124, Chamblee, GA 30341, or by telephone at (844) 399-8998.

Participants in the Solicitation of Proxies

Volato, M2i Global, and certain of their respective directors and officers may be deemed participants in the solicitation of proxies from Volato's shareholders in connection with the proposed Transaction. Volato's shareholders and other interested persons may obtain, without charge, more detailed information regarding the names and interests in the proposed Transaction of Volato's directors and officers in Volato's filings with the SEC, including Volato's annual reports on Form 10-K and quarterly reports on Form 10-Q. Information regarding the persons who may, under SEC rules, be deemed participants in the solicitation of proxies to Volato's shareholders in connection with the proposed Transaction and a description of their direct and indirect interests will be included in the definitive proxy statement/prospectus relating to the proposed Transaction when it becomes available. Shareholders, potential investors and other interested persons should read the definitive proxy statement/prospectus carefully before making any voting or investment decisions. You may obtain free copies of these documents from the sources indicated above.

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This communication is for information purposes only and is not intended to and does not constitute, or form part of, an offer, invitation or the solicitation of an offer or invitation to purchase, otherwise acquire, subscribe for, sell or otherwise dispose of any securities, or the solicitation of any vote or approval in any jurisdiction, pursuant to the potential Transaction or otherwise, nor shall there be any sale, issuance or transfer of securities in any jurisdiction in contravention of applicable law. The proposed Transaction is expected to be implemented solely pursuant to the legally binding definitive agreement which was filed as an exhibit to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by Volato with the SEC on July 29, 2025, and which contains the material terms and conditions of the proposed Transaction. No offer of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or an exemption therefrom.

Forward Looking Statements

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