



## **The board of directors' statement pursuant to Chapter 18, Section 4 of the Swedish Companies Act**

The board of directors has proposed that the annual general meeting resolves on an allocation of profits involving a cash dividend to the shareholders of SEK 1,15 per share. The sum of the dividend will total SEK 50,834,905, utilising the company's non-restricted equity. In view of the board of directors' dividend proposal, the board hereby issues the following statement pursuant to Chapter 18, Section 4 of the Swedish Companies Act.

The annual general meeting has at its disposal profits carried forward of SEK 589,420,858 and a share premium reserve of SEK 378,276,231. In total, the annual general meeting therefore has a non-restricted equity of SEK 967,697,089 at its disposal. If financial instruments which have been valued at their market value pursuant to Chapter 4, Section 14a of the Swedish Annual Accounts Act instead had been valued in accordance with the lower of cost or market principle, the company's non-restricted equity would have been SEK 12,893,436 lower.

If the annual general meeting resolves in accordance with the dividend proposal, a total of SEK 916,862,184 will remain of the company's disposable non-restricted equity pursuant to Chapter 17, Section 3, of the Swedish Companies Act. There will be full coverage for the company's and the group's restricted shareholders' equity after execution of the proposal.

The board of directors takes the view that, after the execution of the proposal, the company's and the group's non restricted equity will be sufficient in relation to the nature, scope and risks of the business. In making this assessment, the board of directors has considered, among other things, the company's and the group's growth historically, its budgeted growth and the economic situation.

The board of directors has evaluated the company's and the group's financial position and the company's and the group's possibilities of fulfilling their obligations both in the short and in the long term. The company's solvency and the group's solvency is considered good, also after the execution of the proposal, with regard to the business in which the group operates.

The execution of the proposal will not affect the company's or the group's ability to fulfil their payment obligations. The company and the group have access to both short and long-term credit facilities. The credits may be utilised at short notice, for which reason the board of directors assesses that the company's and the group's preparedness to handle both changes in the liquidity and unexpected events is good.

The board of directors takes the view that the company and the group have the resources to take future business risk and to bear potential losses. Execution of the proposal will not negatively affect the company's and the group's ability to make further, businesswise justified investments in accordance with the board of directors' plans.

In addition to the above, the board of directors has considered other known circumstances which may be of importance for the company's and the group's financial position. In doing so, no circumstance has appeared that does not justify the proposal.

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