

The Board of Directors' statement regarding the proposed dividend

The board of directors (the “**Board**”) hereby issues the following statement regarding the dividend proposal, in accordance with Chapter 18, Section 4 of the Swedish Companies Act. The company’s available profit at 30 June 2023 amounts to SEK till 2,129,051,371 and earnings for the year amount to SEK 2,634,880. A profit of SEK 2,131,686,251 is therefore at the disposal of the AGM before the decision regarding a dividend for the 2022/2023 financial year.

Provided that the AGM 2023 resolves in accordance with the Board’s proposal on the allocation of profits, SEK 184,778,232 will be distributed, and SEK 1,946,908,019 will be carried forward. Full coverage is available for the company’s restricted equity following the proposed allocation of profit.

Regarding the proposed dividend, the Board has taken into account the consolidation requirements and liquidity of the company and the group through a comprehensive assessment of the financial position of the company and the group, and the ability of the company and the group to fulfil their commitments in the long term. The proposed dividend does not jeopardise the company’s ability to make the investments deemed necessary. The company’s financial position does not give rise to any other conclusion than that the company is able to continue operating, and that the company is expected to fulfil its obligations in the short and long term. In addition to the assessment of the company’s consolidation requirements and liquidity, the Board also took into account all other known circumstances that may have significance for the financial position of the company. With reference to the above, the Board considers that the proposed dividend is justifiable considering the requirements which the type of operations, size and risks of the company and the group place on the size of the company and the group’s equity, consolidation requirements, liquidity and position in general.

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