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Appendix A

Statement of the board of directors regarding proposal for authorisation by the 2020 Annual General Meeting to acquire own shares pursuant to Chapter 19, Section 22 of the Swedish Companies Act

It is up to the board of directors to justify the proposal to the Annual General Meeting that to repurchase own shares is defensible considering the provisions of Chapter 17, Section 3, second and third paragraphs, of the Swedish Companies Act.

The board of directors proposes that the Annual General Meeting authorises the board of directors to acquire up to 10 percent of all shares in the company, with acquisitions to take place via the Nasdaq Stockholm within the registered price range in accordance with prevalent rules, such authorisation shall remain valid until the next following Annual General Meeting.

The nature and scope of the company's business is set out in the articles of association and annual reports submitted. The business conducted by the company does not entail risks beyond what occurs, or is presumed to occur in the industry, or the risks that in general are associated with conducting business activity.

The equity in the parent company amounted to MSEK 1,152.1 as of 31 December 2019. The parent company's profit after net financial items amounted to MSEK -5.8 during the financial year 2019 (January – December). Consolidated equity attributable to the shareholders of the parent company, amounted to MSEK 1,466.9 as of 31 December 2019. The consolidated equity ratio stood at 45 percent at the beginning of the financial year and the debt equity ratio was 0.6.

Taking the group's financial position into account, the board of directors is of the opinion that the proposal is justifiable in view of the requirements placed on the company as well as the group by the nature, scope and risks of the business as to the magnitude of equity, and in view of consolidation requirements, liquidity and position in other respects. The financial position will continue to be strong even after any repurchases of own shares and is deemed to be entirely adequate to give the company the ability to meet its obligations in the short term as well as on a long term basis, and also to make any required capital investments.

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