

The Board of Directors' proposal to implement a long-term share based incentive program by (A) issuing call options for shares in Bufab, (B) authorising of the Board of Directors to resolve on acquisition of own shares and (C) transferring repurchased shares to participants of the Company's incentive programs

Like previous years, the Board of Directors proposes that the Annual General Meeting 2021 resolves to adopt a long-term share based incentive program (the "**Program**"), on terms and conditions in line with the 2020 incentive program. The Program, which is proposed to comprise approximately 30 key employees within the Bufab group, essentially involves that the participants are given the opportunity to acquire, at market price, call options relating to shares in Bufab AB (publ) ("**Bufab**" or the "**Company**") repurchased by the Company and that participants who remain as employees within the group after three years and still hold call options may receive a subsidy in the form of gross salary additions corresponding to the premium paid for the call options held at the time of payment.

Formally, the Program consists of (A) the issuing of call options for shares in Bufab, (B) an authorisation of the Board of Directors to resolve on acquisition of own shares and (C) transfer of repurchased shares to participants of the Company's incentive programs in accordance with the following.

#### **(A) Resolution on issuing call options for shares in Bufab**

- a) The number of call options to be issued shall not exceed 350,000, corresponding to approximately 0.9 per cent of the total number of shares and votes in the Company. Each call option entitles the holder to acquire one (1) repurchased share in the Company during the period from and including 15 May 2024 up to and including 15 November 2024. However, shares may not be purchased during any such period when trading in the Company's shares is prohibited in accordance with regulation (EU) no 596/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 on market abuse (the "**market abuse regulation**") or any other equivalent legislation which applies at any given time.
- b) The purchase price for shares upon exercise of the call option shall correspond to 115 per cent of the volume-weighted average closing prices for the Company's share on Nasdaq Stockholm during the five trading days before the Board of Directors' resolution on allotment of call options.
- c) The right to acquire the call options shall be granted to the CEO of Bufab group, to senior executives and to other key employees within the group who are directly able to influence the group's profit. The CEO shall be offered a maximum of 30,000 call options. Other participants are divided into two categories depending on seniority, each comprising approximately 15 persons, who shall be offered a maximum of 15,000 and 7,500 call options, respectively, per person.
- d) If a participant refrains in full or in part from acquiring offered call options, such un-acquired call options shall be allocated on a pro rata basis between those participants who have, in writing, expressed their interest in acquiring additional call options. Participants are not entitled in this manner to acquire more than an additional 30 per cent of the original number of call options offered. Since the call options are acquired at market price, no criteria for allocation in the Program are established.
- e) The call options shall be allotted against payment in accordance with the Board of Directors' resolution to the CEO, senior executives and other key employees within the Bufab group, in accordance with the guidelines stated in items c) and d) above. Allotment is expected to take place during the second or third quarter 2021.

- f) Allotment of call options according to item e) shall be made at market value calculated by Ernst & Young AB as an independent valuation institute, applying the Black & Scholes valuation method. The calculation is based on the variables risk-free interest rate, volatility, the term of the call options, expected dividends during the term of the call options, current share price and the acquisition price for shares when exercising the call options (strike price).
- g) The issuance of call options to employees outside of Sweden is dependent on tax effects, that there is no legal impediment, and that the Board of Directors determines that such allocation can be carried out with reasonable administrative and financial resources. The Board of Directors shall be entitled to make such minor amendments to the Program as required by applicable foreign legislation and regulations.
- h) The call options are freely transferable.
- i) The number of shares which the call options bring entitlement to acquire, as well as the exercise price, may be recalculated as a result of e.g. bonus issues, revers splits or splits of shares, new share issues, a reduction of the share capital, or similar actions. The time of transfer of shares may be brought forward as a result of any merger or similar actions.
- j) In order to encourage participation in the Program, the Board of Directors is authorised to resolve on a subsidy in the form of gross salary additions, maximum corresponding to the premium paid for each call option. In such cases, the subsidy will be paid in June 2024, subject to the participant at such point in time is remaining in his/her employment or another corresponding employment within the Bufab group and still holding call options. If a participant has disposed a part of its call options, the participant should receive a subsidy maximum corresponding to the premium paid for the call options held by the participant at the time of payment.
- k) The Company has the right but not any obligation to repurchase call options that the participant does not wish to exercise as per the participant's notification to the Company and part of each participant's call options at a price corresponding to no more than the market value, with the purpose of facilitating the participant's exercise of the remaining call options acquired under the Program. However, call options may not be repurchased during any such period when trading in the Company's shares is prohibited in accordance with Article 19 of the market abuse regulation or any other equivalent legislation which applies at any given time.
- l) The Board of Directors shall, within the framework of the above terms and conditions, be responsible for the preparation and management of the Program.

## **(B) Resolution on authorisation of the Board of Directors to resolve on repurchase of own shares**

In order to hedge Bufab's delivery of shares to the participants of the Program, the Board of Directors proposes that the Annual General Meeting resolves to authorise the Board to acquire, during the period until the next Annual General Meeting, a maximum of 350,000 shares in the Company. Acquisition shall be made on Nasdaq Stockholm in accordance with stock exchange regulations at a price within the registered price interval from time to time, which is the interval between the highest purchase price and the lowest sale price. Acquired shares shall be paid in cash and acquisitions may be made on one or several occasions.

## **(C) Resolution on transfer of repurchased shares to participants of the Company's incentive programs**

The Board of Directors' proposal also implies that the Annual General Meeting approves that the Company, with deviation from the shareholders' preferential right, transfer a maximum of 350,000 of the Company's repurchased shares to the participants of the Program at the fixed exercise price (subject to any recalculation). Transfer shall take place during the time the participants have the right to exercise call options to acquire shares in accordance with the terms and conditions for the Program. The reason for deviation from the shareholders' preferential right at transfer of own shares is to enable Bufab to deliver shares in the Company to the participants of the Program.

Shares that have been acquired by the Company, and which is not transferred to participants in the Program may be transferred to participants in previous incentive programs or future incentive programs decided on by the Annual General Meeting of the Company. Also such shares acquired by the Company within previous years' incentive programs may be transferred to participants in the Program, previous incentive programs or future incentive programs decided by the Annual General Meeting. Transfer shall take place in accordance with applicable rules for the respective incentive programs.

## **Dilution, costs and impact on important key ratios**

The Program does not cause any dilution of the existing shareholders' share of the votes and capital in the Company since it is based on call options for shares already issued by the Company. The Program corresponds to approximately 0.9 per cent of the total number of shares and votes in the Company. Based on actual participation in the 2018, 2019 and 2020 incentive programs, these programs correspond, together with the Program proposed for the Annual General Meeting 2021, to a total of 3 per cent of the total number of shares and votes in the Company.

The costs of the Program consist of the subsidy that during June 2024 may be paid as per the above, the social security charges payable on this subsidy and the financing costs for repurchased shares. The total cost has been estimated to approximately MSEK 4 after corporation tax over the duration of the Program. To be compared with the subsidy, the option premium which the Company will receive on transfer of the call options corresponds to a total of approximately MSEK 4.

During its duration, the Program will impact the key ratio earnings per share positively through the Company's repurchase of shares and negatively because of the Company's transfer of the repurchased shares to the participants in the Program. The net effect on the key ratio earnings per share will be maximum 1 % during the duration of the Program. The cost for the Company's repurchase of own shares is estimated to amount to approximately MSEK 72 and will affect the cash flow, liquidity and equity in connection with the repurchase during the duration of the Program. After the duration of the Program, the above effects are expected to be neutralised. The Program is considered to only result in immaterial impact on other important key ratios.

## **Reason for the Program and its preparation**

Since 2017, the Company has, after a resolution by the Annual General Meeting each year, implemented a yearly recurring long-term incentive program comprising call options, on terms and conditions in all material aspects corresponding to the proposed Program. In the Board of Directors' assessment, the previously resolved incentive programs have so far fulfilled their purposes. Therefore, the Board of Directors proposes that the Annual General Meeting 2021 resolves on a corresponding incentive program. The reason for implementing the Program is that key employees within the Bufab group should be able to benefit from and strive for, through their own investment, an increase in the price of the Company's shares, thus more closely aligning the interests of key employees and the Company's shareholders. The purposes of the Program is also to contribute towards key employees increasing their long-term shareholding in Bufab. The Program is also expected to create conditions for retaining and recruiting competent personnel for the Bufab group, to provide competitive remuneration and to align the interest of the executive management and shareholders. The Board of Directors considers that the Program is reasonable in scope and cost effective. The key employees included in the Program is the group of persons that, in an otherwise heavily decentralised organisation, can create positive effects for the Bufab group. On the basis of this, the Board of Directors believes that the Program has a positive effect on the continued development of the Bufab-group, and that the Program benefits both the shareholders and the Company.

The proposal for the Program has been prepared by the Company's Remuneration Committee in consultation with the Board of Directors of the Company. The Company's management has not been involved in the preparation. The resolution to propose the Program to the Annual General Meeting has been taken by the Board of Directors. Members of the Board of the Company are not included in the Program.

## **Majority requirement**

The Board of Directors' proposal pursuant to items (A) – (C) above shall be resolved on as one resolution with application of the majority rules in Chapter 16 of the Swedish Companies Act, meaning that shareholders representing at least nine-tenths of both the votes cast and shares represented at the meeting must support the resolution.

Värnamo in March 2021  
Bufab AB (publ)  
The Board of Directors