

# NCAB has completed a directed share issue of 1.85 million shares, raising proceeds of approximately SEK 287m

INSIDE INFORMATION: Stockholm, Sweden — 24 April 2020 — NCAB Group AB (publ) ("NCAB" or the "Company") (Nasdaq Stockholm, NCAB) has completed a directed share issue of 1,850,000 shares.

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The board of directors of NCAB has, based on the authorization granted by the annual general meeting on 13 May 2019, resolved on a directed share issue of 1,850,000 new shares at a subscription price of SEK 155 per share (the "**Issue**"). Through the Issue, the Company will receive approximately SEK 287m before transaction costs. The subscription price in the Issue has been determined through an accelerated bookbuilding procedure. The Issue was fully subscribed and subscribed for by a number of Swedish and international institutional investors.

Today, NCAB announced the acquisition of Bare Board Group ("**BBG**"), one of the leading suppliers of printed circuit boards ("**PCBs**") in the US, for a total cash consideration of approximately SEK 125m (for more information, please refer to the separate press release regarding the acquisition).

NCAB intends to use the proceeds from the Issue to increase the Company's financial flexibility. The increased financial flexibility that the Issue entails will inter alia strengthen the Company's position as a relevant and competitive buyer.

The Issue was carried out with deviation from the shareholders' preferential rights and with support of the authorisation from the annual general meeting on 13 May 2019. The rationale for the deviation from the shareholders' preferential rights is to secure financing of a limited size in a cost-effective manner, and to broaden the Company's institutional ownership. It is considered by the board of directors to be a time- and cost-effective capital raising alternative with the purpose of increasing the Company's financial flexibility, broaden the Company's shareholder base and increasing the liquidity in the Company's share. By establishing the subscription price in the Issue through an accelerated bookbuilding procedure, it is the board of directors' assessment that the subscription price accurately reflects current market conditions and demand.

The Issue entails a dilution of approximately 10 percent of the share capital in relation to the number of shares and votes in NCAB after the Issue, through an increase in the number of outstanding shares and votes by 1,850,000, from 16,847,124 to 18,697,124 and a share capital increase by SEK 185,000, from SEK 1,684,712.4 to SEK 1,869,712.4.



In connection with the Issue, the Company has entered into a lock-up undertaking, with customary exceptions, on future share issuances for a period of 180 calendar days after the settlement date. In addition, in connection with the Issue, R12 Kapital AB, currently holding 23.1 percent of the shares and votes in NCAB, the members of the board of directors of NCAB and Anders Forsén, CFO of NCAB, have agreed not to sell any shares in NCAB for a period of 90 calendar days after the settlement date, subject to customary exceptions.

Carnegie Investment Bank AB (publ) acted as Sole Global Coordinator and Bookrunner in connection with the Issue. Roschier acted as legal adviser to NCAB and Baker McKenzie acted as legal adviser to Carnegie.

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NCAB is a worldwide leading supplier of PCBs, listed on Nasdaq Stockholm. NCAB is offering PCBs for demanding customers, on time with zero defects, produced sustainably at the lowest total cost. NCAB was founded in 1993. Since its foundation, the operations have been characterized by an entrepreneurial and cost efficient culture and have over time showed strong growth and good profitability. Today, NCAB has local presence in 17 countries in Europe, Asia and North America and customers in approximately 45 countries worldwide. Revenue in 2019 amounted to SEK 1,781 million. Organic growth and acquisitions are part of NCAB's strategy. For more information about NCAB Group please visit us at <a href="https://www.ncabgroup.com">www.ncabgroup.com</a>.

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For the avoidance of doubt, the Target Market Assessment does not constitute: (a) an assessment of suitability or appropriateness for the purposes of MiFID II; or (b) a recommendation to any investor or group of investors to invest in, or purchase, or take any other action whatsoever with respect to the shares in NCAB.

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