# The Board of Directors of VEF Ltd. has convened a meeting of the SDR holders to vote on the group's proposed redomestication to Sweden

By order of the Supreme Court of Bermuda, the Board of Directors of VEF Ltd. ("**VEF**" or the "**Company**") has today convened a special meeting of holders of Swedish Depository Receipts ("**SDRs**") in the Company (the " **Scheme Meeting**") to vote on the proposed change of domicile of the VEF group from Bermuda to Sweden (the "**Redomestication**"), by way of a Bermuda scheme of arrangement (the "**Scheme of Arrangement**"), to be held

immediately following the Annual General Meeting, **approximately 1.30 p.m. on 6 May 2021**, at the offices of Vinge law firm, Smålandsgatan 20, SE-111 46, Stockholm, Sweden.

Copies of the full notice of the Scheme Meeting, the Scheme of Arrangement, an explanatory statement describing the Scheme of Arrangement in detail and a proxy form are available on the Company's website <u>www.</u><u>vef.vc.</u>

Under the Board of Directors' proposal, as first announced by the Company on 31 March 2021, all SDRs will be cancelled and exchanged for shares in a newly established Swedish group entity that, following completion of the Scheme of Arrangement, will constitute the new parent company of the VEF group.

On 9 April 2021, the Company applied to the Supreme Court of Bermuda for an order sanctioning the convening of the Scheme Meeting, as required under Bermuda law. The order was issued on 9 April 2021.

SDR holders may vote at the Scheme Meeting in person or by a duly authorised representative if a corporation, or may appoint Jesper Schönbeck, member of the Swedish Bar Association, the Chairman of the Board of Directors or another person, whether a SDR holder or not, as proxy to attend and vote in its place. Further instructions are included in the explanatory statement and the proxy form held available on the Company's website.

## Indicative timetable

If the Scheme Meeting approves of the Redomestication, the Company will apply to the Supreme Court of Bermuda for an order sanctioning the Redomestication by way of scheme of arrangement (the **"Sanction Hearing"**). The Board of Directors estimates that the Redomestication can be completed on or around 2 July 2021 (within four weeks of the Sanction Hearing, which in turn is expected to take place within four weeks after the Scheme Meeting approves the Scheme of Arrangement), assuming that all other conditions to the consummation of the Scheme of Arrangement are satisfied at such time. The Company will keep the SDR holders updated on any changes to this indicative timetable.

## Conference call and webcast

The CEO David Nangle will present the Redomestication and the considerations thereto on a conference call and webcast on 28 April 2021. The participants will be given opportunity to ask questions. Further information, including a webcast link and dial-in details will be held available on the Company's website closer to the event date.

Notice to US investors in VEF: The Redomestication relates to the SDRs of a Bermuda company that is a "foreign private issuer" (as defined under Rule 3b-4 under the US Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "US Exchange Act")) and is being made by means of a scheme of arrangement (a "Scheme of Arrangement") provided for under Bermuda law. A transaction effected by means of a Scheme of Arrangement is not subject to the tender offer rules or the proxy solicitation rules under the US Exchange Act. Accordingly, the

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Redomestication is primarily subject to the disclosure requirements and practices applicable in Bermuda to Schemes of Arrangement, which differ from the disclosure requirements of the United States tender offer and proxy solicitation rules. There will be no public offering of securities in the United States. The issuance of shares pursuant to the Redomestication and Scheme of Arrangement will not be registered under the US Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "**US Securities Act**"), and will be issued pursuant to the exemption provided by Section 3(a)(10) under the US Securities Act. Neither the US Securities and Exchange Commission, nor any US state securities commission, has approved or disapproved of the shares to be issued in connection with the Redomestication and Scheme of Arrangement, or determined if this announcement is accurate or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense in the US.

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# About Us

VEF Ltd. is an investment company, whose SDRs are listed in Sweden, that invests in growth stage private fintech companies. We take minority stakes and are active investors with board representation in each of our portfolio companies, always looking to back the best entrepreneurs in each market. We focus on scale emerging markets and invest across all areas of financial services inclusive of payments, credit, mobile money and wealth advisors. VEF trades in Sweden on Nasdaq First North Growth Market under the ticker VEFL SDB. For more information on VEF, please visit http://www.vef.vc.

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## Attachments

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