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# NIMBUS GROUP ACQUIRES AMERICAN BOAT MANUFACTURER EDGEWATER POWERBOATS, LLC

Nimbus Group AB (publ) ("Nimbus Group" or the "Company") has today signed an agreement to acquire all of the shares in the American company EdgeWater Power Boats, LLC ("EdgeWater") for a cash consideration of USD 9.5 million on a cash and debt free basis. The acquisition is financed with equity and the Company intends to carry out a directed share issue of up to 1,937,781 shares. The acquisition of Edgewater is expected to close during the second quarter of 2023. In light of the acquisition and the intended directed share issue, the Board of Directors of Nimbus Group has also decided to withdraw the previous proposal for a dividend.

EdgeWater was founded in 1992 with the purpose of designing and manufacturing robust, safe and reliable powerboats under the premium brand *EdgeWater*. EdgeWater sells boats to the North American market and sold in 2022 more than 300 boats in sizes of up to 37 feet. The boats are mainly saltwater boats, of the centre console type, which are used for pleasure, fishing and transport. All boats are equipped with outboard motors. EdgeWater has approximately 165 employees with an experienced management team and had sales of approximately USD 47.7 million in 2022 [1], had an adjusted EBIT of approximately USD 3.0 million [1], and had an adjusted EBIT margin of approximately 6.3% [1].

The cash consideration amounts to USD 9.5 million on a cash and debt free basis, corresponding to approximately SEK 100 million. Synergy effects are expected to arise through a stronger market position, access to production capacity in the US and through more efficient logistics, which is also positive from a sustainability perspective. The acquisition includes an industrial property which, as of February 2023, is valued at approximately USD 3.5 million [2]. The acquisition is financed with equity and the Company intends to carry out a directed share issue of up to 1,937,781 shares. The Company will announce a press release with more information about the intended directed share issue. EdgeWater will become a part of Nimbus Group's American organisation. The acquisition of EdgeWater is expected to close during the second quarter of 2023 and is subject to customary terms. EdgeWater is expected to be consolidated into Nimbus Group's accounts from the closing date.

"Through the development of new boat models, global expansion, densification of the dealership network and acquisitions, we have delivered on our clear growth strategy. In that strategy, an expansion in the important North American market is one of the cornerstones. The acquisition of EdgeWater adds a strong and successful brand to our portfolio, expands our presence in the North American market and adds an important local organisation with production capacity in the US", says Jan-Erik Lindström, President and CEO of Nimbus Group.

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The market for powerboats in the US is the single largest in the world and to support Nimbus Group's expansion in the US, the Company has made large investments in recent years. In 2022, the Company established its own local organisation at the same time as the Company announced the establishment of its new US sales office and headquarters in Annapolis, Maryland, located on the east coast of the US. The investments have led to Nimbus Group doubling its number of locations in the North American market in 2022.

The Board of Directors of Nimbus Group has also decided to withdraw the previous proposal for a dividend of SEK 1.50 per share for 2022. While current liquidity is sufficient to support the previously suggested dividend proposal, the Board of Directors prefers to strengthen the financial buffer and stability for the Company. In accordance with the financial targets, Nimbus Group shall not have any long-term financial debt (excluding real estate related debt).

[1] Net sales and EBIT have been adjusted for floor plan interest, totaling USD 0.85 million for the full year 2022. According to Nimbus Group's accounting methodology, these interest expenses are accounted for under 'Result from financial items' in the income statement. Other adjustments to EBIT totaling USD 0.02 million are mainly attributable to non-recurring personnel contributions and normalisation of costs for the finance function. Financial information for 2022 is retrieved from EdgeWater's management accounts and has not been subject to audit or any other review by auditor.

[2] In connection with the transaction, Colliers International Florida, LLC has issued a "Broker opinion of Value" where the value of the industrial property has been estimated to between USD 3.4 and 3.6 million.

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#### Conference call

A webcast telephone conference will be held on Thursday 9 March at 11:00 CET during which President and CEO Jan-Erik Lindström will present the acquisition of EdgeWater together with CFO Rasmus Alvemyr. The presentation will be followed by a Q&A session. The presentation will be held in English. If you wish to participate via telephone conference, please register on the link below. After registration you will be provided phone numbers and a conference ID to access the conference. You can ask questions verbally via the telephone conference.

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Press conference March 2023 (financialhearings.com)

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This information is inside information that Nimbus Group is obliged to make public pursuant to the EU Market Abuse Regulation. The information was submitted for publication, through the agency of the contact persons set out above, at 2023-03-08 22:45 CET.

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