

# NCAB announces intention to carry out a directed share issue of up to 1.85 million shares

INSIDE INFORMATION: Stockholm, Sweden — 24 April 2020 — NCAB Group AB (publ) ("NCAB" or the "Company") (Nasdaq Stockholm: NCAB) hereby announces its intention to carry out a directed share issue of up to 1.85 million shares to Swedish and international institutional investors (the "Issue"). The Company has retained Carnegie Investment Bank AB (publ) ("Carnegie") to act as Sole Global Coordinator and Bookrunner to assess the feasibility of the Issue. The subscription price and the total number of new shares in the Issue will be determined through an accelerated bookbuilding procedure (the "Bookbuilding").

The Bookbuilding will start immediately following this announcement. Pricing and allocation of the new shares is expected to take place before the beginning of trading on Nasdaq Stockholm at 09:00 CEST on 27 April 2020. The timing of the closing of the Bookbuilding, pricing and allocation of issued shares are at the discretion of the Company and/or Carnegie and may close earlier or later and may be canceled at any time and consequently, the Company may refrain from completing the Issue. The Company will announce the outcome of the Issue in a press release immediately after the closing of the Bookbuilding.

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 would entail would inter alia strengthen the Company's position as a relevant and competitive buyer.

The contemplated Issue is intended to be 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-efficient manner, and to broaden the Company's institutional ownership. The board of directors considers this to be a time- and cost-efficient 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 will accurately reflect current market conditions and demand.

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.



Roschier is acting as legal adviser to the Company and Baker McKenzie is acting as legal adviser to Carnegie in connection with the Issue.

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### About NCAB

NCAB is a worldwide leading supplier of PCBs, listed on Nasdag 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 www.ncabgroup.com.

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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.

Each distributor is responsible for undertaking its own target market assessment in respect of the shares in NCAB and determining appropriate distribution channels.

This information is information that NCAB 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 person[s] set out above, at 2020-04-24 17:40 CEST.

## **Attachments**



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