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Byggfakta Group intends to list its shares on Nasdaq Stockholm

Byggfakta Group Nordic HoldCo AB (publ) ("Byggfakta Group", "Byggfakta" or the "Company"), a leading market intelligence and sales enablement platform for the European construction industry, today announces its intention to launch an initial public offering of its shares (the "IPO" or the "Offering") and to list its shares on Nasdaq Stockholm. The Offering is expected to consist of both new shares issued by Byggfakta Group and existing shares in the Company offered by the Selling Shareholders¹.

Byggfakta Group's principal shareholders, SSCP Bygger Holdings S.C.A and Bock Capital EU Luxembourg Tricycle S.á.r.l. (the "**Principal Shareholders**"), indirectly controlled by Stirling Square Capital Partners and TA Associates, respectively, together with the Company's board and management, believe that a listing of the Company's shares on Nasdaq Stockholm is an important stage in the development of the Company. The Company expects a listing to further increase the awareness of Byggfakta's operations and activities, benefitting Byggfakta's future potential by strengthening the Company's profile and brand with customers and other stakeholders in the construction ecosystem, as well as increasing the ability to attract and

¹ The Selling Shareholders refer to the Principal Shareholders defined above as well as certain members of management.



retain qualified employees and key management. The IPO will also provide Byggfakta with access to the Swedish and international capital markets and enable a continued active M&A agenda.

Nasdaq Stockholm's listing committee has made the assessment that Byggfakta Group fulfils the applicable listing requirements. Nasdaq Stockholm will approve an application for admission to trading of the Company's shares on Nasdaq Stockholm, provided that certain customary conditions are fulfilled, including that the Company submits such application and fulfils the distribution requirement. Depending on market conditions, the Offering and listing on Nasdaq Stockholm is expected to be completed during the fourth quarter of 2021.

Stefan Lindqvist, CEO for Byggfakta Group, comments:

"A little over 20 years ago I was interviewed by a local newspaper where they quoted me saying that Byggfakta will be the first listed company from Ljusdal. I am therefore very proud to issue this intention to float. The construction technology market is growing rapidly, driven by increased penetration and adoption of digital tools in the historically conservative construction industry. At Byggfakta, we are proud to lead this trend as a solutions provider with a strong foothold in the Nordics and the UK, together with an increased presence in continental Europe, Asia-Pacific and the US through strategic acquisitions. Partnering with all stakeholders in the construction process and actively expanding our product portfolio to provide a more holistic service offering, we are able to create a truly unique experience for our customers and connect the right people with the right opportunities, suppliers and products through our proprietary software platform. Together with our more than 1,600 dedicated employees and customers, we look forward to continuing our journey to become the leading solutions provider in the construction technology industry."

Henrik Lif, Investment Committee Member at Stirling Square Capital Partners and Chairman of the board of Byggfakta Group, comments:

"The IPO of Byggfakta Group marks a new stage in the company's history. Now as a public company we will continue to build the global leader in market intelligence and integrated software solutions for the construction industry, creating an unparalleled digital ecosystem that strongly improves our clients' sales effectiveness. With strong organic growth and high cash conversion generated by its subscription-based model, Byggfakta provides a unique opportunity as consolidator of the industry. I very much look forward to working with Stefan and the team in this new setting."

Naveen Wadhera, Managing Director at TA Associates and Board member of Byggfakta Group, comments:

"Byggfakta has become a go-to digital platform for sales enablement in the European construction industry. The integrated cloud-based platform provides buyers and suppliers of all types with indispensable tools and comprehensive information to facilitate transactions across this very fragmented ecosystem. We have greatly enjoyed partnering with the Byggfakta team and Stirling Square to broaden the geographical and functional scope of the



Company, and we look forward to supporting Byggfakta's continued growth as a public company."

The Offering in brief

Should the Company proceed with the IPO, the shares will be offered to:

- the general public in Sweden; and
- to institutional investors in Sweden and abroad

The offer to institutional investors will only be made (i) to certain institutional investors outside the United States, pursuant to Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "**U.S. Securities Act**"); and (ii) in the United States, only to those reasonably believed to be Qualified Institutional Buyers in reliance on Rule 144A under the U.S. Securities Act.

AMF, Danica Pension Livsforsikringsaktieselskab, Didner & Gerge Fonder AB, Första AP-Fonden (AP1), Grandeur Peak Global Advisors, Lazard Asset Management and Tredje AP-Fonden (AP3) have undertaken, subject to certain conditions, to acquire shares in the Offering for an amount of SEK 3.1 billion at a price up to SEK 75 per share, corresponding to a market value for the outstanding shares in the Company of up to approximately SEK 16.4 billion.

The Offering is expected to consist of both existing shares offered by the Selling Shareholders and new shares issued by the Company. The proceeds from the new shares issued by the Company are expected to amount to approximately SEK 3 274 million. Byggfakta Group intends to use these proceeds to repay debt and to finance the Group's acquisition of BCI Media Group Pty Ltd, a leading B2B information provider for the Asia-Pacific and US construction industry. The acquisition of BCI Media Group Pty Ltd will be completed in connection with the Offering and partially financed through an issue in kind. In connection with the Offering, the Company intends to refinance outstanding debt through new debt facilities and capital contributions from the Principal Shareholders and the latter will be repaid by way of a set-off issue in connection with the IPO. The Company expects to achieve more favourable terms resulting from an improved leverage ratio and the public profile of the Company following the Offering. The new capital structure after the Offering will improve the Company's strategic flexibility to continue its ambitious M&A agenda going forward.

Full terms, conditions and instructions for the Offering will be included in the prospectus to be published by the Company in connection with the Offering and the listing. The prospectus will be published on Byggfakta Group's website at <u>www.byggfaktagroup.com</u>. Further information about the process will be continuously published.

About Byggfakta Group

Byggfakta Group, headquartered in Ljusdal, Sweden, with origins dating back to 1936, is a leading digital platform providing solutions connecting construction value-chain participants, maximising sales and improving efficiency for its customers. The Company's core offering lies



across four product segments, targeting different stakeholders in the construction value chain, namely (i) Project Information – a business intelligence sales lead platform; (ii) Specification – specification software digitalising the specification writing process; (iii) Product Information – an online platform for suppliers to showcase their products online, and providing buyers a comprehensive catalogue of curated construction products; and (iv) e-Tendering - eSourcing and eProcurement software.

Byggfakta Group has an exceptional reach with approximately 43,000 existing customers, 1,056,000 active construction projects, over 160,000 building products on the platform, and more than 137,000 tenders launched per year, creating a highly defensible position across its core geographies including the Nordics (Sweden, Finland, Denmark and Norway), the UK, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, Australia, New Zealand, Asia and the US.

Byggfakta Group is ideally positioned to drive the construction industry's digital transformation. While the construction industry has been slow to innovate and digitise, powerful tailwinds are expected to accelerate the demand for continued digitalisation across the value chain. As a leading player in the construction industry's digital market, with a unique product offering and highly defensible market position across geographies, Byggfakta Group believes that it is well placed to drive the construction industry's digital transformation, and benefit from the increased rate of digitalisation.

A predominantly subscription-based revenue model (86% of total revenue in CF2020²) with proven net sales growth (72% CAGR 2018A-2020PF³ and 10.6% in H1 2021PF compared to H1 2020CF⁴) and high margins (37% Adj. EBITDA margin for 2020PF⁵) provides Byggfakta Group with an extremely resilient and highly attractive financial profile.

Vision, mission and strategy

Byggfakta Group's vision is to become the de facto industry standard and go-to sales lead platform within the global construction ecosystem. The Company's mission is to connect buyers and sellers of products and services across the construction industry.

The Company's growth plan is built on strategic initiatives focusing on existing product rollout in core markets, sales excellence across units, increase spend per client, continued local market consolidation, new market entry and the expansion of the value proposition through M&A.

² As regards compiled financials (CF), they are derived from the Company's internal systems and are unaudited and combined with financials for acquired companies during the relevant periods.

³ Pro forma.

⁴ Includes negative currency effects of 1.7%.

⁵ The margin refers to the sum of pro forma EBITDA and items affecting comparability not included in pro forma, in relation to 2020 pro forma net sales. For more details please see section "*Selected financial information*" below.

Sustainability vision with clear goals

Byggfakta Group's sustainability vision is to leverage its position as a leading digital platform within the construction industry to actively support the sectors response to the climate emergency and to be the market leader in managing their corporate, environmental and social impacts. As such, the Company strives toward the following goals:

- Contribute to a transparent and sustainable construction industry.
- Net-Zero Carbon by 2030.
- 100% renewable electricity consumption by 2025.
- 70% of the media products distributed digitally by 2025.
- Balanced gender composition through all areas of the business and to eliminate the gender gap.

Key strengths and competitive advantages

Byggfakta Group believes that it has a number of strengths and competitive advantages, which the Company expects will allow for future ability to realise strategic objectives and achieve financial targets:

- Market leading positions in an industry where scale matters and barriers to entry are high.
- Large and growing market with strong tailwinds propelled by increased digitalisation of the construction sector.
- Strong value proposition with embedded and long-term customer relationships.
- Leading technology with a proven operational set-up and a highly scalable cloud enabled technology platform.
- Subscription based revenue model with strong underlying organic growth and margins.
- Multiple value creation levers and future growth opportunities.
- Well positioned to continue the consolidation journey in a highly fragmented market.

Selected financial information

The following table shows selected performance measures¹⁾ of Byggfakta Group, including pro forma²⁾ for the period 1 January to 30 June 2021 and for the financial year 2020:

	1 January – 30 June			Financial year	
	2020A	2021A	2021PF	2020A	2020PF
MSEK if nothing else is specified	IFRS			IFRS	
Net sales	324.6	662.7	920.8	745.3	1,681.8
Adjusted EBITDA ³⁾	108.7	261.6	346.0	254.7	618.4
Adjusted EBITDA margin, % ⁴⁾	33.5%	39.5%	37.6%	34.2%	36.8%
Adjusted EBITA ⁵⁾	103.8	246.9	322.8	239.3	575.7
Adjusted EBITA margin, % ⁶⁾	32.0%	37.3%	35.1%	32.1%	34.2%

¹⁾ IFRS performance metrics: Net sales derived from the Company's consolidated financial statements. PwC has audited 2020A and reviewed January-June 2020A and 2021A in accordance with ISRE 2410, pro forma net sales January-June 2021PF and 2020PF procedures have been performed in accordance with RevR5 standards under ISAE 3420. Remaining



metrics are alternative performance measures, which are not defined according to IFRS and extracted from the Company's internal accounts and has neither been audited nor reviewed by the Company's auditor.

²⁾ The unaudited pro forma financial information is presented to illustrate the hypothetical effects of the acquisitions on Byggfakta Group's consolidated income statement for the financial year 2020 and for the financial period 1 January – 30

June 2021 as if each acquisition⁶ had taken place on 1 January 2020. The pro forma financial information has been prepared solely for illustrative purposes.

³⁾ Operating profit (EBIT) before depreciation of tangible assets and amortisation and write-downs of intangible assets, adjusted for items affecting comparability. Adjusted EBITDA for the pro forma periods defined as sum of pro forma Operating profit (EBIT) before depreciation of tangible assets and amortisation of intangible assets, adjusted for items affecting comparability not included in pro forma.

⁴⁾ Adjusted EBITDA in relation to the Company's net sales. Adjusted EBITDA margin for the pro forma periods defined as sum of pro forma EBITDA and items affecting comparability not included in pro forma in relation to the Company's pro forma net sales.

⁵⁾ Operating profit (EBIT) before amortisation and write-downs on intangible assets, adjusted for items affecting comparability. Adjusted EBITA for the pro forma periods defined as sum of pro forma operating profit (EBIT) before amortisation and write-downs on intangible assets, adjusted for items affecting comparability not included in pro forma.
⁶⁾ Adjusted EBITA in relation to the Company's net sales. Adjusted EBITA margin for the pro forma periods defined as sum of pro forma EBITA and items affecting comparability not included in pro forma net sales.

Financial targets

Byggfakta Group's board of directors has adopted the following financial targets:

- **Revenue growth:** Byggfakta aims to achieve an annual organic sales growth of at least 10% driven by double digit organic ARR growth. Furthermore, Byggfakta aims to make strategic acquisitions, financed by the Company's strong free cash flow, that will add another 5-15% to annual sales growth in the medium term.
- **EBITDA margin:** Byggfakta aims to achieve an EBITDA margin of at least 40% in the medium term
- **Capital structure:** Byggfakta aims to maintain a net debt / EBITDA ratio below 3.0x, excluding temporary impact from acquisitions.
- **Dividend policy:** Byggfakta does not foresee paying any dividend in the short to medium term, as the Company intends to use all excess cash flows for strategic acquisitions.

These financial targets constitute forward looking statements, see "Forward looking information" below.

About Stirling Square Capital Partners

Stirling Square Capital Partners is a private equity firm which invests across Europe in midmarket companies with enterprise values between €50million and €500million. Stirling Square manage four funds and a number of co-investment positions, with total committed capital in excess of €2.5billion. Stirling Square was founded in 2002 to help local and national champions transform their businesses into global industry leaders. Since then, Stirling Square have assembled a uniquely constructed, experienced and highly motivated team of international

⁶ The acquisitions made during 2020 and 2021 up until the date of this press release and that are included in the pro forma financial information are: ProdLib, Vortal, Olmero, NBS, Glenigan, Lokalförlaget i Göteborg AB, Fastighetssverige, HelpHero and BCI.



principal investors to deliver a truly pan-European strategy focused on the lower end of the mid-market. For further information about Stirling Square, please visit <u>www.stirlingsquare.com</u>.

About TA Associates

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