Authorizations for the Board of Directors to decide on repurchase and transfer of the Company’s own shares

The Board of Directors proposes that the annual general meeting 2020 authorize the Board of Directors to decide on repurchase of own shares on the main terms and conditions set out below:

1. Repurchases of shares may be made on Nasdaq Stockholm and/or Nasdaq Helsinki.
2. The authorization may be exercised on one or more occasions before the annual general meeting 2021.
3. A maximum number of shares may be acquired so that the Company’s holding at any time does not exceed 10 percent of all the shares in the Company.
4. Repurchases of shares on Nasdaq Stockholm and/or Nasdaq Helsinki may only be made at a price within the spread between the highest bid price and lowest ask price from time to time on Nasdaq Stockholm and/or Nasdaq Helsinki.

Furthermore, the Board of Directors proposes that the annual general meeting authorize the Board of Directors to decide on transfer of own shares, with or without deviation from the shareholders’ preferential rights, on the main terms and conditions set out below:

1. The transfer may be made (i) on Nasdaq Stockholm and/or Nasdaq Helsinki or (ii) outside Nasdaq Stockholm and/or Nasdaq Helsinki in connection with an acquisition of companies or businesses.
2. The authorization may be exercised on one or more occasions before the annual general meeting 2021.
3. Transfer of own shares may be made of up to such number of shares as is held by the Company at the time of the Board of Directors’ decision regarding the transfer.
4. Transfers of shares on Nasdaq Stockholm and/or Nasdaq Helsinki may only be made at a price within the spread between the highest bid price and lowest ask price from time to time on Nasdaq Stockholm and/or Nasdaq Helsinki. In case of transfers outside Nasdaq Stockholm and/or Nasdaq Helsinki the consideration for the shares may be made by cash payment, for payment in kind or by way of set-off and the price shall be established so that the transfer is made on market terms.

The purpose of the authorizations to repurchase and transfer the Company’s own shares, and the reason for the deviation from the shareholders’ preferential rights, is to enable the Company in a time efficient way to use its own shares to make payments in connection with acquisitions of companies or businesses which the Company may undertake, or to settle any deferred payments related to such acquisitions, or for financing such acquisitions or deferred payments.

The purpose of the authorization to repurchase the Company’s own shares is also to provide the Board of Directors with an instrument to adapt and improve the Company’s capital structure and thereby create added value for the shareholders, and/or to give a possibility to the Company to transfer own shares to the participants in the Company’s long-term incentive programs. Please note that any subsequent transfer of such repurchased shares to the participants in the long-term incentive programs requires a separate resolution by the general meeting as set out in item 20 (b) below.

The Board of Directors may decide on the other terms and conditions for the repurchase and transfer. The Board of Directors may also authorize the chair of the Board of Directors to make any minor adjustments that may prove necessary to carry out the Board of Directors’ resolution to repurchase and transfer the Company’s own shares.