

## **PROPOSAL BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CLOETTA AB (PUBL) ON THE INTRODUCTION OF A LONG TERM SHARE BASED INCENTIVE PLAN (LTI 2013)**

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The Board of Directors proposes that the Annual General Meeting resolves on the introduction of a long term share based incentive plan for Cloetta AB (publ) ("Cloetta") as follows.

### **1.1 LTI 2013 in brief**

The main reason for the introduction of a share based long term incentive plan is to, following the merger between Cloetta and LEAF in 2012, align the interests of the shareholders on the one hand and group management and other key employees on the other hand in order to ensure maximum long term value creation. LTI 2013 will also create a long term group-wide focus on value growth among the participants. It is also considered that incentive plans facilitate Cloetta's recruitment and retention of group management and other key employees.

LTI 2013 comprises of approximately 68 employees, consisting of the group management and other key employees. To participate in LTI 2013, a personal shareholding in Cloetta is required. Following a defined vesting period, the participants will be allocated B-shares in Cloetta free of charge provided that certain conditions are fulfilled. In order for so-called matching share rights to entitle the participant to receive B-shares in Cloetta, continued employment with Cloetta is required and the personal shareholding in Cloetta must have been continuously maintained. Allocation of B-shares on the basis of performance share rights requires, in addition, that two performance targets have been met, one of which is related to Cloetta's EBITA and the other to Cloetta's net sales value. The maximum number of B-shares in Cloetta which may be allocated under LTI 2013 shall be limited to 1,920,000<sup>1</sup>, representing approximately 0.7 per cent of the outstanding shares and 0.5 per cent of the outstanding votes.

The Board of Directors intends to propose to future Annual General Meetings to adopt long term incentive plans based on principles similar to those of the now proposed LTI 2013.

### **1.2 Participants in LTI 2013**

LTI 2013 comprises of approximately 68 employees consisting of group management and certain key employees within the Cloetta Group, divided into two categories. The selection of employees into the two categories have been made taking into account that members of the group management and certain other key employees have previously been offered to acquire call options at market terms. These call options have been granted by the main owners<sup>2</sup> in the company for incentive pur-

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<sup>1</sup> Subject to possible recalculation.

<sup>2</sup> AB Malfors Promotor, Nordic Capital Fund V and funds advised by CVC Capital Partners.

poses. As a result, the employees that have acquired call options will not be included in the first category and therefore not able to receive the maximum allocation under LTI 2013. The first category is comprised of approximately 32 employees who have been considered to have a significant direct impact on the results of Cloetta. The second category is comprised of approximately 36 individuals, consisting in part of employees who have been considered to have an indirect impact on the results of Cloetta and, as stated above, in part of group management and the other key employees who have already been offered to participate in the existing call option scheme.

### **1.3 Personal shareholding, grant of share rights and vesting periods**

To participate in LTI 2013, the participant must have a personal shareholding in Cloetta ("Investment Shares"), which shall be allocated to LTI 2013. The Investment Shares may be acquired specifically for purposes of LTI 2013, or be shares already held by the participant. The participant may allocate 1,500, 3,000, 4,500 or, as a maximum, 6,000 Investment Shares to LTI 2013.

For the first category of participants, each Investment Share gives entitlement to one matching share right ("Matching Share Right") and four performance share rights ("Performance Share Right") (together referred to as "Share Rights"). For the second category, each Investment Share gives entitlement to one Matching Share Right and two Performance Share Rights. The Share Rights will be granted to the participant following the Annual General Meeting 2013 in connection with, or shortly after, an agreement is made between the participant and Cloetta concerning participation in LTI 2013. Allocation of B-shares, if any, on the basis of Share Rights will, except for in exceptional circumstances, occur after the announcement of Cloetta's interim report for the first quarter 2016 (the "Vesting Period").

### **1.4 Terms for all Share Rights**

For all Share Rights the following conditions apply:

- The Share Rights are granted free of charge.
- Each Matching Share Right entitles the participant to receive, free of charge, one Cloetta B-share on condition that the participant remains employed within the Cloetta Group and that the participant continues to hold all the Investment Shares during the entire Vesting Period. Allocation of B-shares on the basis of Performance Share Rights requires, in addition, fulfilment of two performance targets.
- The participants are not entitled to transfer, pledge or dispose of the Share Rights or perform any shareholders' rights regarding the Share Rights during the Vesting Period.
- Cloetta will not compensate the participants in the plan for dividends made in respect of the shares that the respective Share Right qualifies for.

### **1.5 Performance Share Rights**

The number of Cloetta B-shares that will be allocated to the participant based on the participant's holding of Performance Share Rights will depend on the level of fulfilment of two performance targets, one of which relates to Cloetta's EBITA level during 2015 and the other relates to growth in Cloetta's compounded net sales value during 2013, 2014 and 2015. A minimum level and a maximum level for each of the performance targets has been established by the Board of Directors. In order for

every Performance Share Right to give entitlement to one (1) B-share in Cloetta, the maximum level for both performance targets must have been fulfilled. Where the level of fulfilment is between the minimum and maximum levels, allotment will occur on a linear basis in stages, whereby each of the two performance targets is given equal importance in terms of entitling the participant to B-shares.<sup>3</sup> Cloetta intends to present the level of fulfilment of the performance targets in the 2015 annual report.

#### **1.6 Formulation and administration**

The Board of Directors, or a specific committee appointed by the Board of Directors, shall be responsible for the formulation and administration of LTI 2013, and the terms that will apply between Cloetta and the participant in the plan, within the scope of the terms and directions set out herein. In connection therewith, the Board of Directors shall be authorised to establish divergent terms for the plan regarding inter alia the Vesting Period and allocation of Cloetta shares in the event of termination of employment during the Vesting Period as a result of e.g. early retirement. The Board of Directors shall be authorised to make the necessary adjustments to fulfil specific rules or market prerequisites in other jurisdictions. In the event that the delivery of shares to persons outside of Sweden cannot be achieved at reasonable cost and with reasonable administrative efforts, the Board of Directors may decide that the participating person may instead be offered cash based settlement. The Board of Directors shall, in certain circumstances, be entitled to reduce the final allocation of Cloetta shares or, in whole or in part, terminate the plan prematurely without compensation to the participants if significant changes occur in the company or on the market.

#### **1.7 Scope**

As a maximum, 1,920,000 B-shares in Cloetta can be allocated to the participants under LTI 2013, which represents approximately 0.7 per cent of all shares and 0.5 per cent of all votes in the company. The number of B-shares included in LTI 2013 shall, under conditions that the Board of Directors stipulates, be subject to recalculation where Cloetta implements a bonus issue, a share split or a reverse share split, a rights issue or similar measures, taking into account customary practice for similar incentive plans.

#### **1.8 Hedging**

In order to secure delivery of Cloetta B-shares under LTI 2013, the company intends to enter into one or several equity swap agreement(s) with a third party, under which the third party shall, in its own name, buy and transfer B-shares in the company to the participants in accordance with LTI 2013. Such equity swap agreement may also be used for the purpose of hedging against social security fees resulting from LTI 2013.

#### **1.9 Estimated costs and values of LTI 2013**

The Share Rights cannot be pledged or transferred to others, but an estimated value for each right can be calculated. The Board of Directors has estimated that the average value of each Share Right is

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<sup>3</sup> For the purpose of determining the level of fulfillment of the performance targets, Cloetta's EBITA and net sales value will be adjusted so to be unaffected by structural changes such as acquisitions and divestures as well as extra ordinary items.

SEK 16.50. This estimate is based on the closing price for the Cloetta share on 1 March 2013. Based on the assumption that all persons who have been offered participation in the plan participate, that they make the maximum investment and that there is a 100 per cent fulfilment of the two performance targets as well as estimates regarding employee turnover, the aggregate estimated value of the Share Rights is approximately MSEK 31.7. This value is equivalent to approximately 0.67 per cent of the market capitalisation for Cloetta as of 1 March 2013. The costs are treated as staff costs in the profit and loss accounts during the Vesting Period, in accordance with IFRS 2 on share-based payments. In the profit and loss accounts, social security costs will accrue in accordance with UFR 7 over the Vesting Period. The size of these costs will be calculated based on the Cloetta share price development during the Vesting Period and allocation of the Share Rights. Based on a constant share price during the plan, and a Vesting Period of approximately three (3) years, the total cost of LTI 2013 including social security costs is estimated to amount to approximately MSEK 38.4, which on an annual basis is approximately 1.0 per cent of Cloetta's total staff costs during the financial year 2012. LTI 2013 has no limitation on maximum profits per Share Right for the participants and therefore no maximum social security costs can be calculated.

#### **1.10 Effects on key ratios**

In the event of full participation in LTI 2013, Cloetta's staff costs are expected to increase with approximately MSEK 12.8 annually (including social security costs). On a pro-forma basis for 2012, these costs are equal to a negative effect on Cloetta's operating margin of approximately 0.3 per cent and a decrease of earnings per share of approximately SEK 0.03. Nevertheless, the Board of Directors considers that the positive effects on Cloetta's financial performance which are expected from an increased shareholding by the participants, and the possibility to be allocated further shares in Cloetta under LTI 2013, outweigh the costs related to LTI 2013.

#### **1.11 The preparation of the proposal**

LTI 2013 has been initiated by the Board of Directors and prepared together with external advisors. The plan has been prepared by the Remuneration Committee and dealt with at meetings of the Board of Directors during 2012 and the beginning of 2013.

#### **1.12 Other incentive plans in Cloetta**

Cloetta has no other share based incentive plan that is still outstanding, which is administered by the company. As has been set out above, Cloetta's main shareholders have informed the Board of Directors that members of group management and certain other key employees have acquired call options at market terms. The call options have been granted by the main owners in order to promote the commitment to Cloetta's development. The options comprise in the aggregate 15,251,303 B-shares in the company (subject to recalculation according to customary terms).

#### **1.13 The proposal by the Board of Directors**

Referring to the description above, the Board of Directors proposes that the Annual General Meeting resolves to introduce LTI 2013.

**1.14 Majority requirement**

A resolution to introduce LTI 2013 in accordance with the Board of Directors' proposal is valid where supported by shareholders holding more than half of the votes cast at the Annual General Meeting. The main shareholders in the company, AB Malfors Promotor, Nordic Capital Fund V and funds advised by CVC Capital Partners, together representing 60.3 per cent of all shares and 69.6 per cent of all votes in Cloetta as per 28 February 2013, have declared that they support the Board of Directors' proposal.

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Cloetta AB (publ)  
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