

# The Board of Directors of Carbiotix AB (publ) proposes a directed share issue of a maximum of approximately SEK 7.00 million

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The Board of Directors of Carbiotix AB (publ) ("Carbiotix" or the "Company") has today resolved to propose a directed share issue of a maximum of 175,000,024 shares at a subscription price of SEK 0.04 per share (the "Directed Issue"). The investors in the Directed Issue are Sustainable Holding Sweden AB, owned by the Company's Chairman of the Board, Kristofer Cook, and the external investors Konvexitet AB and Lars Niklas Borgquist. Through the Directed Issue, the Company will receive a maximum of approximately SEK 7.00 million before deduction of issue costs, which are estimated to amount to approximately SEK 0.30 million. The notice to the extraordinary general meeting will be issued separately.

#### The Directed Issue

The investors in the Directed Issue consist of Sustainable Holding Sweden AB, owned by the Company's Chairman of the Board, Kristofer Cook, and the external investors Konvexitet AB and Lars Niklas Borgquist. The participation in the Directed Issue is shown in the table below. All investors have committed to subscribe for their respective shares of the Directed Issue through binding subscription undertakings.

Existing owners	Amount (SEK)	Number of shares (pcs)
Sustainable Holding Sweden AB	3,500,000.96	87,500,024
New owners	Amount (SEK)	Number of shares (pcs)
Konvexitet AB	2,500,000.00	62,500,000
Lars Niklas Borgquist	1,000,000.00	25,000,000
Total:	7,000,000.96	175,000,024

Through the Directed Issue, a maximum of 175,000,024 shares will be issued at a subscription price of SEK 0.04 per share, which means that the Company will receive a maximum of approximately SEK 7.00 million before issue costs, which are estimated to amount to approximately SEK 0.30 million.

# Reasons for the deviation from pre-emption rights and reasons for the capitalisation

The reasons for the deviation from shareholders' pre-emption rights are as follows. The Board of Directors has carefully investigated and considered alternative financing options, including the possibility



of raising capital through a rights issue. However, after an overall assessment and careful consideration, the Board of Directors is of the opinion that a new share issue carried out with deviation from the shareholders' preferential rights is a more favourable alternative for the Company and the Company's shareholders than a rights issue and that it is objectively in the interest of both the Company and its shareholders to carry out a directed issue. The Board has considered, inter alia, the following.

- The rights issue of shares and warrants decided by the Board of Directors on 7 December 2023, approved by the General Meeting on 10 January 2024 and whose subscription period ended on 31 January 2024 was subscribed to a total of approximately 76.2 per cent, of which underwriters subscribed to approximately 3.9 per cent. The attached warrants of series TO3, whose subscription price was set at SEK 0.04 per new share (the same price as proposed in the Directed Issue) and which could be exercised for subscription of new shares in the Company during the period 5 June 2024–19 June 2024, only had a subscription rate of approximately 39.12 per cent. Consequently, part of the Company's capital needs remain.
- An additional rights issue would be significantly more time and resource consuming compared to a directed issue, not least due to the work involved in securing a rights issue, while there is no guarantee that such an issue would be fully subscribed. A reduced timeframe allows flexibility for potential investment opportunities in the short term, contributes to reduced exposure to fluctuations in the share price on the stock market, and enables the possibility to capitalise on the current interest in the Company's share. Furthermore, the costs of a directed issue are considered to be lower than the costs of a rights issue since, inter alia and based on the market volatility observed in 2024, such an issue would also require significant underwriting commitments from an underwriting syndicate, which would entail additional costs and/or additional dilution for shareholders depending on the nature of the consideration for such underwriting.
- The reason why the issue is partly directed to the existing shareholder is that this shareholder has expressed and demonstrated a long-term interest in the Company, which, according to the Board of Directors, creates security and stability for both the Company and its shareholders as well as significant strategic and long-term value. It is the Board's assessment that without the support of the existing shareholder, it would not have been possible to carry out a successful capital raising. Furthermore, the Company's shareholder base will be strengthened with two new long-term investors.
- Another aspect that speaks in favour of the choice of a directed issue is that a rights issue would most likely have had to be carried out at a significant discount, which would lead to greater dilution effects for the Company's existing shareholders, which is avoided with a directed issue where the subscription price has been set at SEK 0.04, corresponding to a discount of approximately 10.00 per cent against the closing price of the Company's share on Spotlight Stock Market on 5 July 2024. From a shareholder perspective, a rights issue at a significant discount also entails a risk of a negative effect on the share price in connection with the implementation of the rights issue.

In light of the above, the Board's overall assessment is that the reasons for carrying out the Directed Issue outweigh the reasons for a rights issue in accordance with the main rule, and that a directed share issue is therefore in the interests of both the Company and all its shareholders.

The subscription price has, after arm's length negotiations between the Company and the external investors, been set at SEK 0.04 per share. The subscription price corresponds to a discount of



approximately 10.00 per cent compared to the closing price of the Company's share on Spotlight Stock Market on 5 July 2024. During the negotiations of the subscription price, it has been taken into account that the Company's warrants of series TO3, whose subscription price was set at SEK 0.04 per new share and which could be exercised for subscription of new shares in the Company during the period 5 June 2024–19 June 2024, only had a subscription rate of approximately 39.12 per cent. The Board of Directors therefore makes the assessment that the subscription price has been determined in such a way that marketability has been ensured and that the subscription price reflects prevailing market conditions and demand.

## Number of shares, share capital and dilution

Through the Directed Issue, the number of shares and votes will increase by 175,000,024 to 376,023,000 and the share capital will increase by SEK 2,625,000.36 to SEK 5,640,345.00. The new share issue entails a dilution for existing shareholders of approximately 46.54 per cent of the number of shares and votes in the Company.

#### Lock-up agreement

Provided that the Directed Issue is completed, the investors will undertake, with certain customary exceptions, not to sell or otherwise dispose of their shares in the Company for a period of 12 months from the settlement date of the Directed Issue.

# **Extraordinary general meeting**

The Directed Issue is subject to Chapter 16 of the Swedish Companies Act (2005:551) (the so-called Leo rules). Accordingly, a resolution of the general meeting is only valid if it has been supported by shareholders representing at least nine-tenths (9/10) of both the votes cast and the shares represented at the general meeting. The General Meeting Notice of the Extraordinary General Meeting will be issued through a separate press release. The EGM is planned to be held on 14 August 2024.

## **Flagging**

The Company announces that Sustainable Holding Sweden AB and Konvexitet AB, as a result of the Directed Issue, will pass the flagging threshold of 25.00 and 15.00 per cent, respectively. Sustainable Holding Sweden AB already owns 23,999,998 shares in the Company, corresponding to approximately 11.94 per cent. Following the completion of the Directed Issue, Sustainable Holding Sweden AB's holding will amount to 111,500,022 shares, corresponding to approximately 29.65 per cent of the shares in the Company. Following the completion of the Directed Issue, Konvexitet AB's holding will amount to 62,500,000 shares, corresponding to approximately 16.62 per cent of the shares in the Company.

#### The UDI Act

Carbiotix has made the assessment that the Company conducts activities worthy of protection according to the Act (2023:560) on the review of foreign direct investments, which is why certain investments in the Company must be notified to the Swedish Inspectorate for Strategic Products ("ISP"). Through the Directed Issue, Sustainable Holding Sweden AB and Konvexitet AB will exceed the thresholds of 20.00 per cent and 10.00 per cent, respectively, which is why the investments are subject to notification. Allocation of the shares will only take place after the investment has been cancelled or approved by ISP.

#### **Advisors**

Moll Wendén Advokatbyrå AB is acting as legal advisor to the Company in connection with the Directed Issue and Eminova Fondkommission AB is acting as issuing agent in connection with the Directed Issue.



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