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# VNV Global AB (publ) has completed a directed share issue raising approximately SEK 1,191 million

The Board of Directors of VNV Global AB (publ) ("VNV Global" or the "Company") has, in accordance with the Company's press release yesterday, with support of the authorization granted by the Annual General Meeting on 4 May 2021, resolved on a share issue of 9,685,000 shares (the "Directed Share Issue"). The subscription price in the Directed Share Issue amounts to SEK 123 per share. Through the Directed Share Issue, which was substantially oversubscribed, VNV Global will receive proceeds amounting to approximately SEK 1,191 million (approx. USD 134 million) before deduction of transaction costs. Investors in the Directed Share Issue include existing shareholders and several well-renowned Swedish and international institutions, including Baillie Gifford, Consensus Asset Management, C WorldWide Asset Management, Nordea Asset Management, Skandia and Swedbank Robur.

The subscription price in the Directed Share Issue is SEK 123 per share and has been determined by way of an accelerated bookbuilding procedure carried out by Jefferies International and Pareto Securities AB. The subscription price in the Directed Share Issue corresponds to a discount of approximately 5.1 percent compared to the closing price on Nasdaq Stockholm on 18 November 2021 and 0.4 percent premium compared to the Company's reported NAV as per 30 September 2021. Through the Directed Share Issue, the Company will receive approximately SEK 1,191 million (approx. USD 134 million) before deduction of transaction costs.

The Company believes that a directed share issue with deviation from the shareholders' pre-emptive rights is the most appropriate alternative for the Company at this time, allowing the Company to raise capital swiftly in order to enable potential investment opportunities in the short term, reduce the exposure to volatility in the market and to capture the current momentum in the share. A directed share issue enables the Company to raise capital in a cost-efficient manner. The Directed Share Issue is primarily carried out to support the Company's future investments, which includes both follow-on investments and new pipeline investments. The Board of Directors' assessment is that the subscription price in the Directed Share Issue is in accordance with market conditions, since it has



been determined through an accelerated bookbuilding procedure.

The Directed Share Issue entails a dilution of approximately 8.3 percent of the number of common shares in the Company. Through the Directed Share Issue, the number of outstanding common shares will increase by 9,685,000 from 106,738,547 to 116,423,547. The share capital will increase by approximately SEK 968,500.0, from SEK 10,673,854.7 to SEK 11,642,354.7 for the common shares\*.

"We are grateful for the support coming from both new and existing investors in this directed share issue. We intend to use this additional funding to continue to capitalize on our strong deal flow and invest in attractive risk/reward opportunities with the ambition to create long-term value for all our shareholders", said Per Brilioth, CEO of VNV Global.

In connection with the Directed Share Issue, the Company has agreed, pursuant to a lock-up undertaking, not to issue additional shares for a period of 180 days following settlement of the Directed Share Issue, subject to customary exceptions. In addition, the members of the board of directors and management of VNV Global have agreed not to sell any shares in the Company for a period of 90 days following the settlement of the Directed Share Issue, subject to customary exceptions.

## Advisers

Jefferies GmbH, Jefferies International Limited and Pareto Securities AB are acting as Joint Global Coordinators and Joint Bookrunners in the transaction. Advokatfirman Vinge KB and Milbank LLP are legal advisers to the Company.

\*The Company has issued 3,070,683 Class C shares under the Company's long-term incentive programs for 2019, 2020 and 2021 in addition to the common shares. The total number of shares, including Class C shares, following the Directed Share issue will be 119,494,230 shares and the share capital will be approximately SEK 11,949,423.0. Each Class C-share and each common share entitle the holder to one vote per share.

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## Information to distributors

European Economic Area



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For the avoidance of doubt, the EEA 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 VNV Global.

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

United Kingdom



Solely for the purposes of the product governance requirements contained within: (a) Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA (i.e., the UK MiFIR); and (b) the FCA Handbook Product Intervention and Product Governance sourcebook (together, the "UK MiFIR Product Governance Requirements"), and disclaiming all and any liability, whether arising in tort, contract or otherwise, which any "manufacturer" (for the purposes of the UK MiFIR Product Governance Requirements) may otherwise have with respect thereto, the shares in VNV Global have been subject to a product approval process, which has determined that the shares are: (i) compatible with an end target market of retail clients as defined in point (8) of Article 2 of Regulation (EU) No 2017/565 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA, professional clients as defined in UK MiFIR, and eligible counterparties as defined in the FCA Handbook Conduct of Business Sourcebook; and (ii) eligible for distribution through all distribution channels as are permitted by UK MiFIR (the "UK Target Market Assessment"). Notwithstanding the UK Target Market Assessment, distributors should note that: the price of the shares in VNV Global may decline and investors could lose all or part of their investment; the shares in VNV Global offer no guaranteed income and no capital protection; and an investment in the shares in VNV Global is compatible only with investors who do not need a guaranteed income or capital protection, who (either alone or in conjunction with an appropriate financial or other advisor) are capable of evaluating the merits and risks of such an investment and who have sufficient resources to be able to bear any losses that may result therefrom. The UK Target Market Assessment is without prejudice to the requirements of any contractual, legal or regulatory selling restrictions in relation to the Directed Share Issue.

For the avoidance of doubt, the UK Target Market Assessment does not constitute: (a) an assessment of suitability or appropriateness for the purposes of UK MiFIR; 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 VNV Global.

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## Attachments

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