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# Catena intends to carry out a directed share issue

Catena AB (publ) ("Catena" or the "Company") intends to carry out a directed issue of up to 4,534,944 new shares (the "Share Issue"), to Swedish and international institutional investors, through an accelerated book building procedure and has appointed ABG Sundal Collier and Van Lanschot Kempen as Joint Global Coordinators and Bookrunners in connection with the Share Issue.

The Company continues to experience a strong demand for modern and efficient logistics facilities. Catena has nine larger ongoing projects with a total estimated remaining investment of around SEK 2bn and expects to continue capitalising on the strong demand by adding new projects of around SEK 1bn. In pursuit of reaching net-zero on greenhouse gas emissions by 2030, management has also identified a potential of up to SEK 500m worth of sustainable energy investment opportunities within the portfolio. These investments include amongst others, solar panels, energy storage and various retrofits, which combined could yield as much as low double-digit returns. Additionally, in light of the current financial environment, management expects to materialise attractive acquisition opportunities and has identified a potential acquisition pipeline of around SEK 1bn.

The Share Issue is therefore undertaken to 1) support the existing development pipeline, 2) allow Catena to continue growing by new project schemes including sustainable energy projects, and 3) capitalise on attractive acquisitions whilst also maintaining a solid capital structure in today's volatile financial market circumstances. In combination, the investments are expected to add substantial long-term value to shareholders.

Therefore, Catena's Board of Directors welcomes the vote of confidence expressed by its second largest shareholder, WDP Invest NV, a subsidiary of Warehouses de Pauw NV/SA ("WDP"), holding around 10.0% of capital and votes in the Company, which has signalled its support of the Share Issue and indicated a pro-rata demand in order to sustain its current shareholding.

The subscription price and final number of new shares will be determined by way of an accelerated book building procedure, which will commence immediately after publication of this announcement and end before the start of trading on Nasdaq Stockholm on November 30, 2022. Catena will publish the results of the Share Issue when the book building procedure is finished. The book building procedure may, at the discretion of the Company, close earlier or later or may be cancelled at any time.

As the subscription price in the Share Issue will be determined through a book building procedure, with institutional investors, it is the Board of Director's assessment that the subscription price will reflect current market conditions and demand and will therefore be in line with market conditions.

The Share Issue is subject to a resolution by the Board of Directors of Catena, which, alongside pricing and allocations, is expected to occur prior to the start of trading on Nasdaq Stockholm at 09.00 a.m. on November 30, 2022. The potential Share Issue will be executed in accordance with the authorisation granted by the annual general meeting on April 28, 2022.

In connection with the Share Issue, the Company has agreed, with customary exceptions, not to issue additional shares for a period of 180 calendar days after the settlement date. In addition, various board members, management team members as well as WDP have agreed, with customary

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exceptions, not to sell any existing shares in Catena for a period of 180 calendar days after the settlement date.

The Company's Board of Directors has made an overall assessment and considered the possibility of a rights issue to increase capital but concluded that a rights issue would add complexity and requires a significantly longer execution time which could prevent the Company from acting on near-term business opportunities. In addition, the Board of Directors assessed that a rights issue would come at substantially higher costs and that it could have a significantly more negative impact on the share price compared to the Share Issue. Moreover, unlike a rights issue, the Share Issue is expected to broaden the Company's shareholder base with new institutional investors, which the Board of Directors believes could strengthen the liquidity of the share further. Furthermore, the Board of Directors considers that an additional reason for the deviation from the shareholders' preferential rights is to ensure a strong balance sheet and a balanced overall level of risk in the current volatile situation in financial markets. In light of the above, the Board of Directors has made the assessment that the Share Issue with deviation from the shareholders' preferential rights is the most favourable alternative for Catena and in the best interest of the Company's shareholders.

## **Advisers**

ABG Sundal Collier and Van Lanschot Kempen have been appointed as Joint Global Coordinators and Bookrunners. Born Advokater acts as legal counsel to the Company and Baker & McKenzie Advokatbyrå KB acts as legal counsel to ABG Sundal Collier and Van Lanschot Kempen in connection with the Share Issue.

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## **Information to distributors**

Solely for the purposes of the product governance requirements contained within: (a) EU Directive 2014/65/EU on markets in financial instruments, as amended ("MiFID II"); (b) Articles 9 and 10 of Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2017/593 supplementing MiFID II; and (c) local implementing measures (together, the "MiFID II Product Governance Requirements"), and disclaiming all and any liability, whether arising in tort, contract or otherwise, which any "manufacturer" (for the purposes of the MiFID II Product Governance Requirements) may otherwise have with respect thereto, the shares in Catena have been subject to a product approval process, which has determined that such shares are: (i) compatible with an end target market of retail investors and investors who meet the criteria of professional clients and eligible counterparties, each as defined in MiFID II; and (ii) eligible for distribution through all distribution channels as are permitted by MiFID II (the "EU Target Market Assessment"). Solely for the purposes of each manufacturer's product approval process in the United Kingdom, the target

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market assessment in respect of the shares in the Company has led to the conclusion that: (i) the target market for such shares is only eligible counterparties, as defined in the FCA Handbook Conduct of Business Sourcebook, and professional clients, as defined in Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 ("UK MiFIR"); and (ii) all channels for distribution of such shares to eligible counterparties and professional clients are appropriate (the "UK Target Market Assessment" and, together with the EU Target Market Assessment, the "Target Market Assessment"). Notwithstanding the Target Market Assessment, Distributors should note that: the price of the shares in Catena may decline and investors could lose all or part of their investment; the shares in Catena offer no guaranteed income and no capital protection; and an investment in the shares in Catena 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 adviser) 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 Target Market Assessment is without prejudice to the requirements of any contractual, legal or regulatory selling restrictions in relation to the Share Issue. Furthermore, it is noted that, notwithstanding the Target Market Assessment, the Joint Bookrunners will only procure investors who meet the criteria of professional clients and eligible counterparties.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Target Market Assessment does not constitute: (a) an assessment of suitability or appropriateness for the purposes of MiFID II or 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 Catena.

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

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