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Ålandsbanken Abp ("Ålandsbanken") announces a consent solicitation for its outstanding up to SEK 2,500,000,000 floating interest rate notes due 2022 (ISIN SE0010598474) (the "Notes") issued under Ålandsbanken's EUR 2,000,000,000 Medium Term Note and Covered Bond Programme to solicit consents, waivers and decisions to amend the terms and conditions of the Notes (the "Proposal") in relation to the contemplated issue of a standalone covered bond by Ålandsbanken as the initial issuer with terms and conditions allowing the standalone covered bond to be transferred to Borgo AB ("Borgo") as subsequent issuer at a later stage subject to the approval of Ålandsbanken and Borgo (the "New Covered Bond"). The New Covered Bond relates to a contemplated agreement between Ålandsbanken and Borgo, according to which Ålandsbanken will transfer its Swedish mortgage loans and SEK-denominated covered bonds it has issued to Borgo. Nordea Bank Abp and Danske Bank A/S will act as Joint Lead Managers and Bookrunners in the issuance of the New Covered Bond.

Ålandsbanken commences a consent solicitation process and initiates the procedure in writing (the "Procedure in Writing") for the noteholders to vote for or against the Proposal to amend the terms and conditions of the Notes by adding a call option according to which Ålandsbanken may redeem all, but not some only, of the outstanding Notes in full any time prior to the final maturity date at an amount equal to 100.800 per cent. of the nominal amount together with accrued but unpaid interest. Nordea Bank Abp (the "Tabulation Agent") is acting as the tabulation agent and solicitation agent in connection with this Procedure in Writing.

As compensation for the noteholders voting by 25 August 2021 (the "Early Deadline") in this Procedure in Writing, Ålandsbanken offers a fee of 0.30 per cent. (the "Consent Fee") for the aggregate nominal amount of the Notes voted for by each noteholder. The Consent Fee shall be paid to those noteholders from whom the Tabulation Agent has received a valid voting form in favour or

against the Proposal prior to the Early Deadline.

The payment of the Consent Fee is subject to (i) the Proposal being approved by a requisite majority of the noteholders participating in the Procedure in Writing and (ii) early redemption of the Notes by Ålandsbanken pursuant to the call option as set out in the terms and conditions of the consent solicitation.

For the avoidance of doubt, Ålandsbanken has no obligation to exercise the call option and it is in its sole discretion even if the Proposal has been approved.

Subject to satisfaction of certain requirements as set out in the terms and conditions of the consent solicitation, noteholders voting in favour of the Proposal no later than the Early Deadline are eligible to receive priority in the allocation of any new bonds under the New Covered Bond, subject to the terms and conditions of the New Covered Bond.

Noteholders shall return, as applicable, the voting form, as set out in Schedule 1 of the notice of Procedure in Writing (the "Notice of Procedure in Writing") annexed hereto, and, the power of attorney/authorisation set out in Schedule 2 of the Notice of Procedure in Writing annexed hereto or other sufficient evidence, if the Notes are held in custody other than by Euroclear Sweden AB, by scanned copy by e-mail to: [nordealiabilitymanagement@nordea.com](mailto:nordealiabilitymanagement@nordea.com).

To be eligible to participate in the Procedure in Writing and receive the priority allocation of any new bonds under the New Covered Bonds and/or the Consent Fee a person must meet the criteria for being a noteholder on 25 August 2021 (the "Record Date"). This means that the person must be registered on a securities account with Euroclear Sweden AB, as a direct registered owner or authorised nominee with respect to one or several Notes. The Tabulation Agent must receive the completed voting form no later than 12:00 (CEST) on 1 September 2021 by email using the contact details set out below. Votes received thereafter may be disregarded.

The results of the Procedure in Writing will be published on the website of Ålandsbanken on 2 September 2021 at the latest.

The details of the terms and conditions of the consent solicitation are set out in the Notice of Procedure in Writing, which will be made available to noteholders and may be requested from Nordea Bank Abp as Tabulation Agent.

Tabulation Agent, Nordea Bank Abp, e-mail: [Nordealiabilitymanagement@nordea.com](mailto:Nordealiabilitymanagement@nordea.com),

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should take, such noteholder should seek its own financial and legal advice, including in respect of any tax consequences, immediately from its broker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant or other independent financial, tax or legal adviser.

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## ANNEX

## NOTICE OF PROCEDURE IN WRITING

## **Attachment**

- [Alandsbanken-Abp-Notice-of-Procedure-in-Writing-17-August-2021](#)