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## **SAS AB (publ) launches SEK 1.6 billion guaranteed convertible bond offering due 2019**

SAS AB (publ) ("SAS" or the "Company") announces today that it intends to issue SEK 1.6 billion in aggregate principal amount of convertible bonds (the "Bonds") due in 2019. SAS' obligations under the Bonds will be unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by Scandinavian Airlines Systems Denmark – Norway – Sweden.

The senior unsecured Bonds are expected to bear interest in the range of 3.125% - 3.625% payable semi-annually in arrear and will be convertible into fully paid common shares of the Company (the "Shares") at an initial conversion price equal to a conversion premium of 25% - 30% over the volume weighted average price of the Shares on NASDAQ OMX Stockholm between launch and pricing of the offer.

The Bonds will be issued and redeemed at 100% of their principal amount and will, unless previously redeemed, converted or purchased and cancelled, mature in April 2019. SAS has the right to redeem all but not some of the Bonds at any time after approximately three years following the Issue Date at 100% of their principal amount together with accrued interest if the value of the Shares on NASDAQ OMX Stockholm exceeds, for a specified period of time, 130% of the conversion price.

The Bonds are expected to be subscribed on behalf of investors by J.P. Morgan on or around 4 March 2014 (the "Issue Date") and to be settled on or around 5 March 2014 (the "Settlement Date"). It is intended that application will be made for the Bonds to be listed on the Open Market (*Freiverkehr*) segment of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange by no later than one month after the Issue Date. The proceeds from the issue of the Bonds together with the proceeds from the preference share offer announced on 7 February 2014 by SAS will be used to redeem certain of the Company's outstanding bonds maturing in 2015, strengthen the Company's financial condition for the continued renewal of the aircraft fleet, but also to strengthen the Company's financial preparedness and to reduce its dependence on bank financing.

The Company has agreed not to place, in line with market practice, any further ordinary shares or certain related securities or enter into certain derivative transactions relating to ordinary shares (subject to certain customary exceptions) in the market for a lock-up period of 90 days after the Issue Date.

J.P. Morgan is acting as sole bookrunner with respect to the issuance of the Bonds. Mannheimer Swartling is acting as legal advisor to SAS in connection with the convertible bond offering.



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