

BE Group announces rights issue of approximately SEK 250 million

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Summary

- As earlier communicated, the Board of Directors of BE Group has resolved on a rights issue of approximately SEK 250 million, with preferential rights for the existing shareholders in BE Group. The rights issue is subject to approval by the Annual General Meeting, which will be held on 7 May 2015
- Full terms of the rights issue are expected to be announced at the latest on 6 May 2015
- The company's intention is that the rights issue is to be fully secured
- The trading in subscription rights is expected to take place as from 21 May 2015 up to and including 2 June 2015
- The subscription period will run from and including 21 May 2015 up to and including 4 June 2015
- The rights issue proceeds will be used in order to strengthen BE Group's financial position and to reduce the company's debt by loan amortization

Background and reasons

BE Group is a trading and service company with a wide range within steel, stainless steel and aluminum. The company offers direct deliveries, stock sales and production services to customers primarily in the construction and engineering industry in mainly Sweden and Finland.

As the industry, and BE Group, has developed weaker than expected in 2014 a strengthened financial position is required. The Board therefore proposes to the Annual General Meeting a rights issue of approximately SEK 250 million. The proceeds will be used to strengthen the company's financial position and reduce debt.

The rights issue will provide the company with financial flexibility to manage growth as well as a possible continued weak trend in the market.

The rights issue

The Board of Directors has on 7 April 2015 resolved, subject to the Annual General Meeting's approval, on a new share issue of approximately SEK 250 million, with preferential rights for the Company's shareholders, in proportion to current shareholdings as of the record date. If all shares are not subscribed for on the basis of subscription rights, the Board of Directors will decide on allotment of shares subscribed for without subscription rights, and such shares shall be allocated to

subscribers that have used subscription rights in the issue, irrespectively if they were shareholders at the record date or not, and, should the issue be oversubscribed, in relation to the number of shares that such persons have subscribed for in the issue. Allocation shall secondly be made to other subscribers who have subscribe without subscription rights and, should the issue be oversubscribed, in relation to the number of shares that such persons have given notice to subscribe for. Any remaining shares shall be allocated to those who guaranteed the rights issue, pro rata in proportion to their respective undertaking. If the above mentioned allotment cannot be made pro rata, allotment shall be made through drawing of lots.

The Board of Directors will no later than 6 May 2015 announce the number of subscription rights received per share and the number of subscription rights required for subscription of one new share, the number of shares to be issued and the subscription price to be paid for each new share.

The record date for participation in the rights issue is on 13 May 2015 and the subscription period runs from and including 21 May 2015 up to and including 4 June 2015, with the right for the Board of Directors to extend the subscription period. The trading in subscription rights is expected to take place as from 21 May 2015 up to and including 2 June 2015.

The rights issue is subject to approval by the Annual General Meeting, which will be held on 7 May 2015. For further information, see notice in separate press release.

Subscription and guarantee undertakings

The company's intention is that the rights issue is to be fully secured.

Preliminary timetable for the rights issue

Latest 6 May	The subscription price and offer ratio are announced in a press release
7 May	The Annual General Meeting resolves on approval of the Board of Directors' rights issue resolution
11 May	Last day of trading in BE Group's share including subscription rights
12 May	BE Group's share is traded excluding subscription rights
13 May	Record date for allotment of subscription rights, i.e. shareholders who are registered in the Company's share register as of this day will receive subscription rights for participation in the new share issue
13 May	Estimated date for publication of the prospectus
21 May – 2 June	Trading in subscription rights
21 May – 4 June	Subscription period (subscription through payment)
Around 9 June	Announcement of the preliminary outcome

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