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Press release

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# THQ Nordic announces intention of directed share issue of B shares

THQ Nordic AB ("THQ Nordic" or the "Company") hereby announces its intention of a placement of Class B shares corresponding to approximately 10 percent of the capital in the Company (the "New shares") through issuance of new shares directed to Swedish and international institutional investors, which is intended to be carried out based on the authorization granted by the annual general meeting 2018 and subject to the approval of an extra general meeting (the "Directed new share issue"). THQ Nordic has engaged Carnegie Investment Bank AB (publ) and Nordea Bank Abp, filial i Sverige, to investigate the conditions for a placement of new Class B shares through a so-called "accelerated bookbuilding" procedure.

The price of the New shares will be determined through an accelerated bookbuilding procedure, which will begin today at 17:30 on February 20, 2019 and end before the commencement of trading on Nasdaq First North on February 21, 2019. The bookbuilding procedure may, at the discretion of the Company, close earlier or later and may be cancelled at any time.

Provided that the Board of Directors resolve upon the Directed new share issue, a notice to an extraordinary general meeting will be published in order to approve the Board of Directors' decision regarding the part of the Directed new share issue not resolved by the board based on the authorization from the annual general meeting. A notice is expected to be published in connection to the announcement of the outcome of the bookbuilding procedure. The Company's principal owners, Lars Wingefors (through Lars Wingefors AB and Lars Wingefors 2 AB), Erik Stenberg (through Xagonus AB) and all Class A shareholders<sup>1</sup> who together holds approximately 53.77 percent of the shares and approximately 75.48 percent of the votes in THQ Nordic, have committed themselves to vote at the extraordinary general meeting in favour of the Board of Directors' decision to issue new shares which requires the extra general meeting's approval.

The reason for the deviation from the shareholders' preferential rights are mainly to diversify the shareholder base among Swedish and international institutional investors and at the same time raise capital in a time efficient manner. The Company intends to use the proceeds from the Directed new share issue to finance new acquisitions of franchises, game development studios or other assets which complement the operations, and to enable a higher rate of investment in the development of the Company. The Board of Directors' assessment is that the subscription price in the Directed new share issue will be in accordance with market conditions, since it will be determined through an accelerated bookbuilding procedure.

In connection with the Directed new share issue, the Company has undertaken, with customary exceptions, not to issue additional shares for a period of 180 calendar days after the settlement date. In addition, Lars Wingefors and Erik Stenberg have undertaken not to sell any shares in THQ Nordic for a period of 180 calendar days after the settlement date, with customary exceptions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> MB Holding AB, controlled to 100 percent by Mikael Brodén, Gerado AB, controlled to 100 percent by Klemens Kreuzer, Lumarisimo AB, controlled by Pelle Lundborg with family and Gigalomanaic Holding AB, controlled to 100 percent by Reinhard Pollice.

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The reason for that the Directed new share issue is intended to be carried out both based on an authorization and subject to a subsequent approval of the extra general meeting is that the Board of Directors' current authorization as of this date amounts to a maximum of 4,732,662 shares.

## Advisers

Carnegie Investment Bank AB (publ) has been appointed Global Coordinator and Joint Bookrunner, Nordea Bank Abp, filial i Sverige has been appointed Joint Bookrunner (jointly referred to as "Managers"). Baker & McKenzie Advokatbyrå KB acts as legal counsel to the Company and Gernandt & Danielsson Advokatbyrå KB acts as legal counsel to the Managers in connection with the Directed new share issue.

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# About THQ Nordic

THQ Nordic acquires, develops and publishes PC and console games for the global games market. The company has an extensive catalogue of over 100 owned franchises, such as Saints Row, Goat Simulator, Dead Island, Darksiders, Metro (exclusive license), Titan Quest, MX vs ATV, Kingdoms of Amalur, Time Splitters, Delta Force, Alone in the Dark, Wreckfest amongst others.

THQ Nordic has a global presence, with its group head office located in Karlstad, Sweden and with three divisions; Deep Silver/Koch Media, THQ Nordic and Coffee Stain. The group has fifteen internal game development studios based in Germany, Finland, UK, USA and Sweden and engages about 2,000 people.

THQ Nordic's shares are publicly listed on Nasdaq First North Stockholm under the ticker THQN B with FNCA Sweden AB (e-mail: info@fnca.se phone: +46-8-528 00 399) as its Certified Adviser. For more information, please visit: http://www.thqnordic-investors.com.

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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 (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 B shares in THQ Nordic.

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