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Evolution Gaming extends the acceptance period for the recommended public offer to the shareholders of NetEnt to 20 November 2020

On 24 June 2020, Evolution Gaming Group AB (publ) ("**Evolution**") announced a recommended public offer to the shareholders of NetEnt AB (publ) ("**NetEnt**") to sell all their shares in NetEnt to Evolution in exchange for 0.1306 Evolution shares for each share in NetEnt (the "**Offer**"). The Offer includes both the unlisted shares of series A and shares of series B that are admitted to trading on Nasdaq Stockholm. The initial acceptance period for the Offer, which commenced on 21 August 2020 and expires on 30 October 2020, is now extended up to and including 20 November 2020.

The Offer is conditional upon, *inter alia*, the receipt of all necessary approvals from relevant authorities (including competition authorities), among others the Malta Competition and Consumer Affairs Authority (Office for Competition) and the UK Competition and Markets Authority (the "**CMA**").

The Malta Competition and Consumer Affairs Authority (Office for Competition) has on 29 September 2020 announced its approval of Evolution's acquisition of NetEnt.

The process at the CMA is still ongoing. Following customary pre-notification discussions with the authority (which were initiated shortly after the announcement of the Offer), the CMA's formal procedure was initiated on 22 September 2020. CMA's process continues up to and including 16 November 2020 (the so-called phase 1), and, consequently, cannot be expected to be completed within the initial acceptance period for the Offer.

As a result of the timing for the CMA process, the board of directors of Evolution has resolved to extend the acceptance period for the Offer up to and including 20 November 2020. Other than the extension of the acceptance period, the terms and conditions of the Offer remain unchanged.

Assuming that the Offer is declared unconditional no later than around 23 November 2020, settlement is expected to commence around 1 December 2020. Evolution reserves the right to further extend the acceptance period for the Offer and to postpone the settlement date.

Extension of undertakings to accept the Offer

By reason of the extended acceptance period, certain members of the Hamberg, Knutsson, Lindwall, Kling and Wattin families, who in total directly or indirectly control 21,727,000 shares of series A and 30,087,360 shares of series B in NetEnt (corresponding to 21.02 per cent of all shares and 45.02 per cent of all votes in NetEnt), have extended their respective undertakings to accept the Offer up to and including 20 November 2020. Other than the extension of the undertakings, the terms and conditions of the undertakings remain unchanged.¹

Shareholding board members in NetEnt that intend to extend their undertakings to accept the Offer

Pontus Lindwall, Peter Hamberg and Christoffer Lundström, who are members of the board of directors of NetEnt and in total directly or indirectly control 11,837,285 shares of series A and 9,299,264 shares of

¹ Hamberg family: 7,291,000 shares of series A and 3,660,628 shares of series B. Knutsson family: 6,000,000 shares of series A and 8,900,000 shares of series B. Lindwall family: 3,624,000 shares of series A and 735,570 shares of series B. Kling family: 2,052,000 shares of series A and 6,791,489 shares of series B. Wattin family: 2,760,000 shares of series A and 9,999,673 shares of series B.



series B in NetEnt (corresponding to approximately 8.58 per cent of all shares and 23.24 per cent of all votes in NetEnt), are, as a result of NetEnt being in a so-called closed period up until the publication of the company's interim report for the period January–September 2020, under applicable rules on market abuse prevented from extending their respective undertakings to accept the Offer. However, Pontus Lindwall, Peter Hamberg and Christoffer Lundström (also on behalf of Novobis AB and StrategiQ Capital AB) have informed Evolution that they intend to extend their respective undertakings to accept the Offer immediately following NetEnt publishing the interim report, which is planned to take place on 22 October 2020.

Advisers

Evolution has engaged SEB Corporate Finance as financial adviser and Gernandt & Danielsson Advokatbyrå as legal adviser in connection with the Offer.

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For more information about the Offer, please visit www.b2bonlinecasino.com.

Important information

The Offer is not being made to (and acceptances will not be approved from or on behalf of) persons whose participation in the Offer requires that additional offer documents are prepared or registrations effected or that any other measures are taken in addition to those required under Swedish law (including Nasdaq Stockholm's Takeover Rules), except where there is an applicable exemption. In particular, the Offer is not capable of being accepted by persons who are located or resident in the United States unless they are so-called qualified institutional buyers ("QIBs") (as defined in Rule 144A under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "**U.S. Securities Act**")), and any purported acceptance of the Offer by persons located or resident in the United States other than QIBs or which, at the sole discretion of Evolution, appear to be made in respect of NetEnt shares beneficially held by persons located or resident in the United States other than QIBs will not be accepted. By accepting the Offer, NetEnt shareholders, unless participating pursuant to the exception for QIBs referred to above, will be deemed to represent and warrant, on behalf of themselves and any person on whose behalf they beneficially hold NetEnt shares, that they are not located or resident in the United States (see "Notice for US shareholders" below).

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