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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **HANZA AB (publ) explores conditions for carrying out a directed new share issue of approx. SEK 250 million**

HANZA AB (publ) ("HANZA" or the "Company") intends to carry out a directed new share issue of approx. SEK 250 million to Swedish and international institutional, and other qualified investors, through an accelerated bookbuilding procedure (the "Directed New Share Issue"). HANZA has engaged Pareto Securities AB (the "Manager") to explore the conditions for carrying out the Directed New Share Issue.

#### **Background**

The company currently has a good financial position with a debt level well below the target that the interest-bearing net debt/adjusted EBITDA should amount to no more than 2.5.

However, HANZA sees significant opportunities to secure new larger manufacturing projects. Furthermore, there are additional strategical acquisitions that may be considered within the Company's strategy, HANZA 2025.

The net proceeds from the Directed New Share Issue are thus intended to be used to support an ongoing expansion strategy. This involves preparedness for new significant business events, investment in capacity-enhancing projects within the operations, as well as financial flexibility for the company's acquisition strategy and optimizing the capital structure. Furthermore, the Directed New Share Issue makes it possible to broaden the current owner base to Swedish and international investors who intend to participate long-term in the Company's continued growth journey.

#### **The Directed New Share Issue**

The subscription price and allocation of shares in the Directed New Share Issue will be determined through an accelerated bookbuilding procedure, which will commence immediately after publication of this press release and is expected to end prior to the commencement of trading on Nasdaq Stockholm on 7 December 2023. The total number of shares issued, the subscription price and allotment in the Directed New Share Issue will be determined by HANZA in consultation with the Manager. The Company will inform about the outcome of the Directed New Share Issue in a press release when the bookbuilding procedure has been completed. The bookbuilding procedure can, if the Company or the Manager chooses to do so, end earlier or later and can at any time be cancelled, thus the Company can, in whole or in part, refrain from executing the Directed New Share Issue.

The Company's largest shareholder and board member, Gerald Engström has through his company Färna Invest AB, indicated interest in subscribing for shares to a value of up to SEK 50 million in the Directed New Share Issue. Any allocation to Färna Invest AB will be conditioned by an approval from an extraordinary general meeting. In such case, notice of the extraordinary general meeting will be published through a separate press release.

The Directed New Share Issue is intended to be carried out with deviation from the shareholders' preferential rights and, save for any allocation to Färna Invest AB, by virtue of the authorization granted by the annual general meeting held on 8 May 2023.

The Directed New Share Issue is intended to be carried out as a directed new share issue with deviation from the shareholders' preferential rights to, in a timely and cost-effective manner, secure financing on favorable terms for the Company's continued growth. A rights issue is significantly more time- and resource consuming compared to a directed new share issue, not least as a result of the work and costs which the preparation of a prospectus entails. Furthermore, the delay from conducting a preferential rights issue could lead to loss of the opportunity to carry out potential acquisitions or other investments. The Board of Directors has also, in the choice of type of share issue, considered it positive that HANZA's shareholder base, through the Directed New Share Issue, is further strengthened and diversified among Swedish and international institutional, and other qualified, investors. In light of the above, the Board of Directors has made the assessment that a directed share issue on current terms is a better alternative for all shareholders than carrying out a traditional rights issue. The Board of Directors' overall assessment is therefore that the reasons for conducting the Directed New Share Issue outweighs the reasons for the principal rule to issue shares to shareholders with preferential rights, and that a share issue with deviation from the shareholders' preferential rights therefore lies in the interest of the Company and all of its shareholders. As the subscription price in the Directed New Share Issue will be determined in a bookbuilding procedure, it is the Board of Directors' assessment that the subscription price is determined in accordance with market conditions.

### **Undertakings**

In connection with the Directed New Share Issue, the Company has undertaken, with customary exceptions, not to issue additional shares for a period of 6 months after the announcement of the outcome in the Directed New Share Issue. All of the Company's board members and senior executives have undertaken, with customary exceptions, not to sell or in other ways dispose their shares (and other securities) in the Company for a period of 3 months after the announcement of the outcome of the Directed New Share Issue.

### **Advisors**

Pareto Securities AB acts as Sole Global Coordinator and Bookrunner. Advokatfirman Lindahl acts as legal adviser to the Company in connection with the Directed New Share issue.

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HANZA is a global knowledge and manufacturing company that modernizes and streamlines the manufacturing industry. By offering product development and supply chain advisory services, along with its own factories grouped in regional manufacturing clusters, HANZA creates stable deliveries, increased profitability, and an environmentally friendly manufacturing process for the Company's clients. The HANZA Group was founded in 2008 and is headquartered in Kista.

On December 1, 2023, HANZA acquired the Swedish electronics company Orbit One AB ("**Orbit One**") with factories in Sweden and Poland, generating an annual turnover of approximately SEK 1.1 billion and an operating profit (EBITA) of around SEK 70 million. As of the third quarter of 2023, HANZA has a rolling 12-month turnover of SEK 4,088 million with an operating margin (EBITA) of 8.1%. Together with Orbit One, the HANZA group now has a pro forma 12-month turnover of SEK 5,188 million with an operating margin of 7.7%.

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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 shares in HANZA.

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