The Board's proposal that the Board be authorised to decide on a new issue of shares in conjunction with company acquisitions (item 21)

The Board of Ratos AB proposes that the 2012 Annual General Meeting resolves, during the period until the next Annual General Meeting, to authorise the Board in conjunction with agreements on company acquisitions, on one or several occasions, with or without deviation from the pre-emptive rights of shareholders, for a cash payment, through setoff or non-cash, to make a decision on a new issue of class B shares in the company. This authorisation shall comprise a maximum of 35 million class B shares in the company. The new issue amount received may, for each individual agreement on company acquisition, amount to a maximum of Ratos's capital contribution for the acquisition.

The reason for deviation from pre-emptive rights is that the company shall be able to issue shares as payment in conjunction with company acquisitions, alternatively procure capital for such acquisitions. The issue price will be determined in accordance with current market conditions.

The Board of Directors, the CEO or the person appointed by one of them shall be entitled to make any minor adjustments to the above decision which might be required in conjunction with registration with the Swedish Companies Registration Office.

A decision under this item requires the Annual General Meeting's decision to be supported by shareholders representing at least two-thirds of both votes cast and the shares represented at the meeting.

Stockholm, February 2012 Ratos AB (publ) Board of Directors