



NASDAQ OMX Stockholm: SWMA

## **PRESS RELEASE**

*25 April, 2013*

### **Swedish Match Annual General Meeting 2013**

#### **Major items approved by today's Annual General Meeting include:**

- Dividend of 7.30 SEK per share
- Mandate to repurchase up to 10 percent of the shares in the Company
- Withdrawal of 4 million shares repurchased by the Company
- Re-election of KPMG AB as auditor

At the Annual General Meeting of Swedish Match on 25 April, it was resolved in accordance with the proposal of the Board of Directors to pay a dividend of 7.30 SEK per share. The record date for entitlement to receive a cash dividend is 30 April, 2013. The dividend is expected to be paid through Euroclear Sweden AB, on 6 May, 2013.

Andrew Cripps, Karen Guerra, Conny Karlsson, Robert F. Sharpe, Meg Tivéus and Joakim Westh were re-elected as members of Swedish Match AB's Board of Directors and Wenche Rolfsen was elected as new member of the Board. Conny Karlsson was re-elected as Chairman of the Board and Andrew Cripps was re-elected Deputy Chairman of the Board.

Furthermore, the shareholders approved the Board of Directors' proposal that it be authorized to decide on the acquisition, on one or more occasions prior to the next Annual General Meeting, of a maximum of as many shares as may be acquired without the Company's holding at any time exceeding 10 percent of all shares in the Company. The shares shall be acquired on NASDAQ OMX Stockholm at a price within the price interval registered at any given time, i.e. the interval between the highest bid price and the lowest selling price. The purpose of the repurchase is primarily to enable the Company's capital structure to be adjusted and to enable the Company to fulfill the obligations under the Company's former option program. Swedish Match owns 6 169 605 treasury shares as per 25 April, 2013.

In addition, the shareholders approved a reduction in the Company's share capital of 7,563,406.16 SEK through cancellation of 4,000,000 previously repurchased shares held in treasury, with simultaneous bonus issue without issuing new shares, of the corresponding amount to restore the share capital. The shareholders also approved the proposal that the reduction will be allocated to a fund for use pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Annual General Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting re-elected KPMG AB as auditor until the end of the Annual General Meeting 2014.

In addition, the shareholders approved all other proposals made by the Board of Directors and the Nominating Committee as outlined in the published notice of the Annual General Meeting for Swedish Match AB.

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*Swedish Match develops, manufactures, and sells quality products with market-leading brands in the product areas Snus and snuff, Other tobacco products (cigars and chewing tobacco), and Lights (matches and lighters). Well known brands include General snus, Longhorn moist snuff, White Owl cigars, Red Man chewing tobacco, Fiat Lux matches, and Cricket lighters. The Group sells products across the globe, with production units in six countries. The Group's global operations generated sales of 12,486 MSEK for the twelve month period ending December 31, 2012. The Swedish Match share is listed on NASDAQ OMX Stockholm (SWMA).*

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