

Press Release



Cario raises SEK 1,308,393,000 through a placement of ordinary shares at SEK 79 per share

Following completion of an international bookbuilding exercise, the Board of Cario AB has today decided to place 16,561,937 ordinary shares with institutional investors. The issue of new ordinary shares was authorised at an extraordinary meeting of shareholders on 14 May 2001. The net proceeds of the issue will be used to repay a bridge loan provided by Deutsche Bank AG London, which was used to partly finance the recent acquisition of Community Hospitals Group PLC ("CHG").

The issue price has been established at SEK 79 per ordinary share, resulting in proceeds to Cario of SEK 1,308.4 million (the SEK equivalent of approximately GBP 87 million), before issue costs. The issue price represents a discount of approximately 2.5 percent compared to the closing price of Cario ordinary shares on the O-list of Stockholmsbörsen on June 25, 2001. As a result of the placement the number of ordinary shares will increase from 59,163,575 to 75,725,512. Trading in the new ordinary shares on the O-list of Stockholmsbörsen is expected to commence on or about 3 July 2001.

In addition, Cario has granted Deutsche Bank AG London an option to subscribe for up to an additional 2,474,772 ordinary shares at SEK 79 per share in order to cover over-allocations made in connection with the placement. If exercised, the number of shares in the offering may increase from 16,561,937 up to a maximum of 19,036,709.

"The interest among international investors has been very encouraging and the issue will significantly broaden our institutional shareholder base. This is very positive and increases our credibility for further growth in Europe in all our business areas", says Per Båtelson, CEO Cario.

In its capacity as Global Coordinator, Deutsche Bank AG London and/or its affiliates may undertake stock price stabilisation measures in connection with the placement of the new shares in Cario. Such stabilisation must take place before the expiry of the period of 30 days after the date on which Cario receives payment for the new shares, and may be discontinued at any time without notice (Stabilisation/FSA).

Deutsche Bank AG London is acting as sole Global Coordinator and Bookrunner. D. Carnegie AB is acting as co-lead manager. Deutsche Bank AG London and D. Carnegie AB are acting for Cario AB in connection with the placement and no-one else and will not be responsible to anyone other than Cario AB for providing the protections offered to customers of Deutsche Bank AG or D. Carnegie AB nor for providing advice in relation to the placement.

In connection with the placement, Cario has prepared an offering circular that has been provided to the institutional investors approached in the placement. The offering circular has not been approved or registered by any Swedish or foreign authority or stock exchange.

This press release does not constitute an offer of securities for sale in the United States. The new shares have not been and will not be registered in the United States and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an exemption from registration. There will be no public offering of the new shares in the United States.

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