



## Ellevio AB (publ)

*(incorporated with limited liability under the laws of Sweden with registered number 556037-7326)*

*(Legal Entity Identifier (LEI): 635400VVAMAJWKN9IT79)*

## EUR 10,000,000,000

*Multicurrency programme for the issuance of Bonds*

*unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by*

## Ellevio Holding 4 AB

*(Legal Entity Identifier (LEI): 635400E6XE6CUZ3KVK02)*

*(incorporated with limited liability under the laws of Sweden with registered number 559005-2451)*

Ellevio AB (publ) (“**Ellevio**” or the “**Issuer**”) has established a multicurrency programme for the issuance of bonds (the “**Bonds**”) from time to time denominated in any currency agreed between the Issuer and the Relevant Dealer (as defined below).

Ellevio Holding 4 AB (the “**Guarantor**”) has unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed the due payment of all sums expressed to be payable by the Issuer under the Trust Deed (as defined below), each Class (as defined below) of Bonds, the Receipts (as defined below) and the Coupons (as defined below). Its obligations in that respect (the “**Guarantee**”) are contained in the STID (as defined below). This Prospectus has been approved by the Central Bank of Ireland (the “**Central Bank**”) as competent authority under Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 (the “**Prospectus Regulation**”). The Central Bank only approves the Prospectus as meeting the standards of completeness, comprehensibility and consistency imposed by the Prospectus Regulation. Such approval should not be considered as an endorsement of the Issuer or Guarantor or of the quality of the Bonds that are the subject of this Prospectus and investors should make their own assessment as to the suitability of investing in the Bonds. Such approval relates only to Bonds that are to be admitted to trading on the regulated market (the “**Euronext Dublin Regulated Market**”) of the Irish Stock Exchange plc trading as Euronext Dublin (“**Euronext Dublin**”) or on another regulated market for the purposes of Directive 2014/65/EU. Application has been made to Euronext Dublin for Bonds issued under the EUR10,000,000,000 multicurrency programme (the “**Bond Programme**”) during the period of 12 months after the date hereof, to be admitted to trading on the Euronext Dublin Regulated Market and to be listed on the official list (the “**Official List**”) of Euronext Dublin. References in this Prospectus to Bonds being “**listed**” (and all related references) shall mean that such Bonds are intended to be admitted to trading on the Euronext Dublin Regulated Market and are intended to be listed on the Official List. The Euronext Dublin Regulated Market is a regulated market for the purposes of Directive 2014/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on markets in financial instruments, as amended (“**MiFID II**”). The Bond Programme provides that Bonds may be listed on such other or further stock exchange(s) as may be agreed between the Issuer and the Relevant Dealer. The Issuer may also issue unlisted Bonds.

This Prospectus will be valid for a year from 30 April 2025. The obligation to supplement the Prospectus in the event of significant new factors, material mistakes or material inaccuracies will not apply when the Prospectus is no longer valid. The Bonds may be issued on a continuing basis to one or more of the Dealers specified under Chapter 3 (“**The Parties**”) and any additional Dealer appointed under the Bond Programme from time to time by the Issuer (each a “**Dealer**” and together the “**Dealers**”), which appointment may be for a specific issue or on an ongoing basis. References in this Prospectus to the “**Relevant Dealer**”, in the case of an issue of Bonds being (or intended to be) subscribed by more than one Dealer, shall be to all Dealers agreeing to subscribe to such Bonds.

**Interests in a Temporary Global Bond (as defined below) will be exchangeable for interests in Permanent Global Bonds or definitive securities in bearer form on or after the date 40 days after the later of the completion of the offering and the relevant issue date, upon certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership as more fully described in Chapter 9 (“**Terms and Conditions of the Bonds**”) under “**Form, Denomination and Title**”.**

**See Chapter 2 (“**Risk Factors**”) for a discussion of certain factors to be considered in connection with an investment in the Bonds.**

**Arranger**

**NatWest**

**Dealers**

**BNP PARIBAS**

**NatWest**

**SEB**

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Prospectus dated 30 April 2025

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The materials relating to the offering do not constitute, and may not be used in connection with, an offer or solicitation in any place where offers or solicitations are not permitted by law. If a jurisdiction requires that the offering be made by a licensed broker or dealer and NatWest Markets N.V., BNP PARIBAS, ING Bank N.V. or Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ) or any Affiliate of any of the above is a licensed broker or dealer in that jurisdiction, the offering shall be deemed to be made by NatWest Markets N.V., BNP PARIBAS, ING Bank N.V. or Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ) or such Affiliate on behalf of the Issuer in such jurisdiction.

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Under the Bond Programme, the Issuer may, subject to all applicable legal and regulatory requirements, from time to time issue Bonds in bearer and/or registered form (respectively, “**Bearer Bonds**” and “**Registered Bonds**”). Copies of each of the Final Terms or Drawdown Prospectus (as defined below) will be available in electronic form on the Issuer’s website at <https://www.ellevio.se/en/about-us/financial-information/financial-reports-documents/> and from the website of Euronext Dublin at <https://www.euronext.com/en/markets/dublin>, provided that, in the case of Bonds which are not listed on any stock exchange, copies of the relevant Final Terms or Drawdown Prospectus will only be available for inspection by the relevant Bondholders.

The maximum aggregate nominal amount of all Bonds from time to time outstanding under the Bond Programme will not exceed EUR10,000,000,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies calculated as described herein), subject to increase as described herein.

Details of the aggregate principal amount, interest (if any) payable, the Issue Price (as defined in the Glossary of Defined Terms) and any other conditions not contained herein, which are applicable to each Series (all as defined below) will be set forth in a final terms (the “**Final Terms**”) or a drawdown prospectus (the “**Drawdown Prospectus**”) which, in the case of Bonds to be listed on the Official List of Euronext Dublin, will be delivered to the Central Bank and filed with Euronext Dublin on or before the relevant date of issue of the Bonds of such Tranche.

Bonds issued by the Issuer under the Bond Programme will be issued in series (each a “**Series**”). Each Series of Bonds may be Fixed Rate, Floating Rate or Index-Linked Bonds and may be denominated in krona, sterling, euro, U.S. dollars or Norwegian kroner (or in other currencies subject to compliance with applicable laws). Bonds may be issued in one or more tranches (each a “**Tranche**”), the specific terms of each Tranche being identical in all respects, save for the issue dates, interest commencement dates and/or issue prices, to the terms of the other Bonds of such Tranches.

Amounts payable under the Bonds may be calculated by reference to (i) EURIBOR, which is provided by the European Money Markets Institute (“**EMMI**”), (ii) STIBOR, which is provided by Swedish Financial Benchmark Facility AB (“**SFBF**”), (iii) NIBOR, which is provided by Norske Finansielle Referanser AS

(“**NoRe**”) or such other reference rate as may be specified in a Drawdown Prospectus. As at the date of this Prospectus, IBA, EMMI and SFBF appear on the register of administrators and benchmarks established and maintained by the European Securities and Market Authority (“**ESMA**”) pursuant to article 36 of the Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 (the “**EU BMR**”).

The Bonds are expected on issue to have the following credit ratings:

<b>Class</b>	<b>Standard &amp; Poor’s</b>
Class A Bonds .....	BBB
Class B Bonds .....	BB+

As defined by Standard & Poor’s, a BBB rating indicates that the Bond exhibits adequate protection parameters. However, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to weaken the Issuer and/or Guarantor's capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation.

As defined by Standard & Poor’s, a BB+ rating indicates that the Bond has significant speculative characteristics but that it is less vulnerable to non-payment than other speculative issues. However, it faces major ongoing uncertainties or exposure to adverse business, financial, or economic conditions that could lead to the Issuer and/or the Guarantor’s inadequate capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation. The addition of the plus (+) sign indicates a ranking at the higher end of the ‘BB’ rating category.

In general, European regulated investors are restricted from using a rating for regulatory purposes if such rating is not issued by a credit rating agency established in the European Community and registered under Regulation (EC) No 1060/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 September 2009 on credit rating agencies, as amended (the “**EU CRA Regulation**”) or Regulation (EC) No 1060/2009 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (the “**EUWA**”) (the “**UK CRA Regulation**”) as applicable. The credit ratings included or referred to in this Prospectus will be treated for the purposes of the EU CRA Regulation as having been issued by S&P Global Ratings Europe Limited (“**Standard & Poor’s**”). Standard & Poor’s is a credit rating agency established and operating in the European Community and is registered under the EU CRA Regulation. For the purposes of the UK CRA Regulation, the credit ratings issued by Standard & Poor’s have been endorsed by S&P Global Ratings UK Limited, which is a credit rating agency established in the UK and registered by the Financial Conduct Authority (“**FCA**”) under the UK CRA Regulation.

Whether or not a rating in relation to any Tranche of Bonds will be treated as having been issued by a credit rating agency established in the European Union (“**EU**”) or in the UK and registered under the EU CRA Regulation or the UK CRA Regulation (as applicable) will be disclosed in the relevant Final Terms or Drawdown Prospectus. Ratings ascribed to all of the Bonds reflect only the views of the Rating Agencies.

**A credit rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to revision, suspension or withdrawal at any time by any one or all of the Rating Agencies. A suspension, reduction or withdrawal of the rating assigned to any of the Bonds may adversely affect the market price of such Bonds.**

ESMA is obliged to maintain on its website a list of credit rating agencies registered in accordance with the EU CRA Regulation and the FCA maintains on its website, [www.fca.org.uk](http://www.fca.org.uk), a list of credit rating agencies registered in accordance with the UK CRA Regulation. These lists must be updated within 5 working days of the adoption by ESMA or the FCA, respectively, of any decision to withdraw the registration of a credit rating

agency under the EU CRA Regulation or the UK CRA Regulation respectively. However, such lists are not conclusive evidence of the status of the relevant rating agency as there may be delays between certain supervisory measures being taken against a relevant rating agency and the publication of the updated list.

Each Series of Bonds in bearer form will be represented on issue by a temporary global bond in bearer form (each a “**Temporary Global Bond**”) or a permanent global bond in bearer form (each a “**Permanent Global Bond**”). If the Global Bonds are stated in the applicable Final Terms to be issued in new global bond (“**NGN**”) form, the Global Bonds will be delivered on or prior to the original issue date of the relevant Tranche of Bonds to a common safekeeper (the “**Common Safekeeper**”) for Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. (“**Euroclear**”) and Clearstream Banking, S.A. (“**Clearstream, Luxembourg**”). Bonds in registered form will be represented by registered certificates (each a “**Certificate**”), one Certificate being issued in respect of each Bondholder’s entire holding of Registered Bonds of one Series. Registered Bonds issued in global form will be represented by registered global certificates (“**Global Certificates**”). If a Global Certificate is held under the New Safekeeping Structure (the “**NSS**”) the Global Certificate will be delivered on or prior to the original issue date of the relevant Tranche of Bonds to a Common Safekeeper for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg.

Global Bonds which are not issued in NGN form (“**Classic Global Bonds**” or “**CGNs**”) and Global Certificates which are not held under the NSS will be deposited on the issue date of the relevant Tranche of Bonds with a common depositary on behalf of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg (the “**Common Depositary**”).

In relation to any issue of Bonds which are issued in bearer form and will be represented on issue by a Temporary Global Bond exchangeable for Bearer Definitive Bonds in circumstances other than in the limited circumstances specified in the Permanent Global Bond, such Bonds may only be issued in denominations equal to, or greater than €100,000 (or equivalent) and multiples thereof.

In the case of any Bonds which are to be admitted to trading on a regulated market within the European Economic Area (the “**EEA**”) or offered to the public in a Member State of the European Economic Area in circumstances which require the publication of a prospectus under the Prospectus Regulation, the minimum specified denomination shall be €100,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency at the date of issue of the relevant Bonds).

The Issuer may agree with any Dealer and the Bond Trustee that Bonds may be issued in a form not contemplated by the Conditions (as defined below), in which event (in the case of Bonds admitted to the Official List only) a Drawdown Prospectus will be made available which will describe the effect of the agreement reached in relation to such Bonds.

Section 619 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 added a new Section 13 to the United States Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (such section and the regulations promulgated thereunder commonly known, collectively, as the “**Volcker Rule**”). The Volcker Rule generally prohibits “banking entities” (which are broadly defined to include U.S. banks and bank holding companies and many non-U.S. banking entities, together with their respective subsidiaries and affiliates) from (i) engaging in proprietary trading, (ii) acquiring or retaining an ownership interest in or sponsorship in a “covered fund” and (iii) entering into “covered transactions” with a “covered fund”, subject to certain exceptions and exclusions. Covered transactions include (among other things) entering into a swap transaction or guaranteeing notes if the swap or the guarantee would result in a credit exposure to the covered fund. The Issuer and the Guarantor believe that they are not, and after giving effect to any offering and sale of the Bonds and the application of the proceeds thereof will not be, a “covered fund” as defined in the Volcker Rule. In reaching this conclusion, although other exclusions from the Volcker Rule may be available, the Issuer and the Guarantor believe that they do not fall within the definition of “investment company” in Section 3(a) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the “**Investment Company Act**”), and so would not be a “covered fund”. The general effects of the Volcker Rule remain uncertain. Any prospective investor in the Bonds, including a U.S. or foreign bank or a

subsidiary or other affiliate thereof, should consult its own legal advisors regarding such matters and other effects of the Volcker Rule. See "*Risk Factors—Risks Relating To Regulatory and Legislative Matters—The general effects of the Volcker Rule remain uncertain*".

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

This prospectus (the “**Prospectus**”) comprises a base prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Regulation. The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Prospectus and, in respect of Chapter 3 (“*The Parties*”), Chapter 4 (“*Overview of the Programme*”), Chapters 6 (“*Description of Ellevio*”), 7 (“*Selected Aspects of Swedish Regulation to which Ellevio is Subject*”), 8 (“*Selected Financial Overview of Ellevio*”), Chapter 9 (“*Terms and Conditions of the Bonds*”), Chapter 13 (“*Description of the Guarantor*”), Chapter 16 (“*Summary of the Finance Documents and the Bond Programme Documents*”) and Chapter 20 (“*General Information*”), the Guarantor accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Prospectus insofar as it relates to the Guarantor or the Guarantee. To the best of the knowledge of the Issuer and the Guarantor the information contained in this Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

The information relating to the Hedge Counterparties and Liquidity Facility Providers contained in Chapter 14 (“*Description of the Hedge Counterparties*”) and Chapter 15 (“*Description of the Liquidity Facility Providers*”) was provided by the Hedge Counterparties and Liquidity Facility Providers, respectively. The information has been accurately reproduced and as far as the Issuer is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by the Hedge Counterparties and Liquidity Facility Providers, no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading.

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Copies of each set of Final Terms or Drawdown Prospectus (in the case of Bonds to be admitted to the Official List) will be available on the Issuer’s website at / <https://www.ellevio.se/en/about-us/financial-information/financial-reports-documents/> and from the website of Euronext Dublin at <https://www.euronext.com/en/markets/dublin>. The contents of these websites, other than copies of those



documents incorporated by reference into this Prospectus, are for information purposes only and do not form part of this Prospectus. See also Chapter 20 (“*General Information*”) for more details.

This Prospectus is to be read in conjunction with all documents which are deemed to be incorporated herein by reference (see section “*Documents Incorporated by Reference*” below).

No person has been authorised to give any information or to make representations other than the information or the representations contained in this Prospectus in connection with the Issuer, the Security Group or the offering or sale of the Bonds and, if given or made, such information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorised by the Issuer, the Dealers, the Arranger, the Bond Trustee or the Security Trustee. Neither the delivery of this Prospectus nor any offering or sale of Bonds made in connection herewith shall, under any circumstances, constitute a representation or create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the Issuer since the date hereof. Unless otherwise indicated herein, all information in this Prospectus is given on the date of this Prospectus. This document does not constitute an offer of, or an invitation by, or on behalf of, the Issuer, any Dealer or the Arranger to subscribe for, or purchase, any of the Bonds.

Save for the Issuer, no other party has separately verified the information contained herein (other than, in respect of the Guarantor, the information in Chapter 13 (*Description of the Guarantor*)). Accordingly, no representation, warranty or undertaking, express or implied, is made and no responsibility or liability is accepted by any party (other than the Issuer) as to the accuracy or completeness of the information contained in this Prospectus or any other information supplied in connection with the Bonds or their distribution (other than, in respect of the Guarantor, the information in Chapter 13 (*Description of the Guarantor*)). The statements made in this paragraph are without prejudice to the responsibilities of the Issuer. Each person receiving this Prospectus acknowledges that such person has not relied on any Dealer, the Arranger, the Bond Trustee or the Security Trustee or any other party in connection with its investigation of the accuracy of such information or its investment decision.

Neither the delivery of this Prospectus nor the offering, sale or delivery of any Bonds shall in any circumstances imply that the information contained herein is correct at any time subsequent to the date hereof or that any other information supplied in connection with the Bond Programme is correct or that there has been no adverse change in the financial position of the Issuer at any time subsequent to the date indicated in the document containing the same. None of the Dealers, the Arranger, the Bond Trustee, the Security Trustee or any other party expressly undertakes to review the financial condition or affairs of the Issuer during the life of the Bond Programme or to advise any investor in the Bonds of any information coming to their attention. Investors should review, *inter alia*, the most recently published documents incorporated by reference into this Prospectus when deciding whether or not to purchase any Bonds.

This Prospectus is not intended to provide the basis of any credit or other evaluation and should not be considered as a recommendation by the Issuer, any Dealer, the Arranger, the Bond Trustee, the Security Trustee or any other party that any recipient of this Prospectus should purchase any of the Bonds.

Each person contemplating making an investment in the Bonds must make its own investigation and analysis of the creditworthiness of the Issuer, its own determination of the suitability of any such investment with particular reference to its own investment objectives and experience and any other factors which may be relevant to it in connection with such investment. A prospective investor who is in any doubt whatsoever as to the risks involved in investing in the Bonds should consult independent professional advisers. Any prospective Bondholder should take its own legal, financial, accounting, tax and other relevant advice as to the structure and viability of its investment.

THE BONDS AND THE GUARANTEE HAVE NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OR WITH ANY SECURITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF ANY STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES. SUBJECT TO CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS, THE

BONDS MAY NOT BE OFFERED OR SOLD WITHIN THE UNITED STATES OR TO, OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OR BENEFIT OF, U.S. PERSONS. IN ADDITION, BEARER BONDS ARE SUBJECT TO U.S. TAX LAW REQUIREMENTS AND MAY NOT AT ANY TIME BE OFFERED, SOLD OR DELIVERED WITHIN THE UNITED STATES OR ITS POSSESSIONS OR TO A U.S. PERSON (AS DEFINED IN THE U.S. INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED, AND U.S. TREASURY REGULATIONS PROMULGATED THEREUNDER), EXCEPT IN CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS PERMITTED BY U.S. TREASURY REGULATIONS.

THE BONDS ARE BEING OFFERED AND SOLD OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES TO PERSONS WHO ARE NOT U.S. PERSONS (AS DEFINED IN REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT (“**REGULATION S**”)) IN RELIANCE ON REGULATION S. FOR A DESCRIPTION OF THESE AND CERTAIN FURTHER RESTRICTIONS ON OFFERS, SALES AND TRANSFERS OF BONDS AND DISTRIBUTION OF THIS PROSPECTUS SEE CHAPTER 18 (“*SUBSCRIPTION AND SALE*”).

THE BONDS AND THE GUARANTEE HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION IN THE UNITED STATES OR ANY OTHER U.S. REGULATORY AUTHORITY, NOR HAS ANY OF THE FOREGOING AUTHORITIES PASSED UPON OR ENDORSED THE MERITS OF THE OFFERING OF BONDS OR THE ACCURACY OR THE ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENCE IN THE UNITED STATES.

WHILE THE ISSUER BELIEVES THAT IT IS NOT, IT MAY BE A “COVERED FUND” FOR PURPOSES OF REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER SECTION 13 OF THE BANK HOLDING COMPANY ACT OF 1956, AS AMENDED, COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE “VOLCKER RULE”.

This Prospectus has been filed with and approved by the Central Bank as required by the Prospectus Regulation. The Prospectus, as approved by the Central Bank, will be filed with the Irish Companies Registration Office in accordance with Regulation 38(1)(b) of the Prospectus Regulations. The Issuer is not and will not be regulated by the Central Bank as a result of issuing the Bonds. Any investment in the Bonds does not have the status of a bank deposit and is not within the scope of the Deposit Guarantee Scheme operated by the Central Bank.

The distribution of this Prospectus and the offering, sale or delivery of the Bonds in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. Persons into whose possession this Prospectus comes are required by the Issuer, the Dealers and the Arranger, to inform themselves about and to observe any such restrictions. For a description of certain restrictions on offers and sales of the Bonds and on distribution of this Prospectus, see Chapter 18 (“*Subscription and Sale*”). This Prospectus does not constitute, and may not be used for the purposes of, an offer to or solicitation by any person to subscribe or purchase any Bonds in any jurisdiction or in any circumstances in which such an offer or solicitation is not authorised or is unlawful. All references herein to “€”, “euro”, “EUR” or “Euro” are to the single currency introduced at the start of the third stage of European Economic and Monetary Union pursuant to the Treaty establishing the European Community, as amended, from time to time, all references to “pounds”, “sterling”, “Sterling”, “GBP” or “£” are to the lawful currency of the United Kingdom, all references to “krona”, “Krona”, “Swedish Krona” or “SEK” are to the lawful currency of Sweden, all references to “\$”, “U.S.\$”, “U.S. dollars”, “USD” and “dollars” are to the lawful currency of the United States of America, and all references to “Norwegian kroner” or “NOK” are to the lawful currency of Norway.

**Notes issued as Green Bonds** – None of the Arranger, Dealers, nor any of their respective affiliates accepts any responsibility for any environmental or sustainability assessment of any Notes issued as Green Bonds or makes any representation or warranty or gives any assurance as to whether such Notes will meet any investor expectations or requirements regarding such “green” or “sustainable” or similar labels. None of the Arranger, Dealers, nor any of their respective affiliates have undertaken, nor are they responsible for, any assessment of the Eligible Green Projects and/or Assets (as defined in Chapter 12 (*Use of Proceeds*) of this Prospectus), any

verification of whether the Eligible Green Projects and/or Assets meet any eligibility criteria set out in the Ellevio Green Bond Framework (as defined in Chapter 12 (*Use of Proceeds*) of this Prospectus) nor are they responsible for the use of proceeds (or amounts equal thereto) for any Notes issued as Green Bonds, nor the impact or monitoring of such use of proceeds or the allocation of the proceeds to particular Eligible Green Projects and/or Assets. The Ellevio Green Bond Framework, the External Review (as defined in Chapter 12 (*Use of Proceeds*) of this Prospectus) and any public reporting by or on behalf of the Issuer in respect of the application of proceeds will be available on the Issuer's website at [https://www.ellevio.se/globalassets/content/finansiell-information/2023/green\\_finance\\_framework\\_2023.pdf](https://www.ellevio.se/globalassets/content/finansiell-information/2023/green_finance_framework_2023.pdf) but, for the avoidance of doubt, will not be incorporated by reference into this Prospectus. None of the Arranger, Dealers, nor any of their respective affiliates make any representation as to the suitability or content of such materials.

**PROHIBITION OF SALES TO EEA RETAIL INVESTORS** - The Bonds are not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the European Economic Area ("EEA"). For these purposes, a retail investor means a person who is one (or more) of: (i) a retail client as defined in point (11) of Article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU (as amended "MiFID II"); (ii) a customer within the meaning of Directive (EU) 2016/97 (the "**Insurance Distribution Directive**"), where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (10) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II; or (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 (as amended, the "**Prospectus Regulation**"). Consequently no key information document required by Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 (as amended, the "**PRIIPs Regulation**") for offering or selling the Bonds or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the EEA has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the Bonds or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the EEA may be unlawful under the PRIIPs Regulation.

**MiFID II product governance / target market** - The Final Terms in respect of any Bonds will include a legend entitled "MiFID II Product Governance" which will outline the target market assessment in respect of the Bonds and which channels for distribution of the Bonds are appropriate. Any person subsequently offering, selling or recommending the Bonds (a "**distributor**") should take into consideration the target market assessment; however, a distributor subject to MiFID II is responsible for undertaking its own target market assessment in respect of the Bonds (by either adopting or refining the target market assessment) and determining appropriate distribution channels.

**PROHIBITION OF SALES TO UK RETAIL INVESTORS** - The Bonds are not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the United Kingdom ("UK"). For these purposes, a retail investor means a person who is one (or more) of: (i) a retail client, as defined in point (8) of Article 2 of Regulation (EU) No 2017/565 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA; (ii) a customer within the meaning of the provisions of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, ("**FSMA**") and any rules or regulations made under the FSMA to implement Directive (EU) 2016/97, where that customer would not qualify as a professional client, as defined in point (8) of Article 2(1) of Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA; or (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in Article 2 of Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA. Consequently, no key information document required by Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA (the "**UK PRIIPs Regulation**") for offering or selling the Bonds or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the UK has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the Bonds or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the UK may be unlawful under the UK PRIIPs Regulation.

**UK MiFIR product governance / target market** – The Final Terms in respect of any Bonds may include a legend entitled "UK MiFIR Product Governance" which will outline the target market assessment in respect of

the Bonds and which channels for distribution of the Bonds are appropriate. Any person subsequently offering, selling or recommending the Bonds (a "**distributor**") should take into consideration the target market assessment; however, a distributor subject to Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA ("**UK MiFIR Product Governance Rules** ") is responsible for undertaking its own target market assessment in respect of the Bonds (by either adopting or refining the target market assessment) and determining appropriate distribution channels.

A determination will be made in relation to each issue about whether, for the purpose of each of the MiFID product governance rules under EU Delegated Directive 2017/593 (the "**MiFID Product Governance Rules**") and the UK MiFIR Product Governance Rules, any Dealer subscribing for any Bonds is a manufacturer in respect of such Bonds, but otherwise neither the Arranger nor the Dealers nor any of their respective affiliates will be a manufacturer for the purpose of the MiFID Product Governance Rules and/or the UK MiFIR Product Governance Rules.

**In connection with the issue and distribution of any Tranche of Bonds, a Dealer (if any) disclosed as the stabilising manager in the applicable Drawdown Prospectus or any person acting for him may over-allot or effect transactions with a view to supporting the market price of the Bonds of the Series of which such Tranche forms part at a level higher than that which might otherwise prevail. However, there is no assurance that the stabilising manager or any agent of his will undertake stabilisation action. Any stabilisation action may begin on or after the date on which adequate public disclosure of the terms of the offer of the relevant Tranche of Bonds is made and, if begun, may be ended at any time, but it must end no later than the earlier of 30 days after the Issue Date of the relevant Tranche of Bonds and 60 days after the date of the allotment of the relevant Tranche of Bonds. Any stabilisation action or over-allotment shall be conducted by the relevant stabilising manager or any person acting for him in accordance with all applicable laws and rules.**

#### **FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

Some statements in this Prospectus may be deemed to be forward looking statements. Forward looking statements include statements concerning events and trends that are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause the actual results and financial position of Ellevio to differ materially from the information presented herein. When used in this Prospectus, the words "estimate", "project", "intend", "anticipate", "believe", "expect", "should" and similar expressions, as they relate to Ellevio and its management, are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. Ellevio does not undertake any obligation to publicly release the result of any revisions to these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. Any forward looking statements contained in this Prospectus speak only as at the date of this Prospectus.

## DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

This Prospectus should be read and construed in conjunction with the following:

- (a) future audited annual consolidated/unconsolidated financial accounts in respect of Ellevio AB (publ) and Ellevio Holding 4 AB and future audited/unaudited interim financial statements in respect of Ellevio AB (publ) and Ellevio Holding 4 AB as and when any such financial accounts are published on <https://www.ellevio.se/en/about-us/financial-information/financial-reports-documents/> in accordance with the requirements of the EU Prospectus Regulation;
- (b) the Terms and Conditions of the Bonds contained at pages 111 to 150 (inclusive) of the base prospectus dated 18 December 2017 (<https://www.ellevio.se/globalassets/content/finansiell-information/2017/ellevio-emtn-prospectus-dec-2017.pdf>);
- (c) the Terms and Conditions of the Bonds contained at pages 109 to 150 (inclusive) of the base prospectus dated 15 May 2020 ([https://www.ellevio.se/globalassets/content/finansiell-information/2020/ellevio-20200515-emtn\\_prospectus.pdf](https://www.ellevio.se/globalassets/content/finansiell-information/2020/ellevio-20200515-emtn_prospectus.pdf));
- (d) the Terms and Conditions of the Bonds contained at pages 97 to 137 (inclusive) of the base prospectus dated 30 May 2024 (<https://www.ellevio.se/globalassets/content/hallbarhet/ellevio-update-prospectus-30-may-2024.pdf>);
- (e) the audited unconsolidated financial accounts for the 12 months ended 31 December 2023 in respect of Ellevio AB (publ) prepared in accordance with Swedish GAAP (RFR2) together with the audit report thereon [https://www.ellevio.se/globalassets/content/finansiell-information/2023/eng/eng\\_ellevio\\_navi.pdf](https://www.ellevio.se/globalassets/content/finansiell-information/2023/eng/eng_ellevio_navi.pdf), each of which have been previously published or are published simultaneously with this Prospectus and which have been filed with the Central Bank;
- (f) the audited unconsolidated financial accounts for the 12 months ended 31 December 2024 in respect of Ellevio AB (publ) prepared in accordance with Swedish GAAP (RFR2) together with the audit report thereon (<https://www.ellevio.se/globalassets/content/finansiell-information/2024/annual-and-sustainability-report-2024.pdf>), each of which have been previously published or are published simultaneously with this Prospectus and which have been filed with the Central Bank;
- (g) the audited unconsolidated financial accounts for the 12 months ended 31 December 2023 in respect of Ellevio Holding 4 AB prepared in accordance with Swedish GAAP together with the audit report thereon <https://www.ellevio.se/globalassets/content/finansiell-information/2023/annual-report-incl-audit-report-ellevio-holding-4-ab-2023.pdf>, each of which have been previously published or are published simultaneously with this Prospectus and which have been filed with the Central Bank,
- (h) the audited unconsolidated financial statements for the 12 months ended 31 December 2024 in respect of Ellevio Holding 4 AB prepared in accordance with Swedish GAAP together with the audit report thereon (<https://www.ellevio.se/globalassets/content/finansiell-information/2024/annual-report-for-ellevio-holding-4-ab-2024.pdf>), each of which have been previously published or are published simultaneously with this Prospectus and which have been filed with the Central Bank,

save that any statement contained herein or in a document which is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for the purpose of this Prospectus to the extent that a statement contained in any such subsequent document which is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such earlier statement (whether expressly, by implication or otherwise). Any statement

so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Prospectus. Any information or documents which are themselves incorporated by reference in the documents incorporated by reference in this Prospectus shall not form part of this Prospectus. Where only certain parts of a document are incorporated by reference in this Prospectus, the non-incorporated parts are either not relevant to the investor or are covered elsewhere in this Prospectus.

Copies of the documents incorporated by reference in this Prospectus may be obtained (without charge) from the Issuer's website at <https://www.ellevio.se/en/about-us/financial-information/financial-reports-documents/>. The hyperlinks included in this Prospectus, other than those set out above, or included in any documents incorporated by reference in this Prospectus, and the websites and their content are not incorporated into, and do not form part of, this Prospectus.

## SUPPLEMENTAL PROSPECTUS

The Issuer has undertaken, in connection with the admission of the Bonds to the Official List and to trading on Euronext Dublin, that, if any significant new factor, mistake or material inaccuracy relating to the information included in this Prospectus arises or is noted which may affect the assessment of any Bonds whose inclusion would reasonably be required by investors and their professional advisers, and would reasonably be expected by them to be found in this Prospectus, for the purpose of making an informed assessment of the assets and liabilities, financial position, profits and losses and prospects of the Issuer, and the rights attaching to the Bonds, the Issuer shall prepare a supplement to this Prospectus or publish a replacement prospectus for use in connection with any subsequent issue by the Issuer of Bonds and will supply to each Dealer and the Bond Trustee such number of copies of such supplement hereto or replacement prospectus as such Dealer and Bond Trustee may reasonably request. The Issuer will also supply to the Central Bank such number of copies of such supplement hereto or replacement prospectus as may be required by the Central Bank and will make copies available, free of charge, at the Issuer's website <https://www.ellevio.se/en/about-us/financial-information/financial-reports-documents/> If the terms of the Bond Programme are modified or amended in a manner which would make this Prospectus, as so modified or amended, inaccurate or misleading, a new prospectus will be prepared.

If at any time the Issuer shall be required to prepare a supplement to the Prospectus pursuant to Article 23 of the Prospectus Regulation, the Issuer shall prepare and make available an appropriate supplement to this Prospectus or a further prospectus which, in respect of any subsequent issue of Bonds to be listed on the Official List and admitted to trading on the Euronext Dublin Regulated Market, shall constitute a supplemental prospectus as required by Article 23 of the Prospectus Regulation. Statements contained in any such supplement (or contained in any document incorporated by reference therein) shall, to the extent applicable (whether expressly, by implication or otherwise), be deemed to modify or supersede statements contained in this Prospectus or in a document which is incorporated by reference in this Prospectus. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not, except as so modified or superseded, constitute a part of this Prospectus.

## FINAL TERMS AND DRAWDOWN PROSPECTUS

In the following paragraphs, the expression “**necessary information**” means, in relation to any Tranche of Bonds, the information material to an investor for making an informed assessment of the assets and liabilities, profits and losses, financial position, and prospects of the Issuer and of the rights attaching to the Bonds and the reasons for the issuance and its impact on the Issuer. In relation to the different types of Bonds which may be issued under the Bond Programme, the Issuer has endeavoured to include in this Prospectus all of the necessary information except for information relating to the Bonds which is not known at the date of this Prospectus and which can only be determined at the time of an individual issue of a Tranche of Bonds.

Any information relating to the Bonds which is not included in this Prospectus and which is required in order to complete the necessary information in relation to a Tranche of Bonds will be contained in the relevant Final Terms or in a Drawdown Prospectus. Such information will be contained in the relevant Final Terms unless any such information constitutes a significant new factor relating to the information contained in this Prospectus in which case such information, together with all of the necessary information in relation to the Bonds, may be contained in a Drawdown Prospectus. In addition, the Issuer may agree with any Dealer and the Bond Trustee that Bonds may be issued in a form not contemplated by the Conditions (as defined below), in which event (in the case of Bonds admitted to the Official List only) a Drawdown Prospectus will be made available which will describe the effect of the agreement reached in relation to such Bonds.

The terms and conditions applicable to any particular Tranche of Bonds which is the subject of a Drawdown Prospectus will be the Conditions as supplemented, amended and/or replaced to the extent described in the

relevant Drawdown Prospectus. In the case of a Tranche of Bonds which is the subject of a Drawdown Prospectus, each reference in this Prospectus to information being specified or identified in the relevant Final Terms shall be read and construed as a reference to such information being specified or identified in the relevant Drawdown Prospectus unless the context requires otherwise. Each Drawdown Prospectus will be constituted by a single document containing the necessary information.

For a Tranche of Bonds which is the subject of Final Terms, those Final Terms will, for the purposes of that Tranche only, complete this Prospectus and must be read in conjunction with this Prospectus. The terms and conditions applicable to any particular Tranche of Bonds which is the subject of Final Terms are the Conditions as supplemented, amended and/or replaced to the extent described in the relevant Final Terms.



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## CHAPTER 1 OVERVIEW

Ellevio AB (publ), corporate registration number 556037-7326, is one of Sweden's largest electricity Distribution System Operators (“**DSO**”) in terms of number of customers. Ellevio owns, operates and develops regional and local electricity grids in order to ensure a reliable electricity supply to its over 966,000 customers. In 2024, Ellevio delivered approximately 24,3 TWh of electricity and generated net sales of SEK 8,331 million and an EBITDA of SEK 4,535 million<sup>1</sup>

Ellevio consists of networks in six geographic areas – two regional networks that operate under line concessions (Sw. *linjekoncession*) (the “**Line Concessions**”) and four local networks that operate under area concessions (Sw. *områdeskoncession*) (the “**Area Concessions**”) (the Line Concessions and the Area Concessions, together the “**Concessions**”), all of which are licenced and regulated by the Swedish Energy Markets Inspectorate (“**Ei**”). As part of the licensing conditions in Sweden, Ellevio is a monopoly serving all customers in the regions in which it operates. The main proportion of Ellevio's networks are located in rural areas, but a majority of Ellevio's customers are in the greater Stockholm area.

### Ellevio's Shareholders

Ellevio's operations are stable and have a long-term investment horizon. At the same time, a shareholding in network companies requires extensive access to capital and long-term responsibility for critical infrastructure. As at the date hereof, Ellevio is owned by four pension funds. Omers Infrastructure (50%), the Third National Pension Fund (20%), Folksam (17.5%) and AMF (12.5%) (together the “**Shareholders**”).

### Ellevio's Key Credit Strengths

Ellevio believes it has a number of key operational and credit strengths. These are outlined below.

#### *A key player in the energy transition*

- Changing production patterns – more renewable, weather-dependent and locally produced electricity – together with the electrification of society in general and the transport and industry sectors in particular, put the electricity network in middle of the energy transformation.
- Strong trends in the society supporting the demand for reliable and flexible electricity distribution where the smart grid development will secure reliability in a renewable energy system.
- Ellevio is well positioned for growth both via business development and via acquisitions.

#### *Strong financial & operational performance*

- Operating as a fully regulated business, Ellevio has delivered strong financial results. It has a 100 per cent. regulated income with approximately 54 per cent. average EBITDA margin in the years 2020 to 2024<sup>2</sup>.
- Stable financials with headroom under covenants and diversified financing platform in place
- Balanced investment programme focusing on ensuring a modern and future-proof electricity grid that meets the needs of a modern electrified sustainable society.

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<sup>1</sup> Source: Ellevio Annual Report 2024

<sup>2</sup> Source: Ellevio Annual Report 2024. EBITDA is an alternative performance measure with the definition: Operating profit plus depreciation, amortisation and impairment.

### ***Experienced management team and owners***

- An experienced management team with significant experience from the electricity distribution industry.
- Experienced and committed owners with a long-term horizon on the investment.

### **The regulatory framework in which Ellevio operates**

Electricity distribution is a regional monopoly in Sweden and as such a fully regulated business. Therefore, Ellevio operates under a regulatory framework and is monitored by a public authority (the Swedish Energy Markets Inspectorate (Sw. Energimarknadsinspektionen) (“**Ei**”). Ei provides a revenue framework for electricity network companies, such as Ellevio, determining how much network companies are permitted to charge their customers. Decisions on the levels of permitted revenue are forward-looking for the subsequent four years (four-year regulatory periods) and are intended to cover reasonable costs of running operations and providing a reasonable return. According to the Swedish Electricity Act (Sw. ellagen (1997:857)) (the “**EA**”), the electricity network charges to customers must be fair, objective and non-discriminatory. The revenue caps shall not be larger than necessary to (i) cover costs for the operation of an electricity network that have similar objective conditions and is operated in an efficient manner, (ii) cover depreciations, and (iii) provide such return on the capital base necessary to attract capital for investment in competition with alternative investments with similar risks.

The current method for determining the revenue caps is based on the following main components: (i) capital compensation, comprising capital cost and a rate of return on the regulatory asset base; (ii) non-controllable costs; (iii) controllable costs; and (iv) quality incentive and any regulatory surplus/deficit adjustments following the previous regulatory period. The current framework is based on a calculation of the capital base in accordance with a capacity-preserving method.

The decisions on permitted revenue for the regulatory period 2024–2027 (“**RP4**”) have been issued by Ei. The decisions are based on a Weighted Average Cost of Capital (“**WACC**”) of 4.53 per cent, on the basis of which the risk-free interest rate is calculated on a forward-looking period of nine years. For more information on the regulatory framework, please see Chapter 7 (“*Selected Aspects of Swedish Regulation to which Ellevio is Subject*”).

### **The Bond Programme**

Ellevio and the Guarantor have established the Bond Programme to raise debt in the bond markets and put in place a long-term financing platform. The platform will fund, among other things, the on-going capital expenditure programmes of Ellevio. The capital structure is expected to incorporate revolving bank facilities, medium term bank debt, bonds, private placements and associated hedging for risk management.

## **CHAPTER 2**

### **RISK FACTORS**

The following sets out certain aspects of the Bonds, the Guarantee, the Common Documents, the Bond Programme Documents, the Security and the activities of Ellevio which the Issuer and the Guarantor believe may affect their ability to fulfil their obligations under the Bonds. All of these factors are contingencies which may or may not occur. The Issuer and the Guarantor believe that the factors described below represent the principal risks inherent in investing in the Bonds as at the date of this Prospectus, but the Issuer may be unable to pay interest, principal or other amounts on or in connection with any Bonds for other reasons and the Issuer does not represent that the statements below regarding the Bonds are exhaustive. Prospective investors should carefully consider the following risk factors and the detailed information set out elsewhere in this Prospectus (including any documents incorporated by reference herein) and reach their own views prior to making an investment decision. The occurrence of any of the events described below could have a material adverse impact on the business, financial condition or results of operations of Ellevio or the Security Group and could lead to, among other things:

- (a) an Event of Default; and/or
- (b) a Trigger Event under the Common Documents and/or an Event of Default under the Bonds.

Factors which the Issuer and the Guarantor believe may be material for the purpose of assessing the market risks associated with the Bonds are also described below.

In this Prospectus, any operational performance figures that are financial measures and are not disclosed in the financial statements incorporated by reference herein will need to be disclosed as Alternative Performance Measures (“APMs”) as defined in the ESMA guidelines on APMs. Unless specifically disclosed as such, in the view of the Issuer and the Guarantor (as relevant), no operational performance figures provided herein are financial measures and as such are not APMs.

### **BUSINESS AND REGULATORY RISKS IN RELATION TO ELLEVIO**

#### **Risks relating to the regulation of Ellevio**

##### ***Regulatory enforcement***

While Ellevio has in place various policies to ensure its compliance with requirements under the current regulatory regime, its Concessions and other aspects of law and regulation, there can be no assurances that Ellevio will always be in compliance with all provisions. Should Ellevio be found by Ei to be in breach of such requirements, Ei may, amongst other things, impose penalties on Ellevio or ultimately terminate its Concessions in the event of gross misconduct. Such penalties may, and a termination of one or more of Ellevio’s Area Concessions will, have an adverse effect on Ellevio’s operations and financial position. Regulatory enforcement against Ellevio may result in Ellevio being unable to meet its liabilities, which may impact the ability of Ellevio to meet its payment obligations under the Bonds. See “*Chapter 7 – Selected Aspects of Swedish Regulation to which Ellevio is subject*”.

##### ***Possible changes to the Electricity Act (Sw. Ellag (1997: 857)) and its interpretation and application***

Under the EA, Ei determines the revenue caps for Ellevio’s network operations. The revenue caps are determined for a regulatory period of four years. Under certain conditions, the revenue caps may be re-examined by Ei during or after the regulatory period. Any deviation from the revenue caps determined by Ei will result in an adjustment of the allowed revenue for the subsequent regulatory period.

In June 2022, the Administrative Court of Appeal found in its judgments regarding the revenue caps for the regulatory period 2020-2023 (“**RP3**”) that several provisions in the Swedish regime outlining how the revenue caps shall be calculated were not in accordance with EU law since the methodology and detailed terms of the Ordinance on Revenue Frames for electricity network operations (Sw. *förordning om intäktsram för elnätverksamhet* (2018:1520)) (the “**Allowed Revenue Ordinance**”) did not provide Ei, as regulator, the necessary independence in determining the revenue caps. Following the judgment from the Administrative Court of Appeal and the ruling of the Court of Justice of the European Union (“**CJEU**”) in the case C-718/18 (Commission v. Germany), the Swedish Government appointed a special inquiry (the “**Inquiry**”) to review if the current Swedish regulatory framework for the electricity market (in particular the EA) is in compliance with EU law. In October 2023, the Inquiry presented its report, proposing amendments to the EA and its rules on revenue caps, and an abolishment of the Act on Special Investment Scope for Electricity Network Operations (Sw. *lag om särskilt investeringsutrymme i elnätverksamhet*).<sup>3</sup> The legislative changes have not yet been presented in a Government Bill (Sw. *proposition*) which is not expected until September 2025. Hence, it is not clear if the proposals by the Inquiry will lead to any legislative changes. The abolition of the Act on Special Investment Scope for Electricity Network Operations could result in reduced possibilities to make revenue or increased costs of compliance for Ellevio during the regulatory period 2024-2027, which may impact the ability of Ellevio to meet its payment obligations under the Bonds. See further “*Chapter 7 – Selected Aspects of Swedish Regulation to which Ellevio is subject*”.

#### ***Change in regulatory approach of Ei***

The CJEU ruled in the case C-718/18 Commission v. Germany that national regulatory authorities shall exercise their powers independently of public or political bodies. Hence, Ei has a wide margin of independence to determine the revenue caps as long as the method complies with the main objectives of the regulatory framework. Ei may therefore issue changes to the revenue cap calculation method. Ei has, for example, previously announced its intention to change the method of calculating the value of assets included in the regulatory asset value (“**RAV**”) from a method based on replacement values using standard costs (capacity preserving method) to a valuation based on original procurement value (wealth preserving method). Other changes may include, among other things, changes to the method and parameters for determining the regulatory return, changed depreciation times for certain components in the asset base and certain quality incentives relating to outages. As at the date of this Prospectus, it is highly uncertain which parts of the current regulatory framework governing the revenue caps will remain, be amended or be repealed. The calculation method for the future revenue caps is also unknown. Ei has announced that it will investigate how to change the current regulatory method taking in account the Inquiry and the changes that were intended for RP4. Changes of the method for setting the revenue caps, depending on its scope and effects, may have an adverse effect on Ellevio’s operations and financial position. This may impact the ability of Ellevio to meet its payment obligations under the Bonds. See further “*Chapter 7 – Selected Aspects of Swedish Regulation to which Ellevio is subject*”.

#### ***Determination of regulatory return***

The regulatory rate of return for revenue caps have been determined by using the calculation model known as the Weighted Average Cost of Capital (“**WACC**”) based on an assumed capital structure and the Capital Asset Pricing Model (“**CAPM**”) during the first four regulatory periods. WACC is calculated with respect to lenders’ and investors’ return in proportion to their share of the total capital. The required return that the investors are expected to have amounts to some risk-free rate and a risk premium, both of which are determined on the basis of industry and activity. Calculating WACC involves considering components such as the cost of debt and the optimal debt proportion in relation to market value. Events affecting any of the components used in calculating

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<sup>3</sup> SOU 2023:64, A changed legal framework for the future electricity and gas grids (Sw. *Ett förändrat regelverk för framtidens el- och gasnät*).

WACC may potentially lead to a WACC that is disadvantageous for Ellevio, which may affect the financial situation of Ellevio.

The rate of return has previously been determined by regulatory guidelines and the Allowed Revenue Ordinance. Subject to the Administrative Court of Appeal's ruling in June 2022, the Allowed Revenue Ordinance was found not compliant with EU law and Ei shall independently determine the method calculating the revenue caps, including the rate of return. For RP4, Ei has decided to determine certain parameters in WACC and CAPM based on the National Institute of Economic Research's (Sw. *Konjunkturinstitutet*) nine-year prognosis and scenario, see "*Chapter 7 – Selected Aspects of Swedish Regulation to which Ellevio is subject*". A decrease in Ellevio's expected regulatory rate of return could have an adverse effect on Ellevio's ability to generate return on its assets and therefore have an adverse impact on financial performance. This may result in Ellevio being unable to meet its payment obligations to its creditors, including its payment obligations under the Bonds.

#### ***Change in regulatory unit prices***

The unit prices used in the calculation of Ellevio's RAV may be materially revised for future regulatory periods. If unit prices fall, Ellevio's financial performance may be negatively impacted. This is due to the fact that the value of Ellevio's RAV may be materially impacted by those changes. Such impact may result in Ellevio being unable to meet its payment obligations to its creditors including its payment obligations under the Bonds. See "*Chapter 7 – Selected Aspects of Swedish Regulation to which Ellevio is subject*".

#### **Risks relating to the business of Ellevio**

##### ***Outages could adversely affect financial position***

Ellevio has the primary objective of providing a reliable and secure electricity distribution network. Historically, there have been interruptions to network services in Sweden, such as outages resulting from severe storms. Ellevio is pursuing a long-term investment programme of underground cabling, maintenance programs relating to tree clearing, inspections (including helicopter inspections and corrective and preventive maintenance with the aim of mitigating the impact of adverse weather conditions on the network infrastructure and thus decreasing the number of faults in the network and the resulting outages). See "*Chapter 7 – Selected Aspects of Swedish Regulation to which Ellevio is subject*".

Nevertheless, adverse weather conditions or the failure of a key asset, such as a critical network component or Ellevio's IT system that monitors the performance of its distribution network and reports faults, could cause a significant interruption to services (in terms of outage duration or the number of consumers affected), which may have an adverse one-off effect on Ellevio's operating costs or financial position, as well as having an effect on the regulatory outage penalties of such interruptions to Ellevio if the regulatory quality incentive targets are not met by Ellevio. Such adverse effects may result in Ellevio being unable to meet its payment obligations to its creditors, including payment obligations under the Bonds.

##### ***Uncertain Macroeconomic and Natural Environment***

As at the date of this Prospectus, Ellevio is exposed to significant uncertainty and volatility due to concurrent macroeconomic and natural factors including higher energy and chemical prices, inflation (including construction prices), increased labour costs, interest rates, currency exchange rates, increased borrowing costs and the possibility of extreme weather. The timing, volatility, unpredictability, and interaction of these factors alone and in combination creates uncertainty in forecasting and could lead to short or long term operational and financial cost pressures affecting Ellevio's business, results of operations and overall financial condition, its ability to meet financial ratio and covenant requirements under the Common Terms Agreement (which may result in the occurrence of a Trigger Event or, ultimately, an Event of Default) and to raise finance and comply with the Issuer's ability to meet its obligations under the Bonds issued under the Bond Programme. For more

information on financial ratios and covenant requirements please see Chapter 16 (“*Summary of the Finance Documents and the Bond Programme Documents – Common Terms Agreement – Events of Default*”).

#### ***Disruption due to outbreak of severe communicable diseases***

The outbreak, or threatened outbreak, of any severe communicable disease (such as COVID-19 (commonly referred to as coronavirus), SARS, measles, Ebola, H1N1, Zika, avian influenza, swine flu, or other epidemic infectious diseases)) and regulators’ or market fears about the same, may adversely affect Ellevio’s operations, directly, or through Ellevio’s supply chain. They could further cause a significant interruption to the supply of services and could limit the Ellevio Group’s ability to respond to another, non-related major interruption to the supply of services (in terms of duration or number of customers affected), materially affecting the way that the Ellevio Group operates its business, resulting in additional operating costs (including liability to customers) or loss of revenue, each of which could have a material adverse impact on the business, financial condition or operational performance of the Ellevio Group and could have a prejudicial impact on the Ellevio Group’s reputation.

Additionally, if any of Ellevio’s employees or employees of Ellevio’s suppliers are suspected of contracting an epidemic disease, this could require Ellevio or its suppliers to quarantine some or all of these employees, relocate employees or have employees work from home or disinfect the facilities used for its operations, which could in turn result in delays and/or additional costs and regulator or market fears may require that enhanced steps are taken in this regard. If significant employee absence due to illness occurred for a period of weeks, critical activities would be prioritised, and employees deployed in order to limit the impact on service and compliance, which could result in delays to and/or reprogramming of non-critical activities and future additional costs. A prolonged pandemic could result in national and international supply chain shortages for key materials.

At the date of this Prospectus, there can be no guarantee that there will not be a further outbreak or spread of any such similar communicable diseases having the above (or more severe) consequence. Ellevio cannot determine the full extent of any such severe communicable diseases and outbreaks. The outbreak could therefore cause a significant interruption to the supply of services and could limit Ellevio’s ability to respond to another, non-related major interruption to the supply of services (in terms of duration or number of customers affected), materially affecting the way that Ellevio operates its business, result in additional operating costs (including liability to customers) or loss of revenue, each of which could have a material adverse impact on the business, financial condition or operational performance of Ellevio and could have a prejudicial impact on Ellevio’s reputation.

#### ***Economic risks relating to the war between Russia and Ukraine***

On 24 February 2022, Russia launched an invasion of Ukraine. As a result of the invasion, the EU, EU Member States, Canada, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States, among others, have developed and continue to develop coordinated sanctions and export-control measure packages. The uncertain nature, magnitude and duration of Russia’s war in Ukraine and actions taken by Western and other states and multinational organisations in response thereto, including, amongst other things, the potential effects of sanctions, export-control measures, travel bans and asset seizures, as well as any Russian retaliatory actions, including, amongst other things, restrictions on oil and gas exports and cyber-attacks, on the world economy and markets, have contributed to increased market volatility and uncertainty. Such geopolitical risks may have a material adverse impact on macroeconomic factors which affect the Ellevio Group’s business, results of operations, cash flows, financial condition and prospects. Such risk of material adverse impact could be magnified after Sweden acceded to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation on 7 March 2024 in response to Russia’s invasion of Ukraine.

### ***Reliance on IT systems***

The business of Ellevio is dependent on various IT systems due to the large amount of data handled on a daily basis and the need for supervision of the overall distribution network. Ellevio utilises IT systems which, for example, operate, remotely measure and control the electricity network, measure electricity consumption, provide accurate invoicing to customers, manage energy balance and manage network design and construction. See “*Chapter 6 – Description of Ellevio*”.

Furthermore, possible cyber attacks or IT system failures could temporarily threaten the continuity of business operations. Such business interruptions, or the cost to Ellevio to repair any software malfunctions, may adversely impact the financial performance of Ellevio. This may result in Ellevio being unable to meet its payment obligations to its creditors, including its payment obligations under the Bonds.

### ***Ageing and malfunction of the network and assets***

Due to the history of operation of Ellevio, certain parts and/or components in operation are old and, in case of breakdown, these may be difficult to repair or replace. Any machinery breakdown may cost more than anticipated, which may negatively impact Ellevio. The replacement of ageing and or malfunctioning components ahead of the estimated technical and regulatory lifetime of the component, will have a negative effect on Ellevio’s regulated asset base and may result in Ellevio not receiving full regulatory compensation for the component. This may result in Ellevio being unable to meet its liabilities, which may impact the ability of Ellevio to meet its payment obligations under the Bonds. See “*Chapter 6 – Description of Ellevio*” and “*Chapter 7 – Selected Aspects of Swedish Regulation to which Ellevio is subject*”.

### ***Operational efficiency risks***

Ellevio’s profitability is linked to its ability to meet its operating and/or investment costs targets, as well as to its operational effectiveness compared to regulatory targets. Ellevio’s performance depends in part on the efficiency of its operational and investment cost management. To optimise its resources and maximise efficiency and flexibility, Ellevio is focused on its core activities of asset management, investment programme planning, regulation management, revenue risk and vendor interface, while other activities such as network construction works and maintenance, fault repair, customer work orders and service and automatic meter data collection have been outsourced with the aim of maximising service whilst reducing costs to Ellevio. Whilst Ellevio is pursuing an efficient long-term network investment programme, changes in material prices or availability of contractor resources may introduce unexpected costs into Ellevio’s investment programme, which in turn may impact the ability of Ellevio to implement efficiency improvements. This may result in Ellevio being unable to meet its liabilities, which may impact on the ability of Ellevio to meet its payment obligations under the Bonds. See “*Chapter 6 – Description of Ellevio*” and “*Chapter 7 – Selected Aspects of Swedish Regulation to which Ellevio is subject*”.

### ***Health and safety risks***

The nature of the business of Ellevio involves interaction by its employees, or the employees of third party service providers, with dangerous machinery and equipment. While Ellevio actively maintains health and safety policies to minimise such risks and ensure compliance with applicable law or regulation (which it reassesses on a regular basis), employees may be injured at work. The Sustainability Policy, covering, among other things, health and safety, is regularly reviewed by the Board of Directors of Ellevio. Despite this, contractors engaged by Ellevio or sub-contractors engaged by Ellevio’s contractors may not, despite Ellevio’s efforts, comply with or have regard to, the Sustainability Policy, or any policy which has comparable health and safety standards. Ellevio’s customers or third parties may also be involved in an accident relating to the electrical network carried out by or on behalf of Ellevio. The cost to Ellevio for any such injuries to such employees, customers, contractors, sub-contractors or third parties may negatively impact Ellevio. See “*Chapter 6 – Description of Ellevio*” and “*Chapter 7 – Selected Aspects of Swedish Regulation to which Ellevio is subject*”.



This may result in Ellevio being unable to meet its liabilities, which may impact the ability of Ellevio to meet its payment obligations under the Bonds. The insurance programme maintained by Ellevio may only cover certain of these risks (see further “*Risks relating to insuring the business*” below).

## **Risks Relating to Regulatory and Legislative Matters**

### ***Environmental regulation risks***

Various environmental protection laws and regulations govern the business of Ellevio. These laws and regulations establish, among other things, standards for control of greenhouse gas emissions and materials and energy efficiency, which affect Ellevio’s operations. In addition, Ellevio is required to obtain various environmental permits from regulatory bodies for its operations. Ellevio endeavours to comply with all regulatory standards. However, whilst there has been no compliance failure that has had a material adverse consequence historically, there can be no assurance that Ellevio will be in total compliance at all times with applicable laws and regulations. Should Ellevio fail to comply with these laws and regulations, it could incur costs in bringing the business into compliance or face fines imposed by the courts or otherwise face regulatory sanctions. See “*Chapter 7 – Selected Aspects of Swedish Regulation to which Ellevio is subject*”.

Environmental laws and regulations are complex and change frequently. These laws, and their enforcement, have tended to become more stringent over time. Although Ellevio believes it has taken into account the future capital and operating expenditure necessary to achieve and maintain compliance with current and known future changes in laws and regulations, it is possible that such capital and operating expenditure may increase, for example, as a result of unexpected or unforeseen liabilities, new or stricter standards being imposed, or the current interpretation of existing legislation being amended. There can be no assurance that these costs will be recoverable in part or in full through the regulatory process. Therefore, there can be no assurance that the costs of complying with, or discharging its liabilities under, current and future environmental and health and safety laws will not adversely affect Ellevio’s costs or financial position. Such adverse effect may result in Ellevio being unable to meet its liabilities, which may impact the ability of Ellevio to meet its payment obligations under the Bonds.

### ***The general effects of the Volcker Rule remain uncertain***

The Volcker Rule generally prohibits “banking entities” (which term is broadly defined to include any U.S. bank or savings association whose deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, any company that controls any such bank or savings association, any foreign bank treated as a bank holding company pursuant to Section 8 of the International Banking Act of 1978, as amended, and any affiliate or subsidiary of any of the foregoing entities) from:

- (i) engaging in proprietary trading as defined in the Volcker Rule;
- (ii) acquiring or retaining an ownership interest in or sponsoring a “covered fund”; and
- (iii) entering into certain relationships with such funds.

The Volcker Rule became effective on 21 July 2012, and final regulations implementing the Volcker Rule were adopted on 10 December 2013 and became effective on 1 April 2014. In October 2019, US regulators finalized amendments to the Volcker Rule’s implementing regulations that modified certain exceptions to the Volcker Rule’s proprietary trading ban and liberalized certain compliance requirements, among other things.

If the Issuer is a covered fund, the Volcker Rule and its related regulatory provisions will impact the ability of banking entities to hold an “ownership interest” in it. This may adversely impact the market price and liquidity of the Bonds. Further, if a banking entity is considered the “sponsor” of the Issuer under the Volcker Rule, that banking entity may face a prohibition on covered transactions with the Issuer. This could adversely impact the

ability of the banking entity to enter into new transactions with the Issuer and may require amendments to certain existing transactions and arrangements. There is limited interpretive guidance regarding the Volcker Rule, and implementation of the regulatory framework for the Volcker Rule is still evolving and regulators in the United States may promulgate further regulatory changes. The Volcker Rule's prohibitions and lack of interpretive guidance could negatively impact the liquidity and market price of the Bonds and no assurance can be given as to the impact of any regulatory changes on the Bonds. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consider the potential impact of the Volcker Rule in respect of such investment and on its portfolio generally. Each purchaser must determine for itself whether it is a banking entity subject to regulation under the Volcker Rule. None of the Issuer, the Dealers, the Arranger, the Bond Trustee or the Security Trustee makes any representation regarding the ability of any purchaser to acquire or hold the Bonds, now or at any time in the future.

### ***Enforceability of judgments following the UK's withdrawal from the EU***

As of the date of this Prospectus, the UK is not bound by any agreement, treaty or other instrument on mutual recognition and enforcement of judgments applicable in relation to the Bonds with the EU or Sweden. As a result, a final judgment in civil or commercial matters relating to the Bonds obtained in the courts of England against the Issuer will, in principle, neither be recognised nor enforceable in Sweden. However, if a Bondholder brings a new action in a competent court in Sweden, the final judgement rendered in an English court may be submitted to the Swedish court, but will only be regarded as evidence of the outcome of the dispute to which it relates, and the Swedish court has full discretion to rehear the dispute ab initio. Any retrial on a judgment's merits could therefore significantly delay or prevent the enforcement by Bondholders of the Issuer's obligations under the Bonds.

## **FINANCING RISKS**

### **Market and financing risks**

Ellevio will need to raise further debt from time to time in order, among other things:

- (a) to finance or refinance future capital expenditure;
- (b) to enable it to refinance any debt of the Security Group including the Bonds on or before its Final Maturity Date; and
- (c) for general corporate purposes.

Therefore, Ellevio is exposed to market risks resulting from mismatches between its capital requirements and its access to capital in the future. Ellevio's cost of funding may be influenced by, among other things, its own operating performance and general economic conditions. If financial markets deteriorate, there could be an adverse effect on Ellevio's ability to refinance its existing debt as and when required.

Moreover, Ellevio is exposed to market risks resulting from timing mismatches between its capital requirements and the revenue generated by its business. Ellevio's future capital requirements and level of costs will depend on numerous factors, including, among other things, capital expenditure caused by compliance with new safety requirements, continued demand for electricity, the amount of cash generated from its operations and general industry and economic conditions. The inability to cover long-term funding costs through revenue streams could have an adverse effect on Ellevio's business, financial condition, results of operations or prospects. This may result in Ellevio being unable to meet its liabilities, which may impact the ability of Ellevio to meet its payment obligations under the Bonds. See "*Chapter 5 – Overview of the Financing Structure*".

## **Funding Costs**

In response to global inflationary pressures, central banks and other monetary authorities have begun raising interest rates and as a result, borrowing costs are generally rising for borrowers. If inflation stays at its current level, or increases, interest rates may continue to rise or remain at persistently elevated levels.

Periods of high inflation can also give rise to timing mismatches between costs and revenues. Although Ellevio's revenues are linked to inflation, tariffs are not adjusted intra-year so revenue shortfalls may result until tariffs are increased the following year. Inevitable differences between the Ellevio cost base and the index make-up also mean that the adjustment may not simply be delayed but it may not correctly reflect Ellevio's increasing costs. Political pressures to maintain existing tariffs and provide other forms of customer support, may also arise (see also "*Rise of inflation may affect the Security Group's business, financial condition and result of operations*" under "*Financing Risks*").

In the ordinary course of running its business, Ellevio requires regular access to both public and private debt markets in order to access funding required to maintain and invest in its business. Although the majority of Ellevio's existing borrowing is fixed rate (or effectively fixed rate), as new debt is required to be incurred or existing debt is required to be refinanced, Ellevio will be required to borrow money at market (and therefore increased) interest rates. The associated cost pressures (alone or in combination with other cost pressures) could have a material adverse impact on Ellevio and, consequently, on the Issuer's ability to meet its obligations (including in respect of financial ratios and the payment of principal and interest) under the Bonds.

## **Rise of inflation may affect the Security Group's business, financial condition and result of operations**

The rise of inflation in Sweden has resulted in an increase in the cost of goods and services, raw materials and utilities, among other things. These increases are likely to have a negative impact on businesses in general and may have an effect on the Security Group's business, financial condition and results of operations. The rise in inflation could result in higher investment costs and operational expenses for the Security Group and higher default rates for its customers which may have an effect on the Security Group's business, financial condition and results of operations. There is also a risk that the methodology of revenue calculations for determining the revenue caps for DSOs does not take into account general and unforeseen price increases that lead to increased costs for DSOs, which in turn affects the financial result of network operations and the possibility of obtaining cost recovery for investments. Furthermore, several central banks, including the Swedish Riksbank, the European Central Bank and the U.S. Federal Reserve, have raised interest rates and announced that they may increase interest rates further in response to rising inflation. The rise of interest rates, depending on the size and pace of such rising, could potentially lead to a slowdown in general economic activity and, in severe cases, to a recession.

## **Security Group Hedging Risks**

The Security Group has a Hedging Policy in place to mitigate the risks arising from mismatches in cash flows received and payable from time to time. For more details on the Hedging Policy see Chapter 16 ("*Summary of the Finance Documents and the Bond Programme Documents – Common Terms Agreement – Hedging Policy*") below.

In order to address interest rate risks, inflation rate risks and/or currency risks, the Security Group will operate a hedging programme in accordance with the Hedging Policy and may enter into Treasury Transactions (for non-speculative purposes only, and such counterparty will not accede to the STID), which are not subject to the Hedging Policy, in the ordinary course of business.

However, there can be no assurance that the Hedging Agreements will adequately address the hedging risks that the Security Group will face from time to time. In addition, the Security Group could find itself over-/under-

hedged which could lead to financial stress. Ellevio is subject to the creditworthiness of, and, in certain circumstances, early termination of the Hedging Agreements by, Hedge Counterparties or the counterparties to any Treasury Transaction (see Chapter 16 (“*Summary of the Finance Documents and the Bond Programme Documents – Common Terms Agreement – Hedging Policy*”) below). Such circumstances may result in Ellevio being unable to meet its liabilities, which may impact the ability of Ellevio to meet its payment obligations under the Bonds.

### **Certain Secured Creditors will rank ahead of the Bondholders in respect of the Security**

In the event that a Standstill occurs or the Security is enforced, the proceeds of such enforcement may be insufficient, after payment of amounts ranking in priority to the Bonds, to pay, in full, all amounts of principal, interest and premium (if any) due in respect of the Bonds.

Although the Security has been granted for the benefit of, *inter alios*, the Bondholders, such security interests have also been granted for the benefit of other Secured Creditors that will rank ahead of the Bondholders. Certain of the obligations owed by Ellevio, including Ellevio’s obligations, to, *inter alios*, the Security Trustee (in its individual capacity), any appointee of the Security Trustee or the Bond Trustee, the Paying Agent(s), the Liquidity Facility Provider(s) under the Liquidity Facility, the Super Senior Hedge Counterparties under the Super Senior Hedging Agreements, the Account Bank in respect of certain amounts owed to them, the Transfer Agent, the Registrar, any Calculation Agent and the Cash Manager will rank ahead of amounts owed by Ellevio to the Bondholders. These amounts may be uncapped. To the extent that significant amounts are owing to any such persons and there is insufficient cash to pay all such amounts then due, the amounts available to the Bondholders may be reduced which may impact the ability of Ellevio to meet its payment obligations under the Bonds. See “*Chapter 5 – Overview of the Financing Structure*”.

### **Subordination of the Class B Bonds issued by Ellevio**

Payments under the Class A Bonds issued by Ellevio rank in priority to payments of principal and interest due on the Class B Bonds.

If, on any Interest Payment Date or any date upon which such Class B Bond is to be redeemed (in whole or in part) prior to the taking of Enforcement Action, there are insufficient funds available to Ellevio to pay accrued interest or principal on the Class B Bonds, Ellevio’s liability to pay such accrued interest or principal will be treated as not having fallen due and will be deferred until the earliest of:

- (i) the next following Interest Payment Date on which Ellevio has, in accordance with the Pre-Enforcement Priority of Payments, sufficient funds available to pay such deferred amounts (including any interest accrued thereon);
- (ii) the date on which the Class A Debt has been paid in full; and
- (iii) an acceleration of and enforcement of rights by the Secured Creditors (other than a Permitted Hedge Termination). Interest will accrue on such deferred interest or principal at the rate otherwise payable on unpaid principal of such Class B Bonds.

Notwithstanding the subordination of, and credit enhancement provided by, the Class B Bonds to the Class A Bonds, Ellevio may, subject to certain conditions, optionally redeem some or all of the Bonds subordinated and providing credit enhancement to other Classes of Bonds.

It should be noted that all of the Payment Dates for the various different types of Class A Debt and Class B Debt will not necessarily coincide and that, until a Standstill Period has commenced, there is no obligation to ensure that a payment made to a holder of a Class B Bond (or any other Class B Creditor pursuant to any other Class B Debt) will not lead to a deficiency of funds to make payments in respect of Class A Debt that falls due on a

later date. See “Chapter 4 – Overview of the Programme” and “Chapter 16 – Summary of the Finance Documents and the Bond Programme Documents”.

### **Monitoring of compliance with warranties and covenants and the occurrence of Trigger Events, Events of Default or Potential Events of Default**

The STID provides that the Security Trustee will be entitled to assume without enquiry, unless it has express notice to the contrary, that no Trigger Event, Event of Default or Potential Event of Default has occurred which is continuing. The Security Trustee will not itself monitor whether any such event has occurred.

Accordingly, it will fall to the Obligors themselves to make these determinations. In this context, a number of these representations, warranties, covenants, undertakings and Events of Default and Potential Events of Default will be qualified by reference to a relevant fact, matter or circumstance having a Material Adverse Effect. Whilst the criteria set out in the definition of “Material Adverse Effect” are on their face objective, it will fall to the Obligors themselves to determine whether or not the relevant fact, matter or circumstance falls within any of the criteria and, as such, the determination will be subjective for so long as such determination is made by the Obligors.

However, the Common Terms Agreement requires the Obligors to inform the Security Trustee of the occurrence of any Trigger Event, Event of Default and Potential Event of Default promptly upon becoming aware of the same. In addition, the Obligors are required to confirm in each Investor Report and each Compliance Certificate, each of which will be delivered to, among other recipients, the Security Trustee, whether or not any Trigger Event, Event of Default or Potential Event of Default has occurred (and, if one has, what action is being, or proposed to be, taken to remedy it).

Failure by the Obligors to promptly identify a Trigger Event or Event of Default could have a Material Adverse Effect on the ability of the Obligors to meet their obligations to the Secured Creditors. This may impact on the ability of Ellevio to meet its payment obligations under the Bonds. See “Chapter 16 – Summary of the Finance Documents and the Bond Programme Documents”.

### **Financial Indebtedness**

Under the Common Documents, the Obligors are permitted to incur further Financial Indebtedness subject to certain tests being met (as set out in the CTA). Such Financial Indebtedness may be on any economic terms and, in particular, may mature prior to the maturity date of the Bonds. The Obligors are permitted to repay Financial Indebtedness from time to time, which may result in certain creditors (including those in respect of a particular Series of Bonds) being paid earlier in time than the Bondholders of another Series of Bonds, including by way of defeasance. Any such repayments are subject to the terms of the Common Documents. *Chapter 16 – Summary of the Finance Documents and the Bond Programme Documents*”.

### **Modifications, waivers and consents in respect of the Common Documents and the Bond Programme Documents**

The Obligors may request the Security Trustee to agree to any modification to, or to give its consent to any event, matter or thing relating to, or grant any waiver in respect of, the Common Documents without any requirement to seek the approval of the Secured Creditors, in respect of a Discretion Matter.

The Security Trustee is entitled to exercise its sole discretion to approve a Discretion Matter if, in the opinion of the Security Trustee, approval of the STID Proposal: (a) is in the opinion of the Security Trustee, required to correct a manifest error or is of a formal, minor or technical nature; or (b) is, in the opinion of the Security Trustee, not materially prejudicial to the interests of the Qualifying Secured Creditors (where “**materially prejudicial**” means that such modification, consent or waiver could have a Material Adverse Effect on the ability of the Obligors to pay any amounts of principal or interest in respect of the Qualifying Secured Debt owed to the relevant Qualifying Secured Creditors on the relevant due date for payment therefor). The Security

Trustee is not obliged to exercise its discretion and if it chooses not to do so the voting category selection procedures set out in the STID and described in Chapter 16 (“*Summary of the Finance Documents and the Bond Programme Documents – Security Trust and Intercreditor Deed*”) below will apply.

Accordingly, in respect of modifications, waivers or consents in respect of provisions of the Common Documents (other than those in respect of Basic Terms Modifications (as defined in Condition 13 “*Meetings of Bondholders, Modification, Waiver and Substitution*”) a single vote by reference to the entire Outstanding Principal Amount of the Qualifying Secured Debt of each Authorised Credit Facility in respect of their Outstanding Principal Amount of the Qualifying Secured Creditors will be counted for or, as the case may be, against the applicable STID Proposal or Direction Notice. Votes cast in favour and votes cast against will then be aggregated by the Security Trustee with votes cast for and against by the other Qualifying Secured Creditors. There is therefore a risk that the votes of the Bondholders of the relevant Class may not constitute a majority in respect of modifications, waivers or consents. It is possible that the interests of the Qualifying Secured Creditors in respect of certain other Qualifying Secured Debt will not be aligned with the interests of a Class of Bondholders, and it is possible that, in relation to votes on certain matters, owing to the relative size of Secured Debt that is capable of being voted by Authorised Credit Providers other than the Bondholders, the Security Trustee is given an instruction that is not in the interests of the Bondholders.

Ellevio may also request the Bond Trustee to agree to any modification to, or to give its consent to any event, matter or thing, or grant any waiver in respect of, the Bond Programme Documents (subject as provided in the STID in relation to any Common Documents) without the consent or sanction of the Bondholders or (subject as provided below) any other party to such Bond Programme Documents.

The Bond Trustee may, without the consent or sanction of Bondholders, concur with Ellevio or any other relevant parties in making: (a) any modification to the Conditions or the Bond Programme Documents (subject as provided in the STID in relation to any Common Documents) or other document to which it is a party or in respect of which the Security Trustee holds security if, in the opinion of the Bond Trustee, such modification is made to correct a manifest error, or is of a formal, minor or technical nature; or (b) any modification (other than in respect of a Basic Terms Modification), and any waiver or authorisation of any breach or proposed breach, of any of the provisions of the Trust Deed that is, in the opinion of the Bond Trustee, not materially prejudicial to the interests of the Bondholders.

The Bond Trustee may, without prejudice to its rights in respect of any subsequent breach or Event of Default, from time to time and at any time but only if, and insofar as, in its opinion the interests of the Bondholders shall not be materially prejudiced thereby, waive or authorise any breach or proposed breach by Ellevio of any of the covenants or provisions contained in the Conditions or any Bond Programme Document to which it is a party or determine that any event which would otherwise constitute an Event of Default shall not be treated as such for the purposes of the Trust Deed.

Pursuant to the STID, the Bond Trustee is authorised to execute and deliver on behalf of the Bondholders all documentation required to implement such modification and such execution and delivery by the Bond Trustee will bind each of the Bondholders as if such documentation had been duly executed by them.

There can be no assurance that any modification, consent or waiver in respect of the Common Documents or the Bond Programme Documents will be favourable to all Bondholders. Such changes may be detrimental to the interests of some or all Bondholders, despite the ratings of such Bonds being affirmed.

The conditions of the Bonds contain provisions for Bondholders to vote on matters affecting their interests generally (other than matters which concern the enforcement of the Security or modifications to the STID, such matters which may only be addressed in accordance with the procedures set out in the STID, as described above). These provisions permit defined majorities to bind all Bondholders including Bondholders who do not vote on the relevant matter and Bondholders who voted in a manner contrary to the majority. Where the necessary

quorum is not met in respect of certain Votes and an Adjourned Voting Date is set, the requisite quorum for an Extraordinary Resolution will be reduced but will still bind all Bondholders if passed, even where the outcome is not published.

### **Voting by the Bondholders in respect of an STID Proposal**

Unless approval by Electronic Consent is available, Bondholders exercise their right to vote by “blocking” their Bonds in the clearing system and delivering irrevocable instructions to the Registrar or the Issuing and Paying Agent that the votes in respect of their Bonds are to be cast in a particular way. In respect of modifications, consents and waivers to the Common Documents, the Bond Trustee (as the Secured Creditor Representative of the Bondholders) is required to notify the Security Trustee of each vote received by the Registrar or the Issuing and Paying Agent no later than the Business Day on which any vote is received. The STID provides that as soon as the Security Trustee has received sufficient votes from the Secured Creditors (including the Bond Trustee as Secured Creditor Representative of the Bondholders) in favour of a consent, modification or waiver of a Common Document, the Decision Period will be closed and no further votes will be taken into account by the Security Trustee.

Accordingly, unless a Bondholder exercises its right to vote at the beginning of a Decision Period, it is possible that a consent, modification or waiver of a Common Document may be approved by the Secured Creditors before such Bondholder has participated in any vote and that, as a result, any consent, modification or waiver of a Common Document duly approved by the Secured Creditors shall be binding on all of the Bondholders. *Chapter 16 – Summary of the Finance Documents and the Bond Programme Documents*”.

### **The Class A Liquidity Facility**

Ellevio has agreed to procure that the aggregate of (i) all amounts available for drawing under the Class A Liquidity Facility in respect of Class A Debt; and (ii) all aggregate amounts standing to the credit of the Class A Debt Service Reserve Account (including the value of Cash Equivalent Investments funded from amounts standing to the credit of the Class A Debt Service Reserve Account) are at least equal to the Class A Liquidity Required Amount. Investors should note that in certain circumstances, the Class A Liquidity Required Amount will be zero (see definition of Class A Liquidity Required Amount in “*Glossary of Defined Terms*”).

The Liquidity Facility and any amounts credited to the Class A Debt Service Reserve Account are intended to cover certain shortfalls in the ability of Ellevio to service payments of (a) scheduled interest or certain other payments in respect of Class A Debt (including payments due to be made by Ellevio in relation to the Class A Bonds on any Interest Payment Date (excluding the repayment of principal under the Class A Bonds)); or (b) certain other payments ranking in priority to or *pari passu* with the Class A Bonds. However, on any such Interest Payment Date, there are no assurances that any such shortfalls will be met in whole or in part by amounts standing to the credit of the Class A Debt Service Reserve Accounts or by the Class A Liquidity Facility. *Chapter 16 – Summary of the Finance Documents and the Bond Programme Documents*”.

### **The Class B Liquidity Facility**

Ellevio has agreed to procure that the aggregate of (i) all amounts available for drawing under the Class B Liquidity Facility in respect of Class B Debt; and (ii) all aggregate amounts standing to the credit of the Class B Debt Service Reserve Account (including the value of Cash Equivalent Investments funded from amounts standing to the credit of the Class B Debt Service Reserve Account) are at least equal to the Class B Liquidity Required Amount. Investors should note that in certain circumstances, the Class B Liquidity Required Amount will be zero (see definition of Class B Liquidity Required Amount in “*Glossary of Defined Terms*”).

The Liquidity Facility and any amounts credited to the Class B Debt Service Reserve Account are intended to cover certain shortfalls in the ability of Ellevio to service payments of (a) scheduled interest or certain other payments in respect of Class B Debt (including payments due to be made by Ellevio in relation to the Class B

Bonds on any Interest Payment Date (excluding the repayment of principal under the Class B Bonds)); or (b) certain other payments ranking in priority to or *pari passu* with the Class B Bonds. However, on any such Interest Payment Date, there are no assurances that any such shortfalls will be met in whole or in part by amounts standing to the credit of the Class B Debt Service Reserve Accounts or by the Class B Liquidity Facility. See “*Chapter 16 – Summary of the Finance Documents and the Bond Programme Documents*”.

### **Capital Structure**

The Security Group has a substantial amount of outstanding indebtedness with significant debt service requirements. In addition, the Security Group retains the ability to incur additional indebtedness in the future to finance its capital investment programmes. See “*Chapter 5 – Overview of the Financing Structure*”.

This significant leverage could have important consequences including increasing the Security Group’s vulnerability to a downturn in its business, economic or industry conditions and requiring the Security Group to dedicate a substantial portion of its cash flow from operations to payments on its debt obligations, thus reducing the availability of its cash flow to fund growth and for other general corporate purposes.

Such significant leverage could impact the ability of Ellevio to meet its payment obligations under the Bonds.

### **OTHER RISKS**

#### **The value of the Security may not be sufficient to cover Ellevio’s payment obligations under the Bonds**

The Security primarily consists of the Parent Share Pledge the Initial Parent Intragroup Loan Pledge, pledges over business mortgage certificates issued by Ellevio and real property mortgage certificates issued over certain real properties owned by Ellevio. The Security does not comprise all assets of Ellevio. There can be no assurance that the value of the Security will be sufficient to cover Ellevio’s payment obligations under the Bonds. If the proceeds from an Enforcement Action are not sufficient to repay all amounts of principal and interest due in respect of the Secured Debt (which includes the Bonds), the Secured Creditors (which includes the Bondholders) will only have an unsecured claim against Ellevio’s remaining assets (if any). To the extent that the value of the Security is not enough to repay all Secured Debt, any outstanding debt will be the unsecured obligations of Ellevio. The remaining assets of Ellevio may not be sufficient to repay all unsecured claims. This may result in Ellevio being unable to meet its liabilities, which may impact the ability of Ellevio to meet its payment obligations under the Bonds. See “*Chapter 4 – Overview of the Programme*” and “*Chapter 16 – Summary of the Finance Documents and the Bond Programme Documents*”.

#### **Limited market for sale of shares and certain other assets subject to Security upon an enforcement of the Parent Share Pledge and Security**

Due to the specific and regulated nature of Ellevio, upon the enforcement of the Parent Share Pledge and a decision by the Secured Creditors to sell such shares, there can be no assurance that there will be a market for such shares or, if there is one, that there will not be substantial delays in the liquidation of such shares or that it will provide the Secured Creditors with sufficient recoveries to meet the payment obligations of the Secured Creditors or that any such liquidity will continue for the life of the Bonds. Consequently, any purchaser of the Bonds must be prepared to hold such Bonds for an indefinite period of time or until final redemption on maturity of the Bonds.

Further, Ei has the authority to, in its discretion, continuously assess the suitability of Ellevio as holder of the Concessions necessary to operate the distribution network (which also considers the suitability of the owner(s) of Ellevio). Ei has the authority to revoke Ellevio’s Concessions, should Ellevio be deemed unsuitable for the purpose of operating the grid. There can be no assurance that Ei, following a sale of the shares in Ellevio, will not reassess the suitability of Ellevio as the holder of such Concessions and that Ei will not take the suitability



of a potential purchaser of Ellevio's shares into consideration in doing so. This may further limit the market for the shares in Ellevio. See "*Chapter 6 – Description of Ellevio*" and "*Chapter 7 – Selected Aspects of Swedish Regulation to which Ellevio is Subject*".

In addition, upon an enforcement of the Security which consists of real property on which grid assets are connected or located, any purchaser(s) of the real property would require a concession to be granted by Ei in order to operate the grid assets connected to, or located on, the real property. There can be no assurance that a purchaser of such real property would be granted the concessions necessary which may limit the market for such real properties.

These factors limit the market for the sale of the Security which may impact the value of the Security. As such, realisation of such Security may not provide the Secured Creditors with sufficient recoveries to meet the payment obligations of the Secured Creditors. This may result in Ellevio being unable to meet its liabilities, which may impact the ability of Ellevio to meet its payment obligations under the Bonds.

### **It may be difficult to realise the full value of the Security securing the Bonds**

The Security may be subject to certain limitations permitted under the Common Documents. Such limitations could adversely affect the value of the Security securing the Bonds as well as the ability of the Security Trustee to enforce that security.

The security interest granted pursuant to the Initial Parent Intragroup Loan Pledge has been granted with delayed perfection, and such security interest may only be perfected upon the occurrence of a Share Pledge Enforcement Event (as defined in the STID). As such, the Initial Parent Intragroup Loan Pledge will not be effective against third parties until a Share Pledge Enforcement Event has occurred. See "*Chapter 16 – Summary of the Finance Documents and the Bond Programme Documents*".

In addition, the Security may be subject to practical problems generally associated with the realisation of security interests in the Security. For example, the Security Trustee needs to obtain a judgment claim (Sw. *exekutionstitel*) from a court in order to enforce the security interest granted in the real properties owned by Ellevio. There can be no assurance that the Security Trustee will be able to obtain such a judgment claim or that such judgment claim will be granted in a timely manner.

The amount of funds that may be realised by the Secured Creditors or the Security Trustee may be limited or reduced if, among other things: (a) certain Swedish perfection formalities are not satisfied; (b) claims are subject to a deduction of realisation costs; (c) certain legal formalities are not taken at the time or before the Enforcement Action is taken; or (d) a court or a bankruptcy administrator takes any step within the insolvency laws of Sweden that may delay or prevent the Security Trustee or the Secured Creditors from realising the assets of Ellevio. Difficulties in realising the full value of the Security may impact the ability of Ellevio to meet its payment obligations under the Bonds. Further, any enforcement action (including any acceleration of the Bonds) may cause Ellevio to file for insolvency or be otherwise value destructive, which may also impact the ability of Ellevio to meet its payment obligations under the Bonds.

### **The pledge of business mortgage certificates granted by Ellevio cannot be actively enforced and covers a variable pool of assets**

The security interest granted in the business of Ellevio pursuant to the pledge of business mortgage certificates (the "**Business Mortgage Certificates**") cannot be actively enforced, but instead consists of a grant by Ellevio of a right to payment pursuant to the Swedish Rights of Priority Act (Sw. *förmånsrättslagen (1979:979)*) in the event of foreclosure and bankruptcy proceedings of Ellevio. The security interest created by the pledge of such Business Mortgage Certificates is granted in the business of Ellevio and covers all personal property (with the exception of, among other things, funds standing to the credit of bank accounts) belonging to Ellevio. Once an asset subject to the Business Mortgage Certificates is sold, however, the business mortgage over such asset will

cease to be valid. Therefore, as a result of the disposal of assets of Ellevio during an enforcement scenario, the value of the Business Mortgage Certificates may be lower than at the time that such Business Mortgage Certificates were granted. This may decrease the value of the Security. Where the value of Security has been reduced, during an Enforcement, this may result in Ellevio being unable to meet its liabilities, which may impact the ability of Ellevio to meet its payment obligations under the Bonds.

### **Certain claims and the Security are subject to a recovery risk**

While as a general rule security granted at the time when a debt is incurred is not subject to a recovery risk, pursuant to applicable law, a transaction can, subject to certain prerequisites, be revoked if the transaction were concluded within a certain period of time (the length of which varies depending on the type of transaction and the parties thereto) before the application for bankruptcy, reorganisation or execution was filed with the competent court. Mandatory insolvency laws may, therefore, under specific circumstances require that the Security be recovered to the assets or bankruptcy estate of Obligors, or otherwise held to be unenforceable. Given that the security interest created under the Initial Parent Intragroup Loan Pledge may only be perfected upon a Share Pledge Enforcement Event, the hardening period will start upon perfection of the security. In addition, the satisfaction of certain claims of the Secured Creditors are subject to a risk of being recovered or revoked in the bankruptcy proceedings of Ellevio. This may result in Ellevio being unable to meet its liabilities, which may impact the ability of Ellevio to meet its payment obligations under the Bonds. See “*Chapter 16 – Summary of the Finance Documents and the Bond Programme Documents*”.

### **Insolvency laws may adversely affect the enforcement of the Guarantee and the Security**

The initiation of insolvency proceedings, including bankruptcy (Sw. *konkurs*) and reconstruction (Sw. *företagsrekonstruktion*) proceedings, may, amongst other things, (i) in the case of bankruptcy, result in the assets of the insolvent company being taken over by a court-appointed administrator in which case the right to dispose of the said assets could also be transferred to such an administrator or, (ii) in the case of reconstruction, result in a general prohibition on enforcement of security and payment, collection and execution of debts incurred prior to the initiation of the reconstruction proceedings, which applies to all creditors. The initiation of such proceedings may, therefore, and as a result of other effects of such insolvency proceedings have a materially adverse effect on the ability of the Security Trustee (in respect of the Security) to initiate or to control any enforcement proceedings relating to such assets. If such insolvency proceedings are commenced, the ability to realise the Security might be prohibited, delayed and/or the value of the Security impaired. The realisation process may also, amongst other things, take more time than expected and the holders of the Bonds may not receive the invested principal and the accrued interest when due under the terms and conditions of the Bonds. This may result in Ellevio being unable to meet its liabilities, which may impact the ability of Ellevio to meet its payment obligations under the Bonds.

## **TAX RISKS**

### **Swedish Withholding tax in respect of the Bonds**

Sweden does not currently impose withholding tax on the Bonds (other than Swedish preliminary tax (Sw. *preliminärskatt*) which is normally withheld on payments considered to be interest for Swedish tax purposes to private individuals and estates, which for tax purposes are deemed to be resident in Sweden). However, if the law in Sweden were to change and any withholding or deduction for, or on account of, tax is required to be made from payments due under the Bonds, none of Ellevio or the Guarantor, any Paying Agent nor any other person will be obliged to pay any additional amounts to Bondholders or, if Definitive Bonds are issued, Couponholders, or otherwise to compensate Bondholders or Couponholders for the reduction in the amounts they will receive as a result of such withholding or deduction. See “*Tax Considerations*” below for a discussion of the risk of withholding taxes applying in respect of payments under the Bonds.

## **BOND CONSIDERATIONS**

### **Reliance by Ellevio on third parties**

The ability of Ellevio to pay amounts due under the Bonds depends upon a number of third parties such as the Liquidity Facility Provider(s), Hedge Counterparties and the Account Bank. In the event that one or more of those parties is downgraded by one or more of the Rating Agencies or if one or more of such third parties defaults on its obligations to make payments to Ellevio, this may have an adverse effect on the rating of the Bonds and/or the ability of Ellevio to satisfy its payment obligations in full. See “*Chapter 16 – Summary of the Finance Documents and the Bond Programme Documents*”.

If a Hedging Agreement is terminated, Ellevio may be exposed to fluctuations in interest rates and/or currencies that were previously hedged. Upon any such termination, Ellevio may be obliged to make a termination payment to the relevant Hedge Counterparty. The requirement to make such a termination payment may impact the ability of Ellevio to meet its payment obligations under the Bonds. Further, there can be no assurance that Ellevio will have sufficient funds available to make a termination payment under the relevant Hedging Agreement, nor can there be any assurance that Ellevio will be able to enter into a replacement hedging agreement, or if one is entered into, that the credit rating of the replacement Hedge Counterparty will be sufficiently high to prevent a downgrade of the then current ratings of the Bonds.

### **Conflict of interest**

The Trust Deed requires the Bond Trustee to have regard to the interests of all the Bondholders (so long as any of the Bonds remain outstanding) equally as regards all powers, trusts, authorities, duties and discretions of the Bond Trustee as if they formed a single class (except where expressly required otherwise).

For so long as any of the Bonds are outstanding, the Bond Trustee shall not be bound to take any steps, proceedings or other actions unless:

- (a) it has been indemnified and/or secured and/or prefunded to its satisfaction against all liabilities, proceedings, claims and demands to which it may be or become liable and all costs, charges and expenses which may be incurred by it in connection therewith; and
- (b) it has been directed or requested to do so by Bondholders together holding or representing 25 per cent. or more of the Principal Amount Outstanding.

The Bond Trustee may give its consent to any amendment to, or grant any waiver under or in respect of, any term of any Bond Programme Document to which it is a party or over which it has security or give its written consent to any event, matter or thing (without the consent of the Bondholders or any other person) if to do so would, among other things, not, in its opinion, be materially prejudicial to the interests of the Bondholders, or in certain circumstances, where a specified test or conditions have been met. See “*Chapter 16 – Summary of the Finance Documents and the Bond Programme Documents*”.

### **Limited liquidity of the Bonds; absence of secondary market for the Bonds**

There can be no assurance that a secondary market for the Bonds will develop or, if a secondary market does develop for any of the Bonds issued after the date of this Prospectus, that it will provide any holder of Bonds with liquidity or that any such liquidity will continue for the life of the Bonds. If a series of Bonds is issued to a single investor or a limited number of investors, this may result in an even more illiquid or volatile market in such Bonds. Consequently, any purchaser of the Bonds must be prepared to hold such Bonds for an indefinite period of time or until final redemption or maturity of the Bonds.

The liquidity and market value of the Bonds at any time are affected by, among other things, the market view of the credit risk of such Bonds and will generally fluctuate with interest rates, general economic conditions,

the condition of certain financial markets, international political events and the performance and financial condition of Ellevio.

**Rating Agency assessments, downgrades and changes to Rating Agency criteria may result in ratings volatility in respect of the Bonds**

The ratings to be assigned by the Rating Agencies to the Bonds reflect only the views of the particular Rating Agency and, in assigning the ratings, each Rating Agency takes into consideration the credit quality of Ellevio and structural features and other aspects of the transaction of which the Bonds form part. There is no assurance that any such ratings will continue for any period of time or that they will not be reviewed, revised, suspended or withdrawn entirely by the Rating Agencies as a result of changes in, or unavailability of, information in relation to Ellevio's underlying business and performance or if, in the Rating Agencies' judgement, other circumstances so warrant. If any rating assigned to the Bonds is lowered or withdrawn, the market value of the Bonds may be reduced. Future events, including events affecting Ellevio and/or circumstances relating to the industry in which it operates, could have an adverse impact on the ratings of the Bonds.

A confirmation from a Rating Agency that any action proposed to be taken by Ellevio will not have an adverse effect on the then current rating of the Bonds does not, for example, confirm that such action: (a) is permitted by the terms of the Common Documents or the Bond Programme Documents; or (b) is in the best interests of, or not prejudicial to, the Bondholders. While each of the Secured Creditors (including the Bondholders), the Security Trustee and the Bond Trustee (as applicable) are entitled to have regard to the fact that a Rating Agency has confirmed that the then current rating of the Bonds would not be adversely affected by such action, the above does not impose or extend any actual or contingent liability on that Rating Agency to the Secured Creditors (including the Bondholders and the Bond Trustee) or any other person or create any legal relationship between the Rating Agencies and the Secured Creditors (including the Bondholders and the Bond Trustee) or any other person whether by way of contract or otherwise.

Any such confirmation from a Rating Agency may or may not be given at the sole discretion of that Rating Agency. It should be noted that, depending on the timing of delivery of the request and any information required to be provided as part of any such request, it may be the case that a Rating Agency cannot provide a confirmation in the time available or at all. A confirmation from a Rating Agency, if given, will be given on the basis of the facts and circumstances prevailing at the relevant time and in the context of cumulative changes to the transaction of which the Bonds form a part since the Establishment Date. A confirmation from a Rating Agency represents only a restatement of the then current rating of the Bonds and cannot be construed as advice for the benefit of any parties to the transaction of which the Bonds form a part.

A credit rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be revised or withdrawn by its assigning rating agency at any time.

**Credit ratings may not reflect all risks relating to the Bonds**

One or more independent credit rating agencies may assign an unsolicited credit rating to the Bonds. These ratings may not reflect the potential impact of all risks related to structure, market, additional factors discussed above and below and other factors that may affect the value of the Bonds. Such a rating may be lower than the rating assigned to the Bonds by the Rating Agencies and may impact the market value of the Bonds.

In general, European regulated investors are restricted under Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009 (as amended) (the "EU CRA Regulation") from using credit ratings for regulatory purposes, unless such ratings are issued by a credit rating agency established in the EU and registered under the EU CRA Regulation (and such registration has not been withdrawn or suspended), subject to the transitional provisions that apply in certain circumstances whilst the registration application is pending. Such general restriction will also apply in the case of credit ratings issued by non-EU credit rating agencies, unless the relevant credit ratings are endorsed by an EU-registered

credit rating agency or the relevant non-EU rating agency is certified in accordance with the EU CRA Regulation (and such endorsement action or certification, as the case may be, has not been withdrawn or suspended).

Similarly, UK-regulated investors are restricted under Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009 as it forms part of domestic law in the United Kingdom by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (the “**UK CRA Regulation**”) from using a rating for regulatory purposes if such rating is not issued or endorsed by a credit rating agency established in the United Kingdom and registered under the UK CRA Regulation.

ESMA is obliged to maintain on its website, [www.esma.europa.eu](http://www.esma.europa.eu), a list of credit rating agencies registered and certified in accordance with the EU CRA Regulation and the FCA maintains on its website, [www.fca.org.uk](http://www.fca.org.uk), a list of credit rating agencies registered in accordance with the UK CRA Regulation. These lists are updated after the adoption by ESMA or the FCA, respectively, of any decisions to withdraw the registration of a credit rating agency under the EU CRA Regulation or the UK CRA Regulation, respectively. However, such lists are not conclusive evidence of the status of the relevant rating agency as there may be delays between certain supervisory measures being taken against a relevant rating agency and the publication of the updated list.

### **Change to covenants subject to Ratings Confirmation**

Changes can be made to certain covenants provided that Ellevio obtains a Ratings Confirmation in respect of the particular change. The Rating Agencies may not provide their confirmation in the time available or at all, and they will not be responsible for the consequences thereof. A Ratings Confirmation, if given, will be given on the basis of the facts and circumstances prevailing at the relevant time. A Ratings Confirmation cannot be construed as advice for the benefit of any party to the transaction. No assurance can be given that, although a Ratings Confirmation in respect of any particular change has been provided, such change will not have an adverse impact upon Ellevio.

### **Green Bonds may not be a suitable investment for all investors seeking exposure to green assets**

The Terms and Conditions of the Green Bonds may provide for the right of the Issuer to redeem the Green Bonds early. If such redemption occurs in full in relation to such Green Bond, the Green Bond may no longer be able to contribute to any Eligible Green Portfolio. Any such event or any failure by the Issuer to do so will not give the Noteholder the right to early termination.

Prospective investors who intend to invest in the Green Bonds issued under the Programme must determine for themselves the relevance of the information in the relevant Final Terms (for example, regarding the use of proceeds) for the purpose of any investment in the Green Bonds together with any other investigation such investors deem necessary. In particular, no assurance is or can be given to investors that the Eligibility Criteria or the Eligible Green Portfolio (each as defined in Chapter 12 “*Use of Proceeds*”) will meet or continue to meet on an ongoing basis any or all investor expectations regarding investment in “green bond”, “green” or “sustainable” or equivalently-labelled projects.

In addition, the Green Bond Framework may be amended at any time without the consent, approval or prior notification of Noteholders – for example, after the issuance of Green Bonds, *inter alia*, to align the Green Bond Framework with incoming green bond regulation and guidelines. If the Green Bond Framework has been amended or updated, the allocation of proceeds of any Green Bonds that are outstanding at the date of such amendment or updated Green Bond Framework, may be different from the allocation of proceeds as was described in the version of the Green Bond Framework that was in force at the date of issuance of such Green Bonds and may not be aligned with investor expectations or requirements.

In connection with the issue of Green Bonds under the Programme, the Issuer may request consultants and/or institutions with recognised relevant expertise to issue an opinion (i) confirming that the Eligible Green Portfolio (as defined in Chapter 12 “*Use of Proceeds*” below) has been defined in accordance with the broad

categorisation of eligibility for green projects set out by the International Capital Market Association (“**ICMA**”) Green Bond Principles; and/or (ii) regarding the suitability of the Green Bonds as an investment in connection with certain environmental and sustainability projects (any such opinion, an “**External Review**”).

Any External Review is not, nor shall be deemed to be, incorporated in and/or form part of this Prospectus. An External Review may not reflect the potential impact of all risks related to the structure, market, additional risk factors discussed above and other factors that may affect the value of the Green Bonds or the Eligible Green Portfolio. An External Review would not constitute a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and would only be current as of the date it is released. Prospective investors must determine for themselves the relevance of any External Review and/or the information contained therein and/or the provider of any External Review for the purpose of any investment in the Green Bonds. In particular, no assurance or representation is or can be given to investors that the External Review will reflect any present or future investor expectations or requirements as regards any investment criteria or guidelines with which such investor or its investments are required to comply. The Bondholders have no recourse against the provider of any External Review. In addition, although the Issuer may agree at the time of issue of any Green Bonds to certain reporting and use of proceeds obligations it would not be an event of default under the Bonds if the Issuer fails to comply with such obligations. A withdrawal of an External Review may affect the value of such Green Bonds and/or may have consequences for certain investors with portfolio mandates to invest in green assets. There is currently no market consensus on what precise attributes are required for a particular project to be defined as ‘green’ or ‘sustainable’, and therefore no assurance can be provided to investors that the Eligible Green Projects and/or Assets (as defined in Chapter 12 “*Use of Proceeds*” below) will meet all investor expectations regarding sustainability performance. Although the Eligible Green Projects and/or Assets have been selected in accordance with the categories recognised by the Green Bond Framework and will be developed in accordance with the relevant legislation and standards, there can be no guarantee that adverse environmental and/or social impacts will not occur during the design, constructions, commissioning and operation of the Eligible Green Projects and/or Assets. In addition, where negative impacts are insufficiently mitigated, the Eligible Green Projects and/or Assets may become controversial, and/or may be criticised by activist groups or other stakeholders.

Regulation (EU) 2020/852 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2020 (the “**Sustainable Finance Taxonomy Regulation**”) on the establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investment (the “**EU Sustainable Finance Taxonomy**”) establishes a basis for the determination of the definitions of “green”, “sustainable” and “sustainability-linked” in the EU. The EU Sustainable Finance Taxonomy is subject to further development by way of the implementation by the European Commission (the “**EC**”) through delegated regulations of technical screening criteria for the environmental objectives set out in the Sustainable Finance Taxonomy Regulation. On 18 June 2019, the Commission Technical Expert Group on sustainable finance published its final report on a future European standard for green bonds (the “**EU Green Bond Standard**”). On 6 July 2021, the European Commission officially adopted a legislative proposal for a EU Green Bond Standard setting out four main requirements: (i) allocation of the funds raised by the green bond should be made in compliance with the Sustainable Finance Taxonomy Regulation; (ii) full transparency on the allocation of the green bond proceeds; (iii) monitoring and compliance activities to be carried out by an external reviewer; and (iv) registration of external reviewers with the ESMA and subjection to its supervision. On 28 February 2023, negotiators for the Council, the European Parliament and the European Commission reached a provisional political agreement on the legislative proposal for an EU Green Bond Standard introducing a voluntary standard. On 10 May 2023, a version of the regulation adopted by the legislative bodies of the European Union was published. Finally, on 30 November 2023, Regulation (EU) 2023/2631 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the “European Green Bonds and optional disclosures for bonds marketed as environmentally sustainable and for sustainability-linked bonds” was published in the Official Journal (the “**EU Green Bond Regulation**”); the Regulation entered into force on 20 December 2023 and will apply from 21 December 2024. No assurance is or can be given to investors that the Green Bonds will be eligible for the Issuer to be entitled

to be designated as “European Green Bond” or “EuGB” pursuant to the future requirements of the EU Green Bond Regulation nor is the Issuer under any obligation to take steps to have the Green Bonds to become eligible for such designation.

Further, although Ellevio may agree at the time of issue of Green Bonds to certain reporting and use of proceeds (including in the case of certain divestments described under Use of Proceeds) it would not have been an event of default under the Green Bonds if (i) Ellevio were to fail to comply with such obligations and/or (ii) the External Review were to be withdrawn. Any failure to use the net proceeds from the Green Bonds on Eligible Green Projects and/or Assets to meet or continue to meet the investment requirements of certain environmentally focussed investors with respect to such Green Bonds may affect the value and/or trading price of the Green Bonds and/or may have consequences for certain investors with portfolio mandates to invest in green assets. None of the Arranger or the Dealers will verify or monitor the proposed use of proceeds of the Green Bonds issued. None of the Arranger or the Dealers give any assurance or make any representation as to the suitability of the Green Bonds to fulfil social and sustainability criteria required by prospective investors.

Furthermore, it should be noted that no member of the Security Group, no Dealer, or the Arranger nor any other person makes any representation as to the suitability of the Green Bonds to fulfil environmental and/or sustainability criteria required by prospective investors. No member of the Security Group is responsible for any third party assessment of the Eligibility Criteria. Nor is any Dealer or the Arranger responsible for (i) any assessment of the Eligibility Criteria, (ii) any verification of whether the Eligible Green Projects and/or Assets meet the Eligibility Criteria, or (iii) the monitoring of the use of proceeds. Investors should refer to the Issuer’s website, the Ellevio Green Bond Framework and the External Review for further information. The External Review provider has been appointed by Ellevio.

#### **Certain risks related to Index-Linked Bonds**

Ellevio may issue Bonds with principal or interest determined by reference to the Swedish Consumer Price Index. Potential investors of all Bonds, but particularly of Index-Linked Bonds, should be aware that:

- the market price of such Bonds may be volatile;
- they may receive no interest;
- payment of principal or interest may occur at a different time than expected;
- they may lose all or a substantial portion of their principal;
- the Swedish Consumer Price Index may be subject to significant fluctuations that may not correlate with changes in interest rates or other indices;
- if the Swedish Consumer Price Index is applied to Bonds in conjunction with a multiplier greater than one or contains some other leverage factor, the effect of changes in the Swedish Consumer Price Index on principal or interest payable is likely to be magnified; and
- the timing of changes in the Swedish Consumer Price Index may affect the actual yield to investors, even if the average level is consistent with their expectations. In general, the earlier the change in the Swedish Consumer Price Index, the greater the effect on yield.

The historical performance of the Swedish Consumer Price Index should not be viewed as an indication of the future performance of such Index during the term of any Index-Linked Bonds.

#### **Certain risks related to Bonds issued at a substantial discount or premium**

The market values of securities issued at a substantial discount or premium to their principal amount tend to fluctuate more in relation to general changes in interest rates than do prices for conventional interest-bearing

securities. Generally, the longer the remaining term of the securities, the greater the price volatility as compared to conventional interest-bearing securities with comparable maturities.

### **Certain risks related to Fixed Rate Bonds**

Investment in the Bonds which bear a fixed rate of interest, involves the risk that if market interest rates subsequently increase above the rate paid on the Bonds, this will adversely affect the value of the Bonds. While the nominal interest rate of a security with a fixed interest rate is fixed during the life of such security or during a certain period of time, market interest rates typically change on a daily basis. As market interest rates change, the price of such security changes in the opposite direction. If market interest rates increase, the price of such security typically falls, until the yield of such security is approximately equal to the prevailing market interest rate. Conversely, if market interest rates fall, the price of a security with a fixed interest rate typically increases, until the yield of such security is approximately equal to the prevailing market interest rate. Bondholders should be aware that the market price of the Bonds may fall as a result of movements in market interest rates.

### **Certain risks related to Floating Rate Bonds referencing benchmarks that are subject to regulation and reform**

EURIBOR, STIBOR and other rates and indices which are deemed to be “benchmarks” are the subject of national, international and other regulatory guidance and proposals for reform. Some of these reforms are already effective whilst others are still to be implemented. These reforms may cause such benchmarks to perform differently than in the past, to disappear entirely, or have other consequences which cannot be predicted. Any such consequence could have a material adverse effect on any Bonds linked to such a “benchmark”.

Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 (the “**EU BMR**”) applies, subject to certain transitional provisions, to the provision of benchmarks, the contribution of input data to a benchmark and the use of a benchmark within the EU. Among other things, it (i) requires benchmark administrators to be authorised or registered (or, if non-EU-based, to be subject to an equivalent regime or otherwise recognised or endorsed) and (ii) prevents certain uses by EU supervised entities (such as the Issuer) of benchmarks of administrators that are not authorised or registered (or, if non-EU based, not deemed equivalent or recognised or endorsed). Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA (the “**UK BMR**”) among other things, applies to the provision of benchmarks and the use of a benchmark in the UK. Similarly, it prohibits the use in the UK by UK supervised entities of benchmarks of administrators that are not authorised by the FCA or registered on the FCA register (or, if non-UK based, not deemed equivalent or recognised or endorsed).

The EU BMR and the UK BMR (together, the “**BMRs**”) could have a material impact on any Bonds linked to EURIBOR or another “benchmark” rate or index, in particular, if the methodology or other terms of the “benchmark” are changed in order to comply with the requirements of the BMRs, and such changes could (amongst other things) have the effect of reducing or increasing the rate or level, or affecting the volatility of, the published rate or level, of the benchmark. There is a risk that administrators of certain “benchmarks” will fail to obtain a necessary licence, preventing them from continuing to provide such “benchmarks”. Other administrators may cease to administer certain “benchmarks” because of the additional costs of compliance with the BMRs and other applicable regulations, and the risks associated therewith. Whilst no changes to the EURIBOR methodology are expected in the short term, the European Money Markets Institute (“**EMMI**”) which sets and administers EURIBOR has stated that it remains committed to reforming the EURIBOR quote-based methodology to anchor it in transactions and adapt it to the evolving market circumstances. Actions by the EMMI, regulators or law enforcement agencies may therefore affect EURIBOR (and/or the determination or availability thereof) in unknown ways which could adversely affect the determination of the rate of interest on the Bonds and/or the liquidity of the Bonds and their market value. Other interbank offered rates (“**IBORs**”) suffer similar weaknesses and although work continues on reforming their respective methodologies to make



them more grounded in actual transactions, they may be discontinued or be subject to changes in their administration.

Changes to the administration of an IBOR or the emergence of alternatives to an IBOR, may cause such IBOR to perform differently than in the past, or there could be other consequences which cannot be predicted. The discontinuation of an IBOR or changes to its administration could require changes to the way in which the Rate of Interest is calculated in respect of any Bonds referencing or linked to such IBOR. The development of alternatives to an IBOR may result in Bonds linked to or referencing such IBOR performing differently than would otherwise have been the case if the alternatives to such IBOR had not developed. Any such consequences could have a material adverse effect on the value of, and return on, any such Bonds linked to or referencing such IBOR. Whilst alternatives to certain IBORs for use in the bond market are being developed, outstanding Bonds linked to or referencing an IBOR may transition away from such IBOR in accordance with the particular fallback arrangements set out in their terms and conditions. The operation of these fallback arrangements could result in a different return for Bondholders (which may include payment of a lower Rate of Interest) than they might receive under other similar securities which contain different or no fallback arrangements (including those which they may otherwise receive in the event that legislative measures or other initiatives (if any) are introduced to transition from any given IBOR to an alternative rate). Any such consequences could have a material adverse effect on the value of, and return on, any such Bonds linked to or referencing such IBOR. Separately, the euro risk free-rate working group for the euro area has published a set of guiding principles and high level recommendations for fallback provisions in, amongst other things, new euro denominated cash products (including bonds) referencing EURIBOR. The guiding principles indicate, among other things, that continuing to reference EURIBOR in relevant contracts (without robust fallback provisions) may increase the risk to the euro area financial system. On 11 May 2021, the euro risk-free rate working group published its recommendations on EURIBOR fallback trigger events and fallback rates.

Investors should consult their own independent advisers and make their own assessment about the potential risks imposed by the EU BMR and/or the UK BMR, as applicable, or any of the international or national reforms and the possible application of the benchmark replacement provisions of Bonds in making any investment decision with respect to any Bonds referencing a benchmark.

### **Implementation of and/or changes to the Basel III framework may affect the capital requirements and/or the liquidity associated with a holding of the Bonds for certain investors**

The Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (the “**Basel Committee**”) approved significant changes to the Basel II regulatory capital and liquidity framework in 2011 (such changes being commonly referred to as “**Basel III**”). In particular, Basel III provides for a substantial strengthening of existing prudential rules, including new requirements intended to reinforce capital standards (with heightened requirements for global systemically important banks) and to establish a leverage ratio “backstop” for financial institutions and certain minimum liquidity standards (referred to as the “**Liquidity Coverage Ratio**” and the “**Net Stable Funding Ratio**”). Basel III has been implemented in the EEA through the CRD IV Directive. As CRD IV allows certain national discretions, the final rules and the timetable for their implementation in each jurisdiction may be subject to some level of national variation.

Therefore, it can be expected that laws and regulations relating to capital requirements and related prudential regulatory matters will continue to develop.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic: (a) the implementation date of standards finalised by the Basel Committee in December 2017 (commonly referred to as “**Basel IV**”) had been postponed by one year to 1 January 2023 and (b) the completion date for the accompanying transitional arrangements for the output floor has also been extended by one year to 1 January 2028.

There is a risk that changes under CRD IV, Basel III and Basel IV, as described above, may have an impact on the capital requirements in respect of the Bonds and/or on incentives to hold the Bonds, therefore impacting investors that are subject to requirements that follow the relevant framework and, as a result, may adversely affect the liquidity and/or value of the Bonds. In general, investors should consult their own advisers as to the regulatory capital requirements in respect of the Bonds and as to the consequences for and effect on them of any changes to the Basel framework (including the changes described above) and the relevant implementing measures. No predictions can be made as to the precise effects of such matters on any investor or otherwise.

### **Denominations and trading**

The Bonds will either be Bearer Bonds or Registered Bonds as specified in the applicable Final Terms or Drawdown Prospectus (as the case may be) and serially numbered in the Specified Denomination(s) provided that in the case of any Bonds which are to be admitted to trading on a regulated market within the European Economic Area or offered to the public in a member state of the European Economic Area in circumstances that require the publication of a prospectus under the Prospectus Regulation, the minimum Specified Denomination shall be SEK1,000,000, £100,000, €100,000, U.S.\$200,000 or not less than the equivalent of €100,000 in any other currency as at the date of issue of the relevant Bonds.

Bonds may be issued with a minimum Specified Denomination and higher integral multiples of a number that is smaller than the Specified Denomination. It is possible that the Bonds may be traded in amounts in excess of the minimum Specified Denomination that are not integral multiples of the minimum Specified Denomination. In such a case a Bondholder who, as a result of trading such amounts, holds a principal amount of less than the minimum Specified Denomination: (a) may not be able to trade such holding; and (b) may not receive a definitive bond in respect of such holding (should Definitive Bonds (as defined in the Forms of Bonds) be printed) unless such Bondholder purchases a principal amount of Bonds such that its holding amounts to at least the minimum Specified Denomination.

### **The Bonds could be subject to exchange rate risks and exchange control risks**

Ellevio will pay principal and interest on the Bonds in the Specified Currency. This presents certain risks relating to currency conversions if an investor's financial activities are denominated principally in a currency or currency unit (the "**Investor's Currency**") other than the Specified Currency. These include the risk that exchange rates may significantly change (including changes due to devaluation of the Specified Currency or revaluation of the Investor's Currency) and the risk that authorities with jurisdiction over the Investor's Currency may impose or modify exchange controls. Ellevio has no control over the factors that generally affect these risks, such as economic, financial and political events and the supply and demand for applicable currencies. Moreover, if payments on certain Bonds are determined by reference to a formula containing a multiplier or leverage factor, the effect of any change in the exchange rates between the applicable currencies will be magnified. In recent years, exchange rates between certain currencies have been highly volatile and volatility between such currencies or with other currencies may be expected in the future. Fluctuations between currencies in the past are not necessarily indicative, however, of fluctuations that may occur in the future. An appreciation in the value of the Investor's Currency relative to the Specified Currency would decrease the Investor's Currency-equivalent yield on the Bonds, the Investor's Currency-equivalent value of the principal payable on the Bonds and the Investor's Currency-equivalent market value of the Bonds.

Government and monetary authorities may impose (as some have done in the past) exchange controls that could adversely affect an applicable exchange rate. As a result, investors may receive less interest or principal than expected, or no interest or principal.

## **CHAPTER 3**

### **THE PARTIES**

<b>Ellevio or Issuer</b>	Ellevio AB (publ), a company incorporated under the laws of Sweden with limited liability with registered number 556037-7326.
<b>Parent, Guarantor or Ellevio Holding</b>	Ellevio Holding 4 AB, a company incorporated with limited liability in Sweden with registered number 559005-2451.
<b>Bondholders</b>	Holders of the Bonds issued by the Issuer from time to time, as further described in the definition of “Bondholder” in the Glossary of Defined Terms.
<b>Obligors</b>	Ellevio and the Parent and any other person who accedes to, <i>inter alia</i> , the STID and the CTA or in accordance with the terms of the Finance Documents.
<b>Security Group</b>	Ellevio, the Parent, Markbygden Net AB and Ellevio Sverige AB.
<b>Security Group Agent</b>	Ellevio AB (publ).
<b>Arranger</b>	NatWest Markets N.V.
<b>Dealers</b>	BNP PARIBAS , ING Bank N.V., Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ) and NatWest Markets N.V.
<b>Bond Trustee</b>	Citibank, N.A., London Branch or any other or additional trustee appointed pursuant to the Trust Deed, for and on behalf of the Bondholders, the Receipholders and the Couponholders.
<b>Security Trustee</b>	Citibank, N.A., London Branch or any successor appointed as security trustee pursuant to the STID.
<b>Hedge Counterparties</b>	Certain financial institutions which from time to time enter into Hedging Agreements with Ellevio as counterparties and which comply with certain criteria set out in the Hedging Policy, in the Common Terms Agreement and described in Chapter 16 “ <i>Summary of the Finance Documents and the Bond Programme Documents</i> ”. The name of each current Hedge Counterparty is set out in Chapter 14, “ <i>Hedge Counterparties</i> ”. Ellevio may enter into further Hedging Agreements from time to time which comply with the Hedging Policy.
<b>Secured Creditors</b>	The Bondholders, the Initial ACF Lenders, Class B Senior Term Facility Lenders, the WC Lenders, the Hedge Counterparties, the Institutional Loan Providers, the Account Bank, the Security Trustee, the Facility Agent(s), the Bond Trustee, the Issuing and Paying Agent, any other Paying Agents, the Agent Bank, the Registrar, the Transfer Agents and the Calculation Agent and any other entity which provides funding to the Obligors and accedes to the STID and CTA from time to time.
<b>Class A Creditors</b>	Any provider of Class A Debt.

<b>Class A Debt</b>	Any Financial Indebtedness that is, for the purposes of the STID, to be treated as Class A Debt.
<b>Class B Creditors</b>	Any provider of Class B Debt.
<b>Class B Debt</b>	Any Financial Indebtedness that is, for the purposes of the STID, to be treated as Class B Debt.
<b>Class B Senior Term Facility Lenders</b>	The lenders under the Senior Term Facilities from time to time.
<b>Capex Facility Providers</b>	Any party which provides the Issuer with a Capex Facility and accedes to the Common Terms Agreement.
<b>WC Lenders</b>	The lenders under a WC Facility from time to time.
<b>Facility Agent</b>	Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ).
<b>Institutional Loan Providers</b>	Those institutions which provide the Institutional Loans to Ellevio from time to time.
<b>Class A LF Provider(s)</b>	The Class A LF Providers and any bank or financial institution which has become a party to the Class A Liquidity Facility Agreement in accordance with the terms of the Class A Liquidity Facility Agreement which, in each case, has not ceased to be a party in accordance with the terms of the Class A Liquidity Facility Agreement. The name and a brief description of each current Class A LF Provider is set out in Chapter 15, “ <i>The Liquidity Facility Providers</i> ”.
<b>Class B LF Provider(s)</b>	The Class B LF Providers and any bank or financial institution which has become a party to the Class B Liquidity Facility Agreement in accordance with the terms of the Class B Liquidity Facility Agreement which, in each case, has not ceased to be a party in accordance with the terms of the Class B Liquidity Facility Agreement. As at the date of this Prospectus, there are no current Class B LF Providers.
<b>Paying Agents</b>	The several institutions (including, where the context permits, the Issuing and Paying Agent) at their respective specified offices initially appointed as paying agents in relation to such Bonds by the Issuer pursuant to the relevant Agency Agreement and/or, if applicable, any successor paying agents at their respective specified offices in relation to all or any Tranche of the Bonds as well as additional paying agents appointed under supplemental agency agreements as may be required in any jurisdiction in which Bonds may be issued or sold from time to time.
<b>Primary Account Bank</b>	Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ) or any successor account bank appointed pursuant to the Account Bank Agreement.
<b>Cash Manager</b>	Ellevio, or during and after any Standstill Period and/or acceleration of the Secured Debt, the Standstill Cash Manager.
<b>Standstill Cash Manager</b>	Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ).

**Registrar**

In relation to any Tranche of Registered Bonds, Citigroup Europe plc or, if applicable, any successor registrar appointed pursuant to the Bond Programme Documents in relation to all or any Tranche of Bonds.

**Transfer Agent(s)**

In relation to all or any Tranche of the Registered Bonds, Citibank, N.A., London Branch, or if applicable, the several institutions at their respective specified offices initially appointed as transfer agents in relation to such Bonds by the Issuer pursuant to the relative Agency Agreement and/or, if applicable, any successor transfer agents at their respective specified offices in relation to all or any Tranche of the Bonds.

**Rating Agencies**

means S&P and any successor to any of the aforementioned and any further rating agency appointed by the Issuer.

## **CHAPTER 4**

### **OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAMME**

The following does not purport to be complete and is taken from, and is qualified in its entirety by, the remainder of this Prospectus and, in relation to the Conditions of the Bonds, the applicable Final Terms or Drawdown Prospectus. Words and expressions not defined in this section shall have the same meanings as defined in Chapter 9 (“*Terms and Conditions of the Bonds*”).

<b>Description</b>	Bond Programme for the issuance of Bonds by the Issuer.
<b>Bond Programme Size</b>	Up to EUR 10,000,000,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies calculated as described herein) aggregate nominal amount of Bonds outstanding at any time as increased from time to time by the Issuer.
<b>Issuance in Classes</b>	<p>Bonds issued by the Issuer under the Bond Programme have been and will be issued in Series, with each Series belonging to one of two Classes. The Bonds issued by the Issuer are and will be designated as one of Class A Bonds or Class B Bonds. Each Class comprises one or more Sub-Classes of Bonds with each Sub-Class pertaining to, among other things, the currency, interest rate and Final Maturity Date of the relevant Sub-Class and each Sub-Class can be issued in one or more Tranches, the specific terms of each Tranche of a Sub-Class being identical in all respects, save for the issue dates, interest commencement dates and/or issue prices, to the terms of the other Tranches of such Sub-Class.</p> <p>The specific terms of each Tranche of Bonds will be set out in the applicable Final Terms or Drawdown Prospectus.</p>
<b>Issue Dates</b>	The date of issue of a Tranche of Bonds as specified in the relevant Final Terms or Drawdown Prospectus (each an “ <b>Issue Date</b> ”).
<b>Distribution</b>	Bonds have been and may be distributed by way of private or public placement and in each case on a syndicated or non-syndicated basis.
<b>Certain Restrictions</b>	Each issue of Bonds denominated in a currency in respect of which particular laws, guidelines, regulations, restrictions or reporting requirements apply has been and will only be issued in circumstances in which such laws, guidelines, regulations, restrictions or reporting requirements are complied with from time to time, including the restrictions applicable at the date of this Prospectus. See Chapter 18 (“ <i>Subscription and Sale</i> ”).
<b>Currencies</b>	Euro, Swedish Krona, sterling, U.S. dollars, Norwegian kroner, and, subject to any applicable legal or regulatory restrictions, any other currency agreed between the Issuer and the Relevant Dealer.
<b>Maturities</b>	Such maturities as may be agreed between the Issuer and the Relevant Dealer, subject to such minimum or maximum

maturities as may be allowed or required from time to time by the relevant central bank (or equivalent body) or any laws or regulations applicable to the Issuer or the Relevant Currency (as defined in the Conditions).

*Bonds with a maturity of less than one year:*

Where the Issuer wishes to issue Bonds with a maturity of less than one year, it shall ensure that the Bonds are issued in full compliance with the conditions set out in Notice BSD C 01/02 dated 12 November 2002 (as amended from time to time) issued by the Central Bank pursuant to section 8(2) of the Central Bank Act, 1971 (as amended) of Ireland, including that the Bonds comply with, *inter alia*, the following criteria:

- (a) at the time of issue, the Bonds must be backed by assets to at least 100 per cent. of the value of the Bonds issued;
- (b) at the time of issue, the Bonds must be rated at least investment grade by one or more recognised rating agencies, based on the definitions set out in the Central Bank Implementation Notice for credit institutions (BSD S 2/00 of 30 June 2000) of the EU directive on the capital adequacy of investment firms and credit institutions;
- (c) the Bonds must be issued and transferable in minimum denominations of €300,000 or the foreign currency equivalent;
- (d) the Bonds carry the title “Commercial Paper” (unless constituted under the laws of a country other than Ireland and, under those laws, the commercial paper carries a different title in which case it must carry such title) and must identify the issuer by name;
- (e) it must be stated explicitly on the face of the Bonds and, where applicable, in the contract between the Issuer and the initial investor in the Bonds that they are issued in accordance with an exemption granted by the Central Bank under Section 8(2) of the Central Bank Act, 1971 of Ireland (as amended);
- (f) it must be stated explicitly on the face of the Bonds and, where applicable, in the contract between the Issuer and the initial investor in the Bonds that the investment does not have the status of a bank deposit and is not within the scope of the Deposit Guarantee Scheme operated by the Central Bank and that the Issuer is not regulated by the Central Bank arising from the issue of the Bonds; and
- (g) any issue of Bonds which is guaranteed must carry a statement to the effect that it is guaranteed and identify the guarantor by name.

<b>Issue Price</b>	Bonds have been and will be issued on a fully paid basis and may be issued at an issue price which is at par or at a discount to, or premium over, par.
<b>Interest</b>	Bonds are, and will be unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms or Drawdown Prospectus, interest-bearing and interest is or will be calculated (unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms or Drawdown Prospectus) on the Principal Amount Outstanding (as defined in the Conditions) of such Bond. Interest accrues or will accrue at a fixed or floating rate (plus, in the case of Index-Linked Bonds, amounts in respect of indexation) and is or will be payable in arrear, as specified in the relevant Final Terms or Drawdown Prospectus. Interest is or will be calculated on the basis of such Day Count Fraction (as defined in the Conditions) as may be agreed between the Issuer and the Relevant Dealer as specified in the relevant Final Terms or Drawdown Prospectus.
<b>Form of Bonds</b>	Each Series of Bonds will be issued in bearer or registered form as described in Chapter 9 ( <i>“Terms and Conditions of the Bonds”</i> ). Registered Bonds will not be exchangeable for Bearer Bonds.
<b>Fixed Rate Bonds</b>	Fixed Rate Bonds bear or will bear interest at a fixed rate of interest payable on such date or dates as may be agreed between the Issuer and the Relevant Dealer and on redemption, as specified in the relevant Final Terms or Drawdown Prospectus.
<b>Floating Rate Bonds</b>	<p>Floating Rate Bonds will bear interest at a rate determined:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) on the same basis as the floating rate under a notional interest rate swap transaction in the Relevant Currency governed by an agreement incorporating the 2006 ISDA Definitions (as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc., and as amended and updated as at the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Bonds of the relevant Series) as set out in the relevant Final Terms or Drawdown Prospectus; or</li> <li>(b) on the basis of a reference rate appearing on the agreed screen page of a commercial quotation service (being EURIBOR, STIBOR, NIBOR or such other reference rate as may be specified in a Drawdown Prospectus).</li> </ul> <p>The margin (if any) relating to such floating rate will be agreed between the Issuer and the Relevant Dealer for each Series of Floating Rate Bonds.</p>
<b>Index-Linked Bonds</b>	Payments (whether in respect of principal or interest and whether at maturity or otherwise) in respect of Index-Linked Bonds (including Limited Index-Linked Bonds as defined in Condition 7(a)) ( <i>Definitions</i> ) are or may be calculated in accordance with Condition 7 ( <i>Indexation</i> ) by reference to the Swedish Consumer Price Index.



**Interest Payment Dates**

Interest payment dates will be set out in the relevant Final Terms or Drawdown Prospectus.

**Redemption**

As more particularly set out in Condition 8(a) (*Redemption by Instalments and Final Redemption*), unless previously redeemed, purchased and cancelled as provided in Condition 8 (*Redemption, Purchase and Options*):

- (a) each Bond that provides for Instalment Dates and Instalment Amounts shall be partially redeemed on each Instalment Date at the related Instalment Amount specified thereon; and
- (b) each Bond shall be finally redeemed on the Final Maturity Date specified thereon at its Final Redemption Amount (which, unless otherwise provided thereon, is its nominal amount) or, in the case of a Bond falling within paragraph (a) above, its final Instalment Amount.

**Redemption for Index Event, Taxation or Other Reasons**

As more particularly set out in Condition 8(c) (*Redemption for Index Events*), upon the occurrence of any Index Event, the Issuer may, upon giving not more than 15 nor fewer than five Business Days' prior written notice to the Bond Trustee, the Security Trustee, the other Secured Creditors and the holders of the Index-Linked Bonds in accordance with Condition 18 (*Notices*), redeem all (but not some only) of the Index-Linked Bonds on any Interest Payment Date at the Principal Amount Outstanding (adjusted for indexation) plus accrued but unpaid interest.

As more particularly set out in Condition 8(d) (*Redemption for Taxation Reasons*), if: (i) the Issuer certifies to the Bond Trustee (upon which certification the Bond Trustee shall rely absolutely and without enquiry or liability) that:

- (a) it has or will become obliged to deduct or withhold from any payment of interest or principal in respect of the Bonds;
- (b) it or a Hedge Counterparty has or will become obliged to deduct or withhold from any payment in respect of a Hedging Agreement

(although in neither case will the Issuer or a Hedge Counterparty have any obligation to pay additional amounts in respect of such withholding or deduction) as a result of any change in, or amendment to, the laws or regulations of Sweden or any political subdivision or, in each case, any authority thereof or therein having power to tax, or any change in the application or official interpretation of such laws or regulations, which change or amendment becomes effective on or after the date on which agreement is reached to issue the first Tranche of the Bonds; and (ii) such obligation cannot be avoided by the Issuer taking reasonable measures available to it, then the Issuer may, upon giving not less than five Business Days nor more than 15

Business Days' notice to the Bondholders in accordance with Condition 19 (*Notices*) (which notice shall be irrevocable) at their Early Redemption Amount, redeem the Bonds in whole, but not in part, on any Interest Payment Date (if this Bond is either a Floating Rate Bond or an Index-Linked Bond) or at any time (if this Bond is neither a Floating Rate Bond nor an Index-Linked Bond).

As more particularly set out in Condition 8(e) (*Redemption at the Option of the Issuer*) the Issuer may, having given not less than 10 days' nor more than 60 days' notice to the relevant Bondholders in accordance with Condition 19 (*Notices*), redeem all or only some of the following:

- (a) Floating Rate Bonds;
- (b) Euro Bonds;
- (c) Swedish Krona Bonds;
- (d) US Bonds;
- (e) Norwegian Kroner Bonds; and
- (f) Index-Linked Bonds,

then outstanding on any Interest Payment Date from and excluding the Issue Date up to and including the relevant:

- (g) Floating Rate Bonds Maturity Date at the Principal Amount Outstanding plus any premium for early redemption in certain years (as specified in the relevant Final Terms or Pricing Supplement) plus any accrued but unpaid interest on the Principal Amount Outstanding; or
- (h) Index-Linked Bond Maturity Date at the Principal Amount Outstanding (plus any premium for early redemption (as specified in the relevant Final Terms) plus any accrued but unpaid interest up to and including the date of redemption (in each case, as adjusted in accordance with Condition 7(b) (*Application of the Index Ratio*)).

### **Denomination of Bonds**

Bonds have been and will be issued in such denominations as have been or may be agreed between the Issuer and the Relevant Dealer save that: (i) in the case of any Bonds which are to be admitted to trading on a regulated market within the European Economic Area or offered to the public in a Member State of the European Economic Area in circumstances which require the publication of a prospectus under the Prospectus Regulation, the minimum specified denomination shall be €100,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency as at the date of issue of the Bonds); and (ii) in any other case, the minimum specified denomination of each Bond will be such as may be allowed or required from time to time by the relevant central bank (or equivalent body) or any laws or regulations applicable to the Relevant Currency. The "Specified Denomination" will be

specified in the Final Terms or Drawdown Prospectus (see section “*Certain Restrictions*” above).

## **Taxation**

All payments of principal and interest by or on behalf of the Issuer in respect of the Bonds, the Receipts and Coupons shall be made free and clear of, and without withholding or deduction for, any taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature subject as provided in Condition 10 (*Taxation*).

## **Status of the Bonds**

The Bonds in issue constitute and any future Bonds and the corresponding Receipts and Coupons issued under the Bond Programme will constitute secured obligations of the Issuer. Any Class of Bonds and the corresponding Receipts and Coupons may comprise a number of issues in addition to the initial Tranche of such Class, each of which will be issued on identical terms save for the first Interest Payment Date, the Issue Date and the Issue Price and will be consolidated and form a Series with the prior issues of the relevant Class.

Each Class of Bonds issued under the Bond Programme will rank *pari passu* without preference or priority in point of security amongst themselves.

The Bonds and the corresponding Receipts and Coupons represent the right of the holders of such Bonds and the corresponding Receipts and Coupons to receive interest principal payments from the Issuer in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Bonds (the “**Conditions**”) and the trust deed (as amended, supplemented or restated from time to time) (the “**Trust Deed**”) entered into by the Issuer, the Guarantor and the Bond Trustee in connection with the Bond Programme.

The Class A Bonds and the corresponding Receipts and Coupons and any further Class A Bonds and the corresponding Receipts and Coupons issued under the Bond Programme will rank *pari passu* with respect to payments of interest and principal. All claims in respect of the Class A Bonds and the corresponding Receipts and Coupons and any further Class A Bonds and the corresponding Receipts and Coupons issued under the Bond Programme will rank in priority to payments or interest and principal due on all Class B Bonds and the corresponding Receipts and Coupons.

In the case of interest and principal on Class B Bonds and the corresponding Receipts and Coupons only, if, on any Interest Payment Date or any date upon which such Class B Bond and the corresponding Receipts and Coupons is to be redeemed (in whole or in part) prior to the taking of Enforcement Action, there are insufficient funds available to the Issuer to pay accrued interest or principal on the Class B Bonds and the corresponding Receipts and Coupons (after taking into account, in respect of interest, any amounts available to be drawn under the Class B Liquidity Facility or from the Class B Debt Service Reserve

Account of the Issuer), the Issuer's liability to pay such accrued interest or principal will be treated as not having fallen due and will be deferred until the earliest of:

- (i) the next following Interest Payment Date on which the Issuer has, in accordance with the Pre-Enforcement Priority of Payments, sufficient funds available to pay such deferred amounts (including any interest accrued thereon);
- (ii) the date on which the Class A Debt has been paid in full; and
- (iii) an acceleration of and enforcement of rights by the Secured Creditors (other than a Permitted Hedge Termination).

### **Security Group Covenants**

The representations, warranties, covenants (positive, negative and financial) and events of default which apply and will apply to, among other things, the Bonds are set out in the common terms agreement dated the Signing Date and as amended, supplemented or restated from time to time (the "**CTA**") (see Chapter 16 "*Summary of the Finance Documents and the Bond Programme Documents – Common Terms Agreement*").

### **Guarantee and Security**

The outstanding Bonds in issue are, and further Bonds issued under the Bond Programme will be, unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by the Guarantor as provided in the STID (the "**Guarantee**"). The Guarantee constitutes a direct, unconditional and secured obligation of the Guarantor. Further, the obligations of the Issuer will be secured pursuant to security agreements in favour of the Security Trustee (the "**Security Documents**"). The Security is held by the Security Trustee on trust for the Secured Creditors (as defined below) under the terms of the Security Documents and subject to the terms of the STID (as defined below) (see Chapter 16 "*Summary of the Finance Documents and the Bond Programme Documents – Security Documents*").

The Parent has provided a pledge over the shares it holds in its wholly owned subsidiary, Ellevio (the "**Parent Share Pledge**"). The Parent Share Pledge secures the Parent's obligations under its Guarantee of the obligations of Ellevio and of its obligation under the Security Agreement to fund an amount equivalent to the Secured Debt upon demand by the Security Trustee following an Event of Default. This funding obligation will facilitate a Permitted Share Pledge Enforcement during a Standstill (see Chapter 16 ("*Summary of the Finance Documents and the Bond Programme Documents – Security Documents – The Parent – security over shares in the Issuer*").

### **Intercreditor Arrangements**

The Issuer and each Secured Creditor (other than the Bondholders) are each a party to the Security Trust and

Intercreditor Deed dated the Signing Date (the “**STID**”), which regulates, among other things: (i) the claims of the Secured Creditors; (ii) the exercise and enforcement of rights by the Secured Creditors; (iii) the rights of the Secured Creditors to instruct the Security Trustee; (iv) the rights of the Secured Creditors during the occurrence of an Event of Default; (v) the Entrenched Rights, Extraordinary Voting Matters and Reserved Matters of each Secured Creditor; and (vi) the giving of consents and waivers and the making of amendments by the Secured Creditors (see Chapter 16 (“*Summary of the Finance Documents and the Bond Programme Documents*”))).

#### **Class A Liquidity Facility**

The Class A LF Providers (as defined above) made available, on the Closing Date, to the Issuer, a revolving 364-day credit facility for the purpose of meeting certain shortfalls in revenues for the Issuer to meet its obligations to pay interest on the Class A Debt, which includes the Class A Bonds.

The liquidity transactions entered into by Ellevio have limited insolvency-related termination events/draw stops, with a view to such transactions becoming terminable by the relevant Liquidity Facility Providers only if an Acceleration Notice is delivered in respect of the Bonds.

#### **Class B Liquidity Facility**

The Class B LF Providers (as defined above) made available, on the Closing Date, to the Issuer, a revolving 364-day credit facility for the purpose of meeting certain shortfalls in revenues for the Issuer to meet its obligations to pay interest on the Class B Debt, which includes the Class B Bonds.

The liquidity transactions entered into by Ellevio have limited insolvency-related termination events/draw stops, with a view to such transactions becoming terminable by the relevant Liquidity Facility Providers only if an Acceleration Notice is delivered in respect of the Bonds.

#### **Authorised Credit Facilities**

Subject to certain conditions being met, the Issuer is permitted to incur certain indebtedness under authorised credit facilities (each an “**Authorised Credit Facility**”) with an Authorised Credit Provider.

These Authorised Credit Facilities may comprise loan, hedging, finance leases, liquidity facilities and other facilities (including letter of credit facilities) subject to the terms of the CTA and the STID. Each Authorised Credit Provider will be party to the CTA and the STID and may have voting rights thereunder. The Hedge Counterparties constitute Authorised Credit Providers (see Chapter 16 “*Summary of the Finance Documents and the Bond Programme Documents*”).

#### **Approval, Listing and Admission to Trading**

This document has been approved by the Central Bank as the Prospectus. Application has been made to Euronext Dublin for the Bonds issued under the Bond Programme during the period

of 12 months from the date of this Prospectus to be admitted to trading on the Euronext Dublin Regulated Market and to be listed on the Official List of Euronext Dublin.

Unlisted Bonds may also be issued. The applicable Final Terms or Drawdown Prospectus will state whether or not the relevant Bonds are to be listed and, if so, on which stock exchange(s).

## **Ratings**

The ratings assigned to the Bonds by the Rating Agencies reflect only the views of the Rating Agencies. The initial ratings of a Series of Bonds will be specified in the relevant Final Terms or Drawdown Prospectus.

A rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and will depend, among other things, on certain underlying characteristics of the business and financial condition of the Issuer from time to time.

ESMA is obliged to maintain on its website a list of credit rating agencies registered in accordance with the EU CRA Regulation and the FCA maintains on its website, [www.fca.org.uk](http://www.fca.org.uk), a list of credit rating agencies registered in accordance with the UK CRA Regulation. These lists are updated after the adoption by ESMA or the FCA, respectively, of any decisions to withdraw the registration of a credit rating agency under the EU CRA Regulation or the UK CRA Regulation, respectively. However, such lists are not conclusive evidence of the status of the relevant rating agency as there may be delays between certain supervisory measures being taken against a relevant rating agency and the publication of the updated list.

## **Governing Law**

The Bonds, and each Bond Programme Document that the Issuer is a party to on the Bond Programme Signing Date and all non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with them will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, English law. In addition, the Guarantor and the Issuer entered into the Swedish Security Agreements, which are governed by Swedish law.

## **Clearing Systems**

Clearstream, Luxembourg, Euroclear and, in relation to any Sub-Class such other clearing system as may be agreed between the Issuer, the Issuing and Paying Agent, the Trustee and the relevant Dealer including, for example, CDS Clearing and Depositary Services Inc.

## **Selling Restrictions**

There will be restrictions on the offer, sale and transfer of the Bonds in the United States, the United Kingdom and such other restrictions as may be required by law in the relevant jurisdictions in connection with the offering and sale of a particular Series of Bonds.

The Bearer Bonds will be issued in compliance with U.S. Treas. Reg. § 1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(D) (or any successor rules in substantially the same form that are applicable for purposes of

Section 4701 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”)) (“TEFRA D”) unless (i) the relevant Final Terms states that the Bearer Bonds are issued in compliance with U.S. Treas. Reg. § 1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(C) (or any successor rules in substantially the same form that are applicable for purposes of Section 4701 of the Code) (“TEFRA C”) or (ii) the Bearer Bonds are issued other than in compliance with TEFRA D or TEFRA C but in circumstances in which the United States Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 (“TEFRA”) does not apply, which circumstances will be referred to in the relevant Final Terms as a transaction to which TEFRA is not applicable.

### **Investor Information**

Ellevio is required to produce an investors’ report (the “**Investor Report**”) semi-annually to be delivered to the Secured Creditors with each set of financial statements and will be available at <https://www.ellevio.se/en/about-us/financial-information/financial-reports-documents/>. Such Investor Report will include, among other things:

- (a) a general overview of any relevant information, including general performance of Ellevio;
- (b) regulatory and business update;
- (c) the amount of any Capital Expenditure of Ellevio for the applicable period;
- (d) details of the current financing position, e.g. new issues, redemptions, etc.;
- (e) summary details of material acquisitions or disposals;
- (f) general overview of the current hedging position; and
- (g) confirmation that ratios have been met.

Each such Investor Report will be made available by the Issuer on the website of Ellevio.

### **Private Placement**

The Issuer may from time to time offer private placement notes on a standalone basis. If issued, such private placement notes will rank *pari passu* with and be treated for all purposes in the same manner as the Class A Bonds or the Class B Bonds, as the case may be, save that they may have the benefit of additional representations and undertakings (in accordance with the STID, subject to such representations and undertakings being also extended for the benefit of all other Secured Creditors).

## CHAPTER 5

### OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCING STRUCTURE

#### Financing Structure

*The following does not purport to be complete and is taken from, and is qualified in its entirety by, the remainder of this Prospectus, and in relation to the Conditions of any particular Tranche of Bonds, the applicable Final Terms.*

The Issuer has authorised the establishment of the Bond Programme in order to raise finance in the capital markets through the issuance of the Bonds. Under the Bond Programme, the Issuer will, from time to time, issue Bonds the proceeds of which will be used as further described below and in Chapter 12 (“*Use of Proceeds*”).

The Issuer will have the benefit of the Class A Liquidity Facility and the Class B Liquidity Facility to support debt service in respect of the Class A Bonds and the Class B Bonds, respectively.

From and including the Closing Date, the Security Trustee (for itself and on behalf of the Secured Creditors), the Bond Trustee (for itself and on behalf of the Bondholders), any appointee of the Security Trustee or the Bond Trustee, the Bondholders, the Class A LF Providers, the Class B LF Providers the Account Bank, the Paying Agents, any Calculation Agent, the Cash Manager, the Registrar, and the Transfer Agent (together the “**Secured Creditors**”) have had the benefit of security granted by the Issuer pursuant to the Security Agreement. For a more detailed description of the security arrangements in respect of the obligations of the Issuer see Chapter 16 (“*Summary of the Finance Documents and the Bond Programme Documents – Security Documents*”).

#### Ellevio Group Financing, Ownership and Debt Structure

Ellevio Holding owns Ellevio, a licensed electricity distribution company operating in Sweden. Ellevio was acquired by Ellevio Sverige AB in June 2015 (the “**Acquisition**”). Ellevio Sverige AB was owned by Ellevio Holding (then known as Sigurd HoldCo4 AB) and was merged into Ellevio after the Acquisition.

Ellevio borrowed money under the initial authorised credit facilities agreement entered into with certain lenders on the Signing Date, which was amended and restated on 18 January 2019, and on 31 October 2024, (the “**IACFA**”). Under the IACFA, a revolving credit facility (the “**Revolving Credit Facility**”) and an ancillary facility (an “**Ancillary Facility**”) was made available to Ellevio.

Ellevio used or may use the proceeds of the Revolving Credit Facility:

- (a) to enable Ellevio to refinance existing indebtedness owed under the IACFA before it was amended on 18 January 2019, and on 31 October 2024 (the “**Existing Indebtedness**”) (including any related hedging);
- (b) the financing or refinancing of Capital Expenditure of the Security Group (including expenditure relating to any Certified Storm Event) to the extent such Capital Expenditure will accrue to the RAV of the Security Group or will generate regulated income under the applicable regulatory regime at the time of the relevant Utilisation;
- (c) the financing of Permitted Acquisitions as described in paragraphs (d) and (f) of the definition thereof (and excluding any Permitted Acquisition constituting a Hostile Takeover);
- (d) costs and expenses incurred (on an arm’s length basis) in connection with any Permitted Acquisition pursuant to paragraph (c) above; and



- (e) the refinancing of any existing Financial Indebtedness of the relevant target company or business acquired in any Permitted Acquisition referenced in paragraph (c) above.

Ellevio may apply any utilisation of any Ancillary Facility towards general corporate purposes and the working capital requirements of the Security Group.

Facility A1, Facility A2, Facility A3, the Capex Facility and the WC Facility originally provided under the IACFA (before it was amended on 18 January 2019) were repaid and replaced with the Revolving Credit Facility upon the amendment of the IACFA on 18 January 2019. On 31 October 2024 the Revolving Credit Facility was increased from SEK 7,500 million to SEK 8,500 million and extended to 31 October 2029.

Ellevio has entered into hedging agreements (the “**Hedging Agreements**”) with certain hedge counterparties (the “**Hedge Counterparties**”) with respect to the debt incurred under the Secured Debt.

Ellevio has the benefit of the Class A Liquidity Facility Agreement and the Class B Liquidity Facility Agreement which supports scheduled debt service obligations under the bonds, external bank debt and the hedging relating to the Secured Debt. On 31 October 2024 the Class A Liquidity Facilities Agreement was increased from SEK 1,400 million to SEK 2,250 million and the Class B Liquidity Facilities Agreement was increased from SEK 115 million to SEK 250 million. Both facilities were extended to 31 October 2029.

### **Guarantee, Security and Intercreditor Voting Arrangements**

On the Closing Date, Ellevio Holding provided a Guarantee (which is contained in the STID) of the obligations of the Security Group under the Common Documents. For a more detailed description of the Guarantee, see Chapter 16 (“*Summary of the Finance Documents and the Bond Programme Documents – Security Trust and Intercreditor Deed*”). On the Closing Date, the Parent provided a pledge over the shares it holds in Ellevio, its wholly owned subsidiary. The Parent share pledge secures Ellevio Holding’s obligations under its Guarantee of the obligations of Ellevio and itself (the “**Parent Share Pledge**”).

Pursuant to the terms of the STID, the following Secured Creditors are entitled to vote (in the case of paragraphs (a) to (c) below, represented by their respective agent or, in the case of the Qualifying Bondholders, the Bond Trustee):

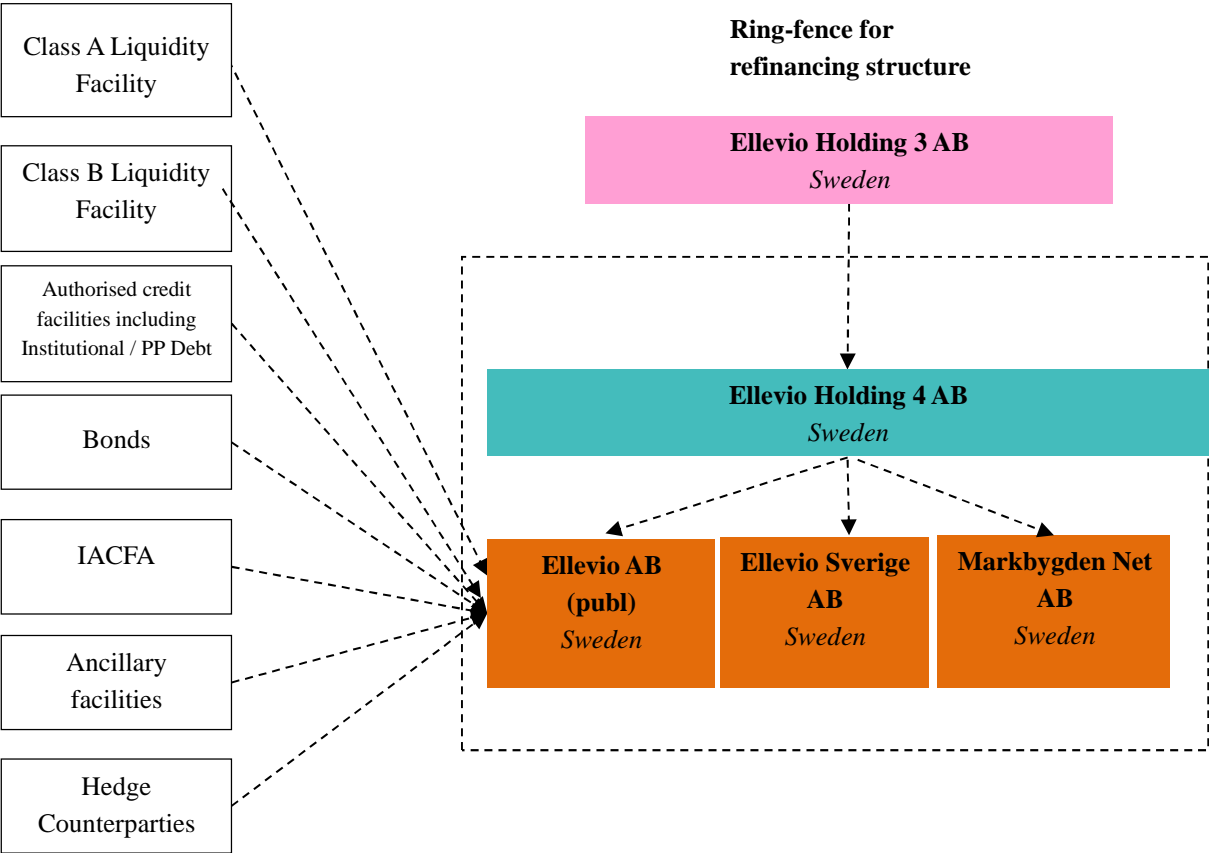
- (a) the Original Initial ACF Lenders;
- (b) the Capex provider(s);
- (c) the WC Facility provider(s);
- (d) the Class A LF Providers;
- (e) the Qualifying Bondholders;
- (f) in relation to any vote on whether to take Enforcement Action or following Enforcement Action, the Hedge Counterparties;
- (g) any representative in respect of Authorised Credit Facilities; and
- (h) the Class B LF Providers.

(together, the “**Qualifying Secured Creditors**” and each a “**Qualifying Secured Creditor**”) on the Closing Date.

For a more detailed description of the voting mechanics see Chapter 16 (“*Summary of the Finance Documents and the Bond Programme Documents – Security Trust and Intercreditor Deed*”).

FINANCING STRUCTURE

The diagram below is a simplified representation of the Ellevio Group and the financing structure as at the date of this Prospectus. Certain Subsidiaries are not represented below.



## CHAPTER 6

### DESCRIPTION OF ELLEVIO

#### OVERVIEW

Ellevio AB (publ) (“**Ellevio**” or the “**Issuer**”) is an electricity distribution business owned in its entirety by Ellevio Holding 4 AB (“**Ellevio Holding**” or the “**Parent**”), including Ellevio Sverige AB and Markbygden Net AB (together, the “**Security Group**” or “**Obligors**”). Ellevio is headquartered in Stockholm, Sweden. See below for an illustration of the full control structure of the Group.

Ellevio was incorporated under Swedish law and as a limited liability company on 15 September 1938 (and subsequently registered with Swedish registration number 556037-7326 on 7 November 1938). Ellevio’s registered office is Valhallavägen 203, 115 53 Stockholm, Sweden and its telephone number is +46 (0)86 06 00 00. As at the date of this Prospectus, Ellevio’s authorised share capital is SEK 600,000 and it has 30 issued and outstanding shares. Ellevio is owned by a consortium of long-term, experienced, strategic investors: Omers Infrastructure (50 per cent.), Folksam (17.5 per cent.), Third Swedish National Pension Fund (“**AP3**”) (20 per cent.) and AMF (12.5 per cent.) (together the “**Shareholders**”). In terms of number of customer connections, Ellevio is the second largest electricity DSO in Sweden, distributing electricity to 966,000 customers.<sup>4</sup> In 2024, Ellevio generated net sales of SEK 8,331 million<sup>5</sup> and an EBITDA of 4,535 million.<sup>6</sup>

#### Additional information

Ellevio is subject to economic regulation as further described in Chapter 7 (“*Selected Aspects of Swedish Regulation to Which Ellevio is Subject*”) of this Prospectus. As such, Ellevio’s operational performance can impact on its financial performance through the incentives and penalties systems that the Swedish Energy Market Inspectorate (*Energimarknadsinspektionen* or *Ei*) has in place. Ellevio believes that such operational performance figures are not financial measures and are not alternative performance measures unless specifically disclosed as such.

#### Simplified Control Structure

The Security Group comprises Ellevio Holding 4 AB, Ellevio Sverige AB, Markbygden Net AB and the Issuer. The Issuer is the 100 per cent. owned subsidiary of Ellevio Holding 4 AB. The Issuer is the main revenue generating entity in the Security Group.

Company	Corp. ID No.	Share (%)
Ellevio Holding 4 AB	559005–2451	100
Ellevio AB (publ)	556037–7326	100
Ellevio Sverige AB	559414–0542	100
Markbygden Net AB	556875-9632	100

Markbygden Net AB was acquired by Ellevio Holding 4 AB in 2023. Markbygden Net AB is a transmission network with a distribution capacity of 1,700 MW, connecting approximately half of Europe’s largest onshore wind farm, Markbygden 1101, outside Piteå. The network connects five wind power operators and the assets purchased by

<sup>4</sup> Source: Ellevio Annual Report 2024.

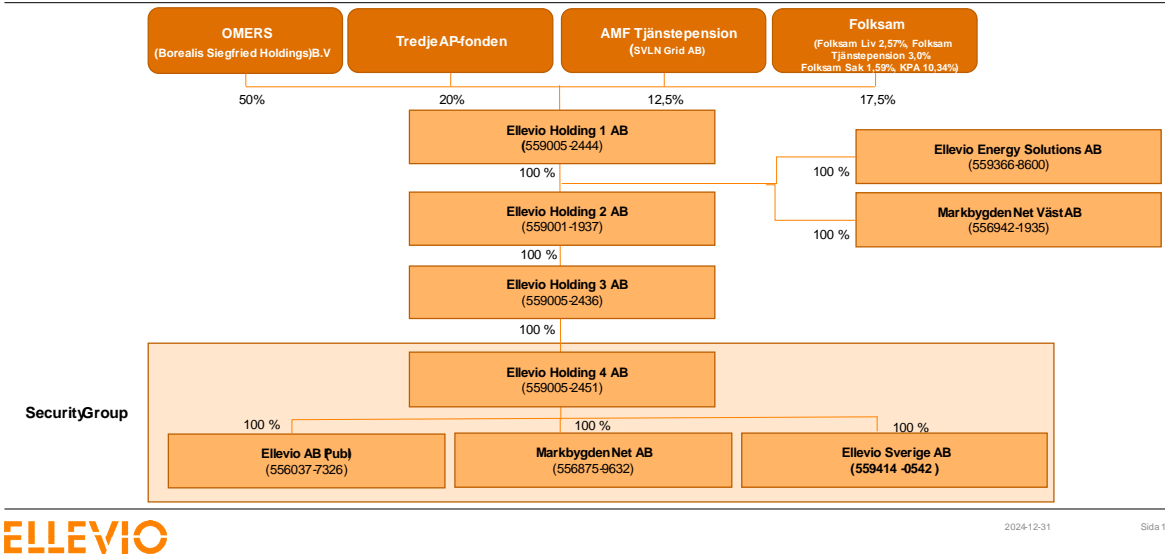
<sup>5</sup> Source: Ellevio Annual Report 2024.

<sup>6</sup> Source: Ellevio Annual Report 2024. EBITDA is an alternative performance measure with the definition: Operating profit plus depreciation, amortisation and impairment.

Ellevio consist of overhead lines, substations and transformers connected to the national network. In 2024, Markbygden Net AB generated net sales of SEK 189<sup>7</sup> and an EBITDA of 70 million.<sup>8</sup>

Ellevio Sverige AB was established in 2022 with the objective of performing administrative services to Ellevio AB as well as administrative services to non-regulated activities in the Group, such as activities organised in Ellevio Energy Solutions AB. Ellevio Sverige had no business activities up until and including April 2024. In May 2024, Ellevio AB transferred personnel from Ellevio AB to Ellevio Sverige AB and entered into a service level agreement in respect of administrative services to be provided by Ellevio Sverige AB.

### Legal Structure Ellevio Group



Source: Ellevio

## INDUSTRY OVERVIEW AND REGULATORY CONTEXT

### The regulatory framework in which Ellevio operates

Electricity distribution is a regulated, regional monopoly business in Sweden. As one of the first adopters of an independent regulatory approach, Sweden has maintained a well-developed and transparent regime for over 25 years. The Swedish regulator, Ei, is an independent regulatory authority operating under the EA which is the main legislative framework for the electricity market in Sweden. The EA is to a large extent based on the directives and regulations of the EU and provides regulation in relation to power installations, trade in electrical power, and electrical safety. The EA is complemented by ordinances issued by the Swedish government and regulations issued by authorities, such as Ei.

In Sweden, the court system has traditionally played a role as an impartial arbiter between DSOs and Ei. As such, it has become common practice in Sweden for the industry to seek court rulings (in respect of certain decisions) in

<sup>7</sup> Source: Markbygden Net AB Annual Report 2024.

<sup>8</sup> Source: Markbygden Net AB 2024. EBITDA is an alternative performance measure with the definition: Operating profit plus depreciation, amortisation and impairment.

order to strengthen the framework. The court system also plays this role in respect of other regulated industries in Sweden such as telecommunications and gas distribution.

Ei is the permit authority for line and network concessions for high-voltage lines according to the concessions rules of the EA. Ei is also the regulatory body for the DSOs, and monitors and analyses the development of the electricity markets as well as submits proposals for changes to regulations or other measures that may improve how the markets function.

Ei determines the DSOs' revenue caps for regulatory periods of four years, which steers the network tariffs which the DSOs set towards customers and the allowed revenue on the network operations. The concept of regulatory periods was introduced in 2012. The current regulatory period (RP4) began on 1 January 2024.

The regulatory framework should ensure that the networks maintain good quality and provide a reliable and secure 24/7 supply. This compensates network companies for reasonable costs related to managing their business and a reasonable yield on investments made. According to the EA, the prices that customers pay should be fair, objective and non-discriminatory.

The permitted revenues resolved by Ei comprise four different components:

- (a) capital compensation, comprising capital cost and a rate of return on RAV;
- (b) non-controllable costs;
- (c) controllable costs; and
- (d) quality and efficiency adjustments and any regulatory surplus/deficit from the previous regulatory period.

Compensation for capital costs is compensation for the actual electricity network assets, including systems for operating the electricity network and metering electricity use, and investments made in these systems. The compensation is based on each company's electricity network assets (a regulatory calculation that is the same for all network companies) and a reference interest rate (WACC) that is meant to cover interest on loans and returns to shareholders.

The reference interest rate for the regulatory period 2016–2019 was 5.85 per cent. For the regulatory period 2020–2023 (RP3), Ei reduced the reference interest rate to 2.16 per cent. The decision on the reference interest rate for RP3 was appealed and revoked by the Administrative Court of Appeal in 2022. Following the rulings of the Administrative Court of Appeal, in 2024, Ei issued revised decisions for the recalculated revenue caps for RP3 in which the reference rate for the period was calculated to 3.39 per cent. In December 2023, Ei published the reference interest rate for RP4 which amounts to 4.53 per cent.

Non-controllable costs are costs that network companies cannot affect and which instead pass “straight through” their operations. This refers mainly to costs for “overhead networks”, which are the networks that transmit the electricity from the production site to each company's electricity network, such as the national network owner Svenska kraftnät, and costs for purchasing electricity that is lost in transmission (“network losses”). Non-controllable costs also include public authority fees that network companies are required to charge customers.

Controllable costs are costs that network companies can affect: fault repairs, staff costs, customer service, network monitoring, etc. These costs are subject to efficiency requirements, which require companies to incrementally improve efficiency each year.

The quality and efficiency adjustments mean that Ei shall take into account the quality of the network operations and to what extent the DSOs operations efficiently use the electricity network. The assessment of quality is based on the extent of power outages while the efficiency criteria is assessed based on low grid losses and a steady capacity on

the grid (utilisation rate). The quality and efficiency is calculated according to set norm values and the results may decrease or increase the revenue on the capital base.

For more information on the regulatory framework, please see Chapter 7 (“*Selected Aspects of Swedish Regulation to which Ellevio is Subject*”).

## **THE SWEDISH ELECTRICITY MARKET – PREREQUISITES, TRENDS AND DRIVERS**

### **Sweden’s energy policy**

The framework of Sweden’s energy policy is shaped by the Paris Agreement’s aim to keep global temperature increases below 1.5°C as well as the EU’s energy policy framework. Sweden’s ambition is to be at the forefront of climate efforts, and it has set an aim of becoming the world’s first fossil-free welfare state. In 2016, the Swedish Parliament decided that Sweden is to no longer produce any net emissions of greenhouse gases by 2045. This is placing major demands on the electricity network of the future. If Sweden is to achieve its climate targets, electricity network companies must invest heavily in the electricity networks at every level: nationally, regionally and locally.

### ***Overview of the Swedish energy market***

Electricity grids are natural monopolies as it is not socioeconomically feasible to build parallel networks. Households and companies are connected to the grid where they live and operate and are therefore customers to the local grid company.

The electricity network consists of three grid types that connect the entire country. The national grid refers to the lines that transport electricity from power stations to the regional networks. The electricity is transported over long distances and the voltage is high – 200–400 kilovolts.

The national grid is owned and managed by the state through the TSO Svenska kraftnät.

Regional grids are the lines that hold the national grid and local grids together. The voltage in the regional grids is 40–220 kilovolts. The regional grids are owned by network companies such as Ellevio.

Local grids are the lines that distribute electricity at the very last stage to customers, such as companies and households. The voltage on these grids is 40 kilovolts or lower, and the grids are owned by network companies such as Ellevio.

### ***Operators in the electricity market***

Ei monitors, reviews and regulates the energy market and its operators.

Electricity network companies own, operate and develop regional and local networks and transport electricity from the production sites to the customer. Customers are connected to the electricity grid where they live.

Electricity producers produce electricity via hydroelectric power, nuclear power, wind power, bio power, wave power and solar power, for example.

Electricity generation in Sweden is around 98 per cent. carbon free. In 2024 hydro power produced approximately 64 TWh, nuclear 49 TWh, wind 40 TWh, combined heat and power (CHP) produced around 12 TWh and solar 4 TWh.<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>9</sup> Source: Energiföretagen/Elåret 2024

The NordPool electricity market is the trading venue that sets the price for electricity. Electricity trading companies purchase electricity from the electricity market and sell it on to end users. There is free competition, and customers can choose from among more than 100 electricity trading companies.

### ***Distribution of Electricity cost***

There are costs associated with transporting electricity through the electricity grid to the place where it is to be used. As it is not economically viable to build parallel electricity grids, the electricity user is a customer of the network company that owns the grid in the area where the customer lives or works.

The invoice consists partly of a payment to the network company (e.g. Ellevio) in the form of a fixed subscription fee and a variable cost that varies with consumption, and partly of taxes and VAT. The fee covers the costs of the grid, such as operation, troubleshooting, maintenance, modernisation, expansion and customer service. The network companies are also obliged to charge fees to cover public authority fees and electricity tax.

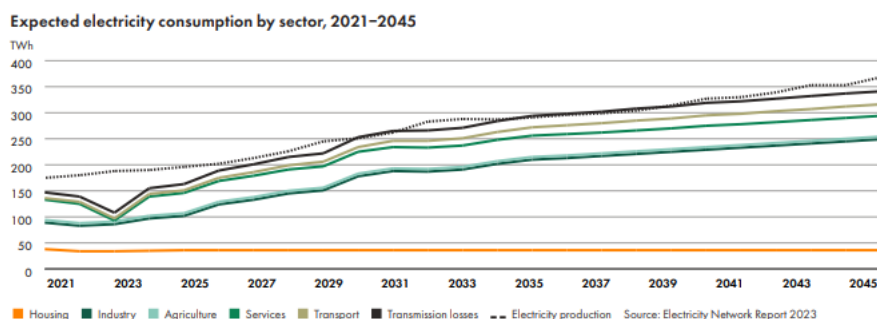
## **MARKET DRIVERS**

Over the past few years, entirely new conditions have emerged in Sweden's electricity system. New types of power, new technology, large-scale electrification, capacity shortages and the climate crisis are just a few examples of drivers leading to a fundamental change in Sweden's electricity system.

### **Need for investment and greater demand for electricity**

Sweden's electricity consumption has remained largely constant since the 1980s, but demand for electricity is expected to more than double in the next 20 years. By 2045, electricity consumption is expected to increase from 145 TWh today to around 300 TWh.<sup>10</sup>

The business community is the key driver of this transition. Major technological transformations are under way in areas such as basic industry, the steel industry in northern Sweden and the transport sector.



Source: Electricity Network Report 2023

Sweden currently has an ageing electricity network. Major parts of the network have reached the end of their technical service life and need replacing. Moreover, the transition requires a smart and more flexible electricity system, which is why network companies are making the largest investments in the electricity network since the 1960s and 1970s.

In 2023, Ellevio presented the report “framtidens Elnätsrapporten 2023/Electricity Network Report 2023” which laid out the estimated investment requirements in Sweden for new network infrastructure to enable twice as much electricity consumption in the next 20 years. The previous forecast of SEK 670 billion in electricity network investments was adjusted upwards to SEK 945 billion by 2045<sup>11</sup>.

<sup>10</sup> Ellevio Annual Report 2024

<sup>11</sup> Source: Elnätsrapporten 2023, SWECO

Electrification, digitalisation, urbanisation and new types of production are all placing new requirements on Ellevio's electricity network. Ellevio has invested approximately SEK 22 billion between 2019 and 2024 to modernise and future-proof the electricity grids.<sup>12</sup>

### **New energy mix**

Four out of ten Swedish nuclear power have been decommissioned since 2017. Nuclear power currently accounts for around 30 per cent. of Swedish energy production, and the six reactors currently in operation are expected to be in use for another 20 years or so. It will not be possible to expand one single type of power sufficiently to meet the rising demand for electricity consumption alone. The government which took office in 2022 has a more positive view of nuclear power than the previous one, but it takes time to construct new reactors and the future of nuclear power in Sweden remains uncertain. Small-scale modular reactors are increasingly seen as a complement to more traditional, larger nuclear power plants.

At the same time, more and more electricity is being supplied from renewable energy sources – primarily wind power, but also solar power. Wind power has been expanded at a rapid pace in recent years, with growth mainly taking place on land but major investments also being made in offshore wind. The supply of these types of power varies greatly with the season and weather, which limits the possibility of controlling electricity generation.

The electricity system must now be able to manage an irregular inflow, with rapid and sharp fluctuations in electricity production.

### **Greater network capacity needed**

A challenge facing the electricity system is that more and more people are living in cities. There is a lack of capacity in both Stockholm and other cities, which is mainly due to a lack of transmission capacity on the national network (owned by state-run Svenska kraftnät) but capacity also needs to be increased on regional and local networks.

Industrial establishments also require extensive investments in network capacity.

### **Clean Energy Package to reduce dependence on fossil fuels**

The EU's Clean Energy Package (“**Clean Energy Package**”) is designed to make the EU a leader in the global transition to clean energy. The regulatory package contains reforms in areas such as energy security, the EU's internal energy market, energy efficiency, financial dependency on fossil fuels and grants for research and innovation.

For network companies, the Clean Energy Package entails adopting a partially new role – from being a network manager to being a system operator. The new requirements also include development plans for all electricity networks, stricter connection requirements and the use of flexible services. The requirement to separate business activities into different legal entities has also increased, and Ellevio AB thus only conducts electricity network operations, while Ellevio Energy Solutions AB develops other types of services.

The legislation in Sweden has been adapted to comply with the EU directive and Ellevio has adapted its operations accordingly. To meet the requirements for legal separation of the regulated electricity network operations, Ellevio has transferred all employees to Ellevio Sverige AB as of 1 May 2024. Ellevio Sverige AB has been established as an intra-Group service company, providing services to Ellevio AB and other companies in the Group.

### **Cyber security risks – heightened preparedness**

One of the most important aspects of the electricity network of the future is cyber security. Protective security, preparedness and cybersecurity efforts thus continued to grow in importance across the energy industry. Ellevio

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<sup>12</sup> Source: Ellevio Annual Report 2024



works continuously to strengthen its ability to resist antagonistic influences, and Ellevio's cyber defence has been gradually reinforced to meet the increased threat.

## **ELLEVIO'S BUSINESS OVERVIEW**

Ellevio is one of Sweden's largest electricity network companies. Ellevio owns, operates and develops regional and local electricity grids and distributes electricity to over 966,000 customers in Sweden. In 2024, Ellevio delivered 24,3TWh of electricity to its customers. Ellevio's electricity network is over 80,000 km long. Ellevio's customers are spread across the West coast, mid-Sweden, and Stockholm County. The main proportion of Ellevio's networks are located in rural areas, but a majority of Ellevio's customers are in the greater Stockholm area. The Ellevio Group has around 800 employees, most of whom are based at the head office in Stockholm and at the office in Karlstad, and as of May 2024 Ellevio AB has no employees of its own. The background to this is that in order to meet the requirements on legal separation of regulated electricity network operations in accordance with the EU's Clean Energy Package regulations, all staff previously employed by Ellevio AB were transferred to the service company Ellevio Sverige AB, which has been established as an intra-group service company with the task of providing services to Ellevio AB and other companies in the Group.

Ellevio is a regulated business subject to the provisions of the Electricity Act. Ei implements legislation and regulations and monitors the extent to which Ellevio fulfils its mission.

In 2024, Ellevio delivered 24.3 TWh of electricity. For comparison, the volume was 24.2 TWh in 2023. Higher volumes in the beginning of the year due to cold weather as well as more normal consumption patterns compared to 2023 (when high electricity prices significantly reduced consumption), were partly offset by lower volumes in the last part of the year due to mild weather. The fluctuation in the electricity delivered is mainly driven by two factors: the outside temperate and general economic activity.<sup>13</sup>

### **Ownership**

Ellevio is indirectly owned by a consortium consisting of OMERS Infrastructure (50 per cent.), AP3 (20 per cent.), Folksam (17.5 per cent.) and AMF (12.5 per cent.). Below is a description of each of the indirect Shareholders.

#### *OMERS INFRASTRUCTURE (50 PER CENT.)*

Omers Infrastructure is part of the branch of the Canadian pension fund Omers Infrastructure, which manages pensions for the province of Ontario's public sector employees.

#### *AP3 (20 PER CENT.)*

AP3 is tasked with helping safeguard the value of the Swedish state pension for both current and future pensioners. The task of this fund is to responsibly invest in and manage the pension system's buffer capital.

#### *FOLKSAM (17.5 PER CENT.)*

The Folksam Group is one of Sweden's largest pension and insurance companies, with a major investment business.

#### *AMF (12.5 PER CENT.)*

AMF is an occupational pension company whose principal task in society is to deliver a good pension to its 4 million customers. AMF is jointly owned by LO and Confederation of Swedish Enterprise.

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<sup>13</sup> Source: Ellevio Year end Report 2024

## **Strategic focus**

Ellevio's strategic direction is to contribute to a sustainable future by building the energy system of tomorrow and developing climate-smart energy solutions. Two central enablers have been identified, that run efficient operations and – for the Ellevio Group – to have the best, most committed employees.

### ***The energy system of tomorrow***

One of Ellevio's strategic focus areas is to enable the energy transition and a fossil-free society by 2045. The company strives to lay the foundation for a growing society with its increasing demand for clean energy by building a smart energy infrastructure and developing new solutions and capabilities in existing and new markets. Ellevio is a system operator that works to transform the current electricity grids into tomorrow's sustainable energy systems, also facilitating the customers' ability to undertake their own energy transition.

### ***Climate-smart energy solutions***

Together with customers and strategic partners, Ellevio develops and provides climate-smart energy solutions and services that support customers in their energy transition. The customer experience is enhanced through the pursuit of new business.

## **Operational excellence**

Ellevio's strategic focus requires the company to have an efficient organisation and a digital business platform that enables a rapid pace of development. Continuous learning, digitalisation and the application of best practices are essential for modern and sustainable operations, organisational effectiveness and new capabilities.

### ***The employees of the future***

Ellevio requires an engaging, safe and sustainable work environment to reach its business goals. The transition to becoming an energy system operator, as well as the development of new products and new capabilities, requires the Group to adapt its corporate culture, competences and way of organisation. Ellevio promotes a leadership and organisational culture for the employees in Ellevio Sverige AB in order to attract talent and ensure the continuous growth and development of employees.

### ***Strategy implementation***

Some of Ellevio's most important strategic focus areas are:

- Driving the trend towards an electrified and sustainable society.
- Shouldering the role of energy system operator transforming the current electricity network into the smart and flexible energy system of tomorrow.
- Developing innovative energy solutions that support our customers' energy transition and that contribute to a flexible and balanced electricity system.
- Increasing grid investments to meet society's needs for an electrified and fossil-free future.
- Digitalising the electricity network and associated systems and processes to improve operations, maintenance, troubleshooting and customer experience.
- Together with customers and strategic partners, supporting customers in their energy transition and improving customer satisfaction, including through effective communication.
- Making continuous improvements, digitalising and applying best practices across the organisation to ensure operational and cost efficiency.



- Integrating sustainability throughout the organisation to reduce our environmental footprint and minimise risks. Maintaining an engaging, safe, inclusive and sustainable work environment and corporate culture.
- Promoting a leadership and organisational culture that attracts the right competences and ensures continuous growth and development of the employees within the Group.
- Working to create a fair, stable and long-term network regulation.
- Continuously improving efficiency and maximising value from operations.

### Sustainability: integrated into business strategy

Ellevio's sustainability agenda is a driver for the entire business and is closely connected to the business strategy. Significant sustainability aspects are managed as part of Ellevio's day-to-day operations.

During the winter of 2023/2024, Ellevio conducted a new materiality analysis as preparation for reporting under the new EU CSRD directive. This analysis identified eight significant sustainability issues, which are presented on the in the illustration below.

The wording is new, but the content is largely consistent with the areas identified as most significant in Ellevio's previous materiality analysis. The exception is resource use and the circular economy, which have been added.

Strategic focus areas	Significant sustainability aspects	Contribution to the UN SDGs
 <b>The energy system of tomorrow</b> <b>Climate-smart energy solutions</b>	Security of supply Affordable electricity supply Reduce climate impact	7, 9, 11, 13
 <b>Operational excellence</b>	Business ethics and anti-corruption Responsible supply chain Local dialogue and environmental considerations Biodiversity	5, 8, 15, 16
<b>The employees of the future</b>	Attractive employer Health and safety	5, 8

### ***Climate change***

The climate transition and electrification of society present significant opportunities for Ellevio, as its operations are a prerequisite for this transformation. Ellevio enables the electrification of industry and transport, a greater share of renewable electricity in the energy system, an increase in small-scale electricity production, and more efficient electricity consumption management.

Ellevio also addresses the risks posed by a changing climate. Weather-proofing the electricity network through buried cables and widened power lanes are two examples of these efforts. Strengthening the resilience of the electricity network is a core mission and remains a natural and highly prioritised aspect of operations.

As Ellevio's operations, particularly investment projects, generate greenhouse gas emissions within the value chain, efforts are underway to reduce them. Initiatives include targets for emission reductions, electrically powered investment projects, and stringent sustainability requirements for contractors.

### ***Biodiversity and ecosystems***

Ellevio's electricity infrastructure inevitably affects ecosystems and biodiversity, both through existing facilities and the construction of new ones. Ellevio's fundamental principle is that electrification should be carried out with minimal impact and, where possible, contribute positively to biodiversity.

To mitigate negative effects, Ellevio applies the "damage limitation hierarchy." This approach prioritises avoiding or minimising impact wherever possible and, when unavoidable, implementing measures to prevent or mitigate damage.

New construction requires materials that generate climate emissions during extraction and refining and can negatively impact species, landscapes, and habitats. Additionally, there are sometimes conflicting objectives between minimising environmental impact and the need for new electricity infrastructure.

### ***Resource use and circular economy***

Building electricity grids and facilities requires resource-intensive materials such as copper and aluminium, with the possibility to use recycled materials being limited. Ellevio strives to make the use of resources more efficient and to use materials that are as sustainable as possible. In 2023, Ellevio participated in cabling company NKT's development of a cable with a lower carbon footprint, and this cable has now been used in a number of projects.

### ***Own workforce***

To meet the requirements for legal separation of the regulated electricity network operations and other operations, all Ellevio AB's employees were transferred to the internal service company Ellevio Sverige AB in 2024. Thus, Ellevio AB has no employees anymore.

Demand for expertise in the energy sector is high, and the Ellevio Group faces challenges in attracting, recruiting and retaining the necessary skills. Therefore, it is important for the Group to be an attractive employer with committed employees and to have a strong corporate culture that promotes equality and inclusion.

### ***Workers in the value chain***

Working with electricity and building infrastructure involves occupational health and safety risks for contractors carrying out work in the field. Ellevio therefore has robust safety initiatives and a zero-vision against accidents.

The company is a procurement organisation that procures a large share of services, goods and projects instead of carrying out the work via our own employees. Ellevio therefore has a clear strategy and effective processes to ensure that procurements meet objectives and requirements.

Access to contractors with the right skills is crucial to the business, and Ellevio is undertaking extensive efforts to create conditions for safe workplaces in the field. Accidents and incidents are closely monitored and Ellevio

conducts site visits, safety talks, safety meetings and safety culture surveys to keep the issue of workplace safety constantly high on the agenda. Ellevio also has an internal programme that focuses on processes, policies and internal skills. Safety training is mandatory every three years, and all electricity-related work requires the industry-wide electrical safety training EBR-ESA.

### ***Affected communities***

Ellevio's ability to secure the supply of electricity plays a crucial role in terms of the competitiveness, prosperity, employment opportunities and industrial investments in the areas where we own electricity grids. However, the infrastructure may require the company to encroach on land and affect the rights of local stakeholders.

When this happens, Ellevio acts responsibly, correctly and considerately, engaging in an ongoing dialogue. Holding an active dialogue with local communities is important for increasing acceptance of, and confidence in, Ellevio's operations and the investments in the electricity network infrastructure needed to enable the energy transition.

### ***Consumers and end-users***

The climate transition has placed the energy industry at the heart of societal development – society needs to be electrified, and the inflow of renewable fuels needs to increase. To make this a reality, Ellevio needs to create the sustainable energy system of the future. By providing a robust, modern and sufficiently developed electricity network and innovative energy solutions, Ellevio ensures access to electricity and that private individuals, companies and other businesses can live, work, develop and be integrated into modern society.

Security of supply in electricity distribution is not only a sustainability objective but Ellevio's most important operational goal. The company achieves this by having an efficient operational organisation that is available around the clock and by implementing major investment projects to increase capacity and modernise the electricity system.

Preventing outages is a constant work in progress. The reliability of Ellevio's electricity network amounted to 99.99 percent (99.99) in 2024.

Ellevio also uses an international quality index known as SAIDI to measure security of supply. This measures the number of outage minutes on average per customer per year. SAIDI can vary between years, depending on whether there have been severe storms. For 2024, the average number of outage minutes per customer was 58.

### ***Business conduct***

Ellevio sets high ethical standards. Internally, procedures and systems are in place to prevent irregularities, corruption and bribery. There is a specific Code of Conduct for suppliers and partners.

## **EU taxonomy**

### ***The electricity network plays crucial role in climate change mitigation***

The EU taxonomy for sustainable activities is a framework for classifying environmentally sustainable economic operations. The taxonomy is an important tool in achieving the EU's climate targets and the objectives of the EU's green growth strategy.

Electricity networks are classified as an “enabling activity” in terms of limiting climate change (goal 1), and Ellevio's operations are categorised under Section 4.9 of the taxonomy: “Transmission and distribution of electricity”.

Following an extensive review and analysis, combined with a dialogue with other network companies regarding interpretations and assessments, Ellevio has concluded that its operations are both eligible for and aligned with the taxonomy to a very large extent. In practice, this means that Ellevio's operations and investments can be deemed to be key to achieving the EU's goal of limiting climate change.

EU taxonomy 2024				
Transmission and distribution of electricity	Percentage eligible, %	Percentage non-eligible, %	Percentage aligned with the taxonomy, %	Percentage aligned with the taxonomy, of percentage eligible, %
Net Sales	100	0	100	100
Capital expenditure	99	1	99	100
Operating expenses	95	5	95	100

Source: Ellevio Annual Report 2024

## CUSTOMERS

The foundation of everything Ellevio does is about ensuring that customers have a reliable and affordable electricity supply. To maintain the high level of availability, major investments combined with greater flexibility and digitalisation are needed, which is why Ellevio is implementing a major investment programme.

Ellevio ensures a reliable electricity supply to 966,444 customers around the clock, all year round. 86 percent of customers are households, while 14 percent are businesses. 61 percent are located in Stockholm. As interest in electricity grows, so does customer demand for information and support. We fulfil this through high staffing levels in customer service, personalised communication, energy advice and ambitious communication about our projects.

### Customer Satisfaction

In 2024, the reliability of our supply was 99.99 per cent. A customer survey is conducted once a year for business customers, while customer satisfaction is measured monthly for private customers. All respondents answer the question “Overall, how satisfied are you with Ellevio as an electricity supplier?” The result for 2024 was 60.3 for private customers and 61.5 for business customers. The result is slightly lower than in 2023. When asked how satisfied those who had been in contact with Ellevio's customer service were, the result was that 87 percent were satisfied.

### Fair prices

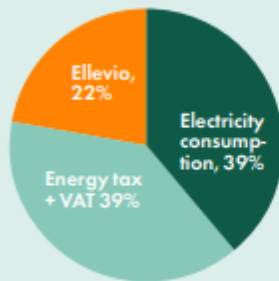
Ellevio's customers pay the same price for the same service, regardless of where they live or work. According to the 2024 edition of the Nils Holgersson report, which surveys Swedish fees and tariffs for electricity, Ellevio's prices were below the average for the country as a whole.

### The cost of electricity consists of electricity transmission, electricity consumption and taxes and fees.

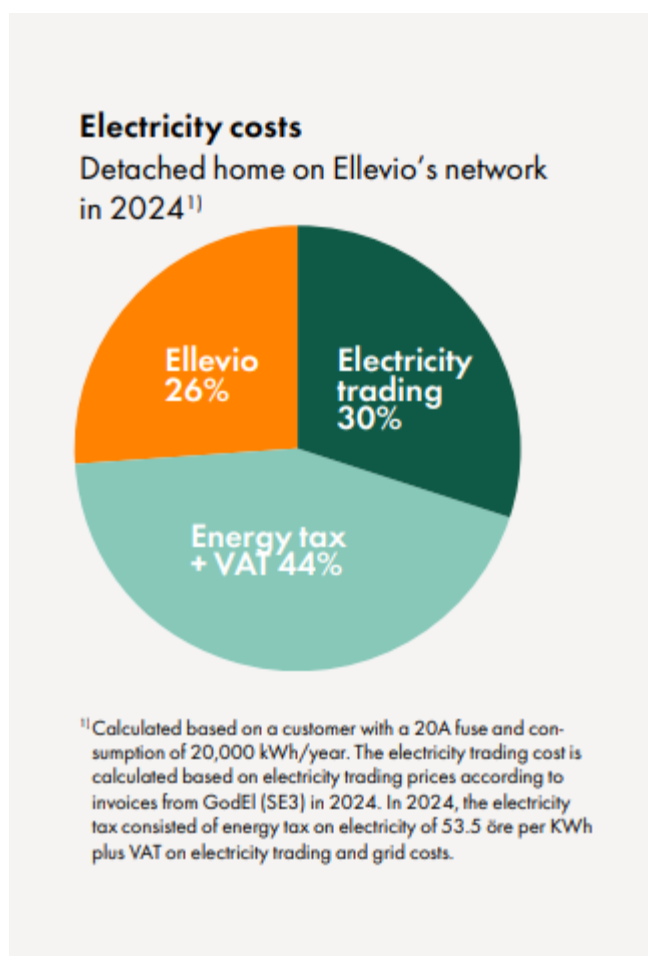
As it is not economically viable to build parallel electricity grids, the electricity user is a customer of the network company that owns the grid in the area where the customer lives or works.

Invoices to customers consist partly of payment to the network company (such as Ellevio) in the form of a fixed subscription fee and a variable cost that is impacted in part by the level of consumption, and in part by taxes and VAT. The fee covers the costs of the electricity grids, such as operation, troubleshooting, maintenance, modernisation, customer service, purchase of electricity to compensate for network losses, costs from overhead lines, etc. The invoice also includes public authority fees and energy tax.

**Distribution of electricity costs – detached home on Ellevio's network on 2023\*.**



\*Calculated based on a customer with a 20A fuse and consumption of 20,000 kWh/year. The electricity trading cost is calculated based on electricity trading prices according to invoices from GodEl (SE3) in 2023. In 2023, the electricity tax consisted of an energy tax of 49 öre per kWh plus VAT on electricity trading and network costs.



## INVESTMENTS

Ellevio invests heavily in the electricity network to manage society's need for electrification, digitalisation, the energy transition and capacity reinforcements. Investments amounted to SEK 4,238 million in 2024.<sup>14</sup>

Ellevio's investment and maintenance strategy remains in place – Ellevio is to serve as an enabler of the energy transition. This involves efforts on two fronts. Firstly, Ellevio is developing smart networks that lead to fewer and shorter outages and more efficient operation. Secondly, Ellevio is upgrading and reinforcing its infrastructure to increase transmission capacity and enable electrification.

### Ellevio's Distribution Network

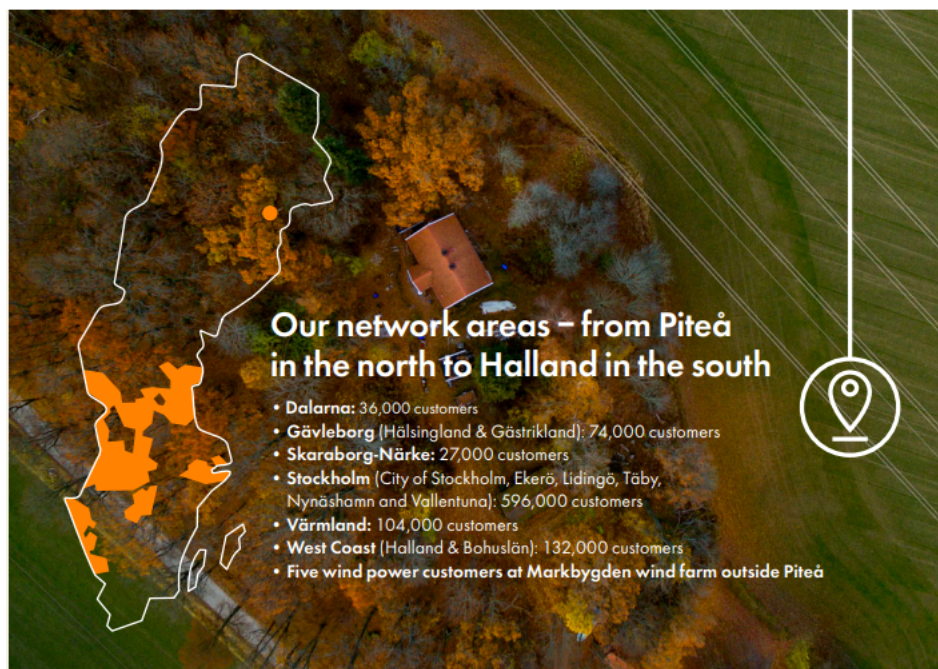
Ellevio consists of networks in six geographical areas – two regional networks that operate under line concessions (linjekoncession) and four local networks that operate under area concessions (områdeskoncession). The Line Concessions and the Area Concessions, together make up the "Concessions", which are all licenced and regulated by Ei.

Ellevio operates in the regions, as indicated in the map below, with each of the six areas reflecting a separate network.

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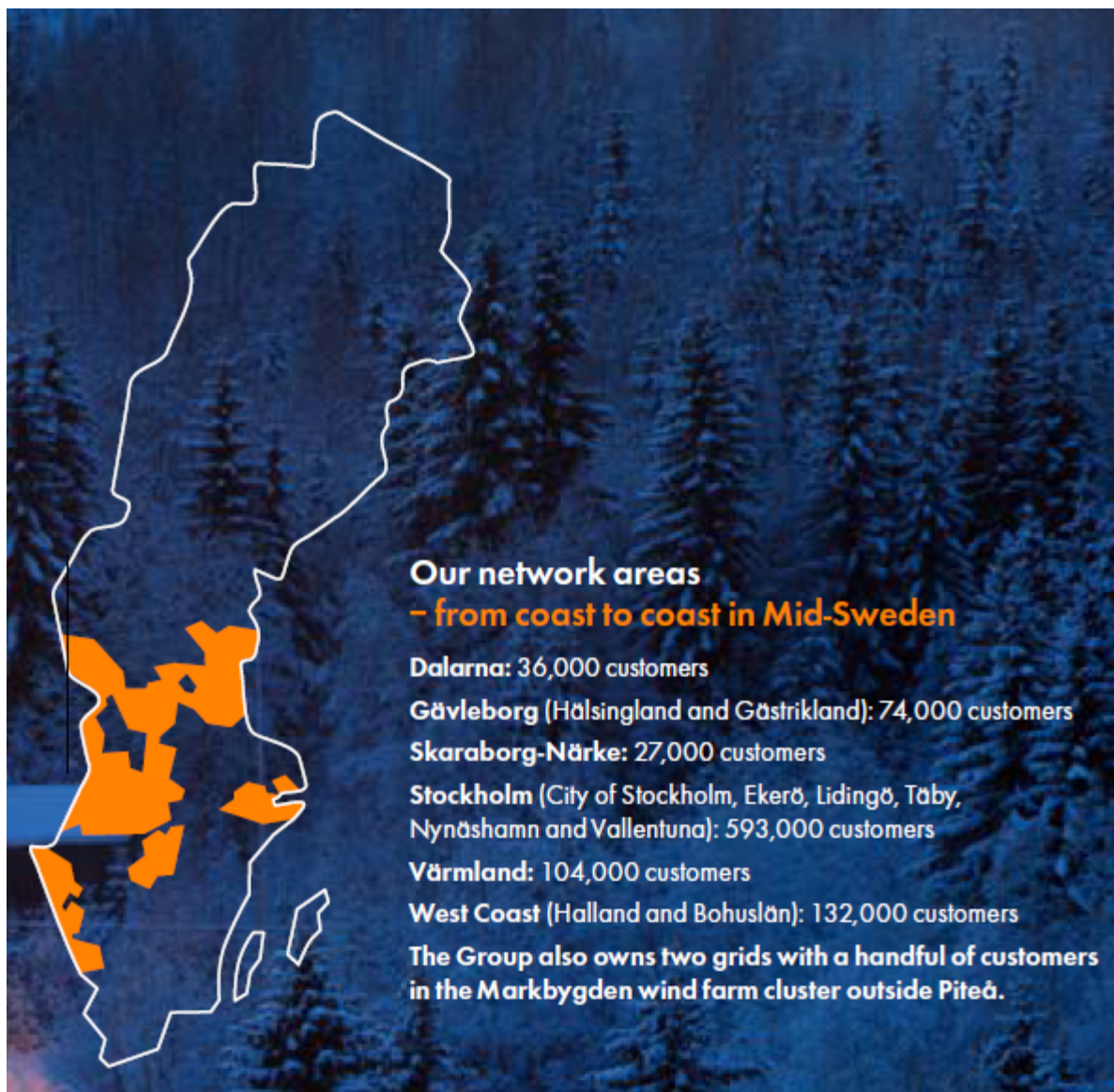




≈ 1 million  
customers

86%  
household customers

14%  
corporate customers



Area Concessions give the concession holder the exclusive right to build, maintain and operate low-voltage lines in its area of responsibility. Area Concessions also give the concession holder the exclusive right to distribute electricity to all customers within the area.

### Reliability and security of supply

Ensuring reliable electricity supply and distribution is a critical task for society. Security of supply is also becoming increasingly important as more sectors and parts of society are electrified. As one of Sweden's largest network companies, Ellevio must have a robust and reliable supply that meets the needs of customers and society. The reliability of Ellevio's electricity network amounted to 99.99 per cent. in 2024. This compares well both nationally and internationally, but every outage can have major consequences for those affected and Ellevio takes every incident seriously.<sup>15</sup>

To measure supply reliability, Ellevio also uses the international standard, SAIDI, (System Average Interruption Duration Index), which is calculated as the sum of all outage minutes (excluding planned works) experienced by customers divided by the total number of customers. In 2024, SAIDI amounted to 58 minutes. SAIDI can vary

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between years, depending on whether there have been severe storms. Since the extensive weather-proofing work started in 2005, Ellevio's SAIDI levels have decreased significantly. Customers on the West Coast and Ekerö were the worst affected during 2024, while Stockholm fared well. Extensive investment projects are underway on both the West Coast and Ekerö to reduce outages. Ellevio is investing heavily in weather-proofing the electricity network by reducing the number of overhead lines, as these are exposed and vulnerable to strong winds and falling trees. During the year, 45 percent of the outages were caused by damage to cables or other equipment. Weather-related events accounted for 27 percent, while 3 percent were due to outages in other grid owners' networks. Planned outages for maintenance and network expansion made up the remaining 25 percent.

### ***Continuous work to secure the electricity supply***

Ellevio is focused on preventing and maintaining an uninterrupted supply of electricity. Ellevio works proactively on risk analysis, risk management and measures. This creates the conditions for safe operations and infrastructure and strengthens Ellevio's ability to withstand disruptions and restore operations following unexpected events.

Ellevio has an operations centre which monitors at all times the electricity network. Ellevio also has a well-established crisis management organisation and strong central preparedness for both extraordinary situations and a number of low-probability scenarios. Preparedness for weather-related disruptions or other disruptions to the electricity network has long been an integral part of Ellevio's operations and its business continuity plans. Crisis training is carried out regularly. Several crisis training courses were carried out during the year to ensure that processes, procedures and decision-making pathways function properly in the event of a crisis. One of the areas covered involved crisis training relating to cybersecurity. Ellevio also held several crisis and continuity training courses with its contractors and other key stakeholders.

Ellevio carries out regular inspections of power lines to check the electricity network. In addition to helicopter inspections, some inspections are carried out by drones. More potential faults have been identified through the drone inspections, enabling even more effective work to prevent disruptions. Drone inspections also produce less carbon dioxide emissions and are safer.

### ***Smart grids reduce the risk of outages***

The electricity grids of the future will be smart, meaning they contain information technology that enables them to collect, transmit, store, analyse and act on information, both from the grid itself and from all those who are connected – electricity producers, consumers and those who are both. As part of Ellevio's Vision 2030 digitalisation project, automated system support for this area was activated during the year.

Increased digitalisation, automation and the remote management of the grid are creating opportunities for new data-driven processes, digital monitoring and control, and the early prediction of potential faults. This results in fewer and shorter power outages, thanks to efficient troubleshooting processes and automatic switching by the grids themselves.

## **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

At Ellevio, authority, management and governance are allocated among the shareholders, Board of Directors, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and the management team. Ellevio's corporate governance aims to ensure proper risk and internal control, a defined delegation of responsibilities, a healthy corporate culture, effective decision-making procedures and sound relations with Ellevio's stakeholders, and thus to contribute to long-term value creation for the Ellevio's shareholders.

### ***Principles of corporate governance***

Corporate governance at Ellevio is based on applicable laws and ordinances, Articles of Association, shareholders' agreement, internal policies and instructions. The external regulatory policies primarily comprise the Swedish Companies Act, Swedish Annual Accounts Act, as well as other relevant laws. As a natural monopoly, the business is regulated in accordance with the Electricity Act and supervised by the Swedish Energy Markets Inspectorate (Ei).

Ellevio also adheres to regulations applicable to companies with interest-bearing instruments registered on the Irish Stock Exchange.

Ellevio is not subject to the mandatory requirement for listed companies to comply with the Swedish Corporate Governance Code (the Code) since the company's shares are not listed on a regulated market in Sweden.

Ellevio's most significant internal governing document is the shareholders' agreement signed by the four shareholders of Ellevio Holding 1 AB. The shareholders' agreement stipulates how the Parent company and Group's subsidiaries shall be governed.

Other key governance documents are the Articles of Association and the Board's rules of procedure and instructions for the CEO and on reporting to the Board. Additionally, Ellevio's Code of Conduct, internal policies, and guidelines play a crucial role. Some of these, including the Code of Conduct and the Sustainability Policy, are reviewed and approved annually by the Board of Directors.

### ***Annual general meeting***

The annual general meeting is Ellevio's highest decision-making body, through which Ellevio's shareholders are entitled to govern Ellevio's business. The annual general meeting elects the Board of Directors and the auditors, decides their fees, adopts the income statement and balance sheet, resolves on the allocation of the company's earnings, grants the Board and the CEO discharge from liability, and resolves on other matters pursuant to the law, Articles of Association and shareholders' agreement.

### ***Board of Directors and its work***

The overall task of the Board of Directors (the "**Board**") is to bear responsibility for the organisation and management of operations as well as financial reporting and sustainability reporting. The Board is also tasked with ensuring that Ellevio's organisation is designed in a manner that assures satisfactory control of accounting, asset management and financial conditions in general.

The Board is also responsible for establishing effective and appropriate systems for governance, internal control and risk management, as well as for establishing guidelines that aim to ensure long-term value creation. Furthermore, the Board should work to ensure that Ellevio acts as a role model for sustainable business practices in areas such as the environment, ethics, working conditions, human rights, equality and diversity.

The Board shall establish written rules of procedure governing its own work, and these should be revised and confirmed on an annual basis. These contain, among other things, instructions on the Board's areas of responsibility and the demarcation against the Board's committees and CEO. The Board's rules of procedure state that a Board member must inform the Board if a conflict of interest occurs. Such information is not disclosed to other parties.

The Chairman of the Board oversees the evaluation of the work of the Board, including sustainability aspects, and reports to the owners. This is done on an annual basis and aims to provide an overview of the Directors' opinions on how work is progressing, as well as what changes could be made to enhance efficiency. The evaluation in 2024 did not cause any material changes in the Board's work.

### ***Composition of the Board***

According to the Articles of Association, the Board is to comprise of no less than three and no more than ten members, and no more than ten deputies. The shareholders' agreement states that the shareholders nominate Directors based on the size of their ownership and that the Board shall consist of seven members, of which one is an independent chairman, and that the annual general meeting takes the final decision. As presented below, each owner has nominated certain members of the Board. All elected Board members are independent of Ellevio and the Ellevio's management.

In 2024, the Board consisted of seven Directors and two employee representatives until the restructuring of the group on 1 May 2024. Following the restructuring of the group, the employee representatives were appointed in another company within the group.

In 2024, the Board had the following members, Fredrik Persson, Chairman (independent), Anna Belfrage (nominated by the Third AP Fund), Lars Clausen (nominated by OMERS Infrastructure), Göran Hägglund (nominated by AMF), Karin Jarl Månsson (nominated by OMERS Infrastructure), Michael McNicholas (nominated by OMERS Infrastructure), Sten Olsson (nominated by Folksam), Tomas Bergquist (employee representative) (until 30 April 2024) and Eyob Yehdego (employee representative) (until 30 April 2024).

Deputies to the Board at the end of the year were Henrik Nordlander (nominated by the Third AP Fund), Fredrik Lundeborg (nominated by AMF), Severine Billy (nominated by OMERS Infrastructure) and Rebecka Elkert (nominated by Folksam). Up until 30 April 2024 were Morgan Holm and Fredrik Ullman alternate employee representatives.

On 15 January 2025, Anna-Karin Stenberg, was elected new member of the Board, replacing Sten Olsson as nominated by Folksam.

At the Annual General Meeting on 22 April 2025, Håkan Gabrielsson was elected new member of the Board, replacing Anna Belfrage as nominated by the Third AP Fund.

### ***Board Committees***

Four Board committees have been established to enhance efficiency and opportunities for expanding the work of the Board: The Audit Committee, the Remuneration Committee, the Finance Committee and the Sustainability Committee. The committees serve in an advisory capacity and their work primarily involves preparing matters for decision by the Board. Meetings are minuted and committee chairs report on the progress of their work at every Board meeting. Representatives of Ellevio's executive management participate in committee meetings.

The Audit Committee is responsible for monitoring financial and sustainability reporting as well as the statutory audit. The Audit Committee monitors compliance with the relevant laws and the application of and compliance with corporate governance policies, including internal control and risk management.

The Remuneration Committee is responsible for adopting policies for the appointment and dismissal of senior executives, establishing remuneration policies and terms of employment for senior executives, as well as reviewing the performance of senior executives in relation to set objectives.

The Finance Committee is responsible for reviewing Ellevio's financial strategy and the ongoing monitoring of the financial risk exposure.

The Sustainability Committee is responsible for assessing the strategy, monitoring performance in relation to set targets, identifying key areas of improvement and contribute to greater awareness of the importance of health, safety, security, environment and climate.

### ***Board fees***

Board members elected at the annual general meeting can in special cases be remunerated for services within their respective areas of competence, which do not constitute Board work. A market consultancy fee shall be paid for these services, which shall be approved by the Board.

### ***Auditor***

The task of the auditor is to independently review the administration of the Board and CEO along with Ellevio's annual report and bookkeeping. The annual general meeting is responsible for electing an external auditor. Auditors are elected for a term of one year, in accordance with the principal rule of the Swedish Companies Act. Pursuant to the Articles of Association, Ellevio must have one or two auditors. An auditing firm can be elected as Ellevio's auditor.

### ***CEO and management team***

The Board appoints the CEO, who is responsible for the day-to-day management of Ellevio in accordance with the Board's instructions. The allocation of responsibilities between the Board and the CEO is specified, in addition to the Swedish Companies Act, in instructions that are established by the Board each year.

The CEO's responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the operation of the business, human resources, finances and accounting, and maintaining regular contact with Ellevio's stakeholders, such as government agencies. The CEO is responsible for ensuring that the Board receives the information it requires to take decisions and delivers monthly reports to the Board regarding financial circumstances, significant events and other important information.

The CEO has appointed a management team that oversees day-to-day operations. The management team meets regularly to make decisions, monitor the business, discuss organisational and human resources issues, and review current projects and other matters.

### ***Guidelines for the remuneration of senior executives***

Ellevio's principles for the remuneration of senior executives, state that Ellevio is to offer market-based terms of employment that enable Ellevio to recruit, develop and retain senior executives. In this context, "senior executives" refers to the CEO and other members of Ellevio's management team. The total remuneration package consists of a combination of fixed monthly salary, variable remuneration, pensions and other benefits.

The Remuneration Committee handles remuneration matters for senior executives. The Remuneration Committee submits proposals for decisions regarding the CEO's remuneration and employment conditions, which are then decided by the Board. The Board evaluates the work of the CEO annually. For the other senior executives, proposals are proposed for decisions regarding remuneration and employment conditions by the CEO, based on the frameworks and directives resolved by the Remuneration Committee. Proposals are submitted to the Remuneration Committee for approval.

Remuneration to senior executives should normally consist of a fixed and variable portion. The fixed salary for senior executives should be based on the market as well as their level of skill, responsibility, experience, and performance. The variable portion is divided up into two programmes: a bonus programme that applies to all employees and a long-term incentive programme that applies to the CEO and members the management team. All variable remuneration should have an established maximum ceiling. Their Remuneration Committee monitors and evaluates variable remuneration programmes at Ellevio.

Pensions and pension benefits should be offered via defined contribution schemes, which means that an established percentage of the individual's annual basic salary is paid into a pension premium. When determining the size of the premium, total remuneration should be taken into account. The retirement age for the CEO and senior executives is 65.

The period of notice for the CEO is six months both for resignation and for when termination is initiated by the company. If the CEO's employment is terminated by Ellevio, compensation equivalent of up to 12 months' salary is payable in addition to the salary during the notice period. Any income from other employment and/or other proceeds from other activity during the period for which the CEO receives severance pay shall be deducted from the severance pay. No other remuneration is paid if the CEO resigns.

The employment terms of other senior executives are consistent with the market and there are no agreements providing for termination salary more than six months, nor any agreements on severance pay.

### ***Operational management and internal control***

The Board and the management team work in accordance with an annual cycle, including a structured process for strategic business planning and operational monitoring. All of Ellevio's activities are based on Ellevio's values, which



are in turn based on the key words of reliability, commitment, and development. Ellevio's business is operated in accordance with Ellevio's Code of Conduct.

Ellevio maintains policies, instructions, and procedures that are intended to establish rules and responsibilities for specific areas and to define mandates and authority. In addition to the policies adopted by the Board, there are also policies determined by the CEO, as well as instructions and procedures determined by the head of each business function. In line with the operational management structure, the management has produced policies within several areas, including sustainability, financing, the management of insider information, security, and whistleblowing.

These documents are available to all employees within the Group, and are revised on an annual basis or when necessary to ensure compliance with the prevailing laws and provisions. The organisation is continuously updated and given training in policies, instructions, and procedures. Overall, this internal framework covers all relevant operational areas in an appropriate manner.

Risk management is an integrated element in the planning, governance, and monitoring of operations. Business risks are assessed through the strategy and the planning activities of the Board and management, and the underlying premise is that risks are managed on a day-to-day basis in the operations in which they arise.

Ellevio conducts internal controls aimed at ensuring that operations are managed in a secure, appropriate, and efficient manner. To secure that Ellevio prepares reliable financial statements and reporting and complies with applicable laws and regulations, Ellevio has information and communication channels that aim to promote completeness and accuracy in its financial reporting.

The Annual Report and Half-year Report specify which parts are formal financial reports, the regulations on which they are based, and which parts have been audited by the company's auditor. Ellevio publishes the Half-year Report, Year-end Report, and Annual Report on the company's website.

Ellevio's operations are subject to supervision by Ei, which means that financial and operational reporting should be submitted annually. These reports can be found on Ei's website.

## **Management Team**

Ellevio benefits from an executive management team with over one hundred years of combined, relevant experience in the utilities sector. Ellevio has a separate Board of Directors, Chief Executive Officer and Management Team.

The Management Team consists of the heads of business and other units and handles the operational-level day-to-day business of Ellevio and reports directly to the Chief Executive Officer. The senior management organisation of Ellevio is shown below:

### ***The CVs of the Management of Ellevio are as follows:***

Johan Lindehag

*Chief Executive Officer/Managing Director*

Year of birth: 1972

Joined the business in: 2000

Johan has more than 20 years of experience in the energy business. Johan has been CEO of Ellevio since 2015. Prior to that he occupied several senior management positions within Fortum, including VP, Fortum Distribution. Johan is a member of the nominating committee of the Energy Industry Association Swedenergy.

Anna-Karin Käck

*SVP, Finance*

Year of birth: 1976

Joined the business in: 1999

David Bjurhall  
*SVP, Regulation*

Anna-Karin has more than 20 years of experience in finance and business control as well as corporate planning functions of which the majority have been spent in the Nordic electricity distribution industry. She has occupied several senior management positions within the Group including: Head of Business Control, Asset Management and Design at Fortum (2009–2013).

Year of birth: 1975

Joined the business in: 2010

David has some ten years of experience in Nordic electricity distribution industry, of which he during more than half of them has been responsible for regulation and tariffs. Prior to joining Ellevio, David worked as a Management Consultant for Deloitte (2005–2010).

Jörgen Hasselström  
*SVP, Asset Management and Operations*

Year of birth: 1972

Joined the business in: 2019

Jörgen has more than 20 years' experience in various project manager, specialist and managerial functions within the Energy sector, both nationally and internationally. Prior to joining Ellevio in 2019 Jörgen has held managerial and advisory roles at Multiconsult AS, Sweco Energuide AB, and Fortum Distribution.

Emma Thorsen  
*SVP, Customer and Market*

Year of birth: 1973

Joined the business in: 2019

Emma has sixteen years of experience of managing and building satisfaction in large subscription based customer bases. Prior to joining Ellevio, Emma worked as Chief Customer Officer for Viaplay Nordic (2015– 2018). She has held similar positions at Viasat (2012– 2015) and Canal Digital (2009– 2012).

Anna Lidberg  
*SVP, Brand and Communications*

Year of birth: 1968

Joined the business in: 2009

Anna has more than 15 years of experience in the energy industry and more than 20 years of experience in the field of communications. Since 2015, she has been the head of the communications function at Ellevio. She previously held several senior communications positions at Fortum. Anna is part of the advisory board for Strategic communications at the industry association Swedenergy.

Susanne Bragée  
*SVP, People, Culture and Sustainability*

Year of birth: 1963

Joined the business in: 2019

Susanne has more than 25 years of experience of HR and 10 years in finance in various industries. Prior to joining



Ellevio, Susanne held the position as Vice president, HRBP Europe and Asia region, at Nasdaq (2009-2019).

Elisabeth Stjernstoft  
*SVP, Business Solutions*

Year of birth: 1969  
Joined the business in: 2021

Elisabeth has extensive experience from leading digital transformations and as a change leader from roles as CIO. Prior to joining Ellevio, Elisabeth worked as CIO at Apoteket, Tele2 and Bring Citymail. Elisabeth started her career as IT and Management Consultant at Accenture.

Kristofer Fröjd  
*SVP Strategy & Business Development*

Year of birth: 1980  
Joined the business in: 2016

Kristofer has an extensive background from leading positions at management consulting firms at Accenture and KnowIT. He has an international career mainly focusing on energy/utilities, industrial equipment's and international trade and investment related questions. During 2012–2015 Kristofer had the position as the Swedish Trade Commissioner to Canada and was based in Toronto, Canada.

## Board of Directors

The current directors of Ellevio are set out below.

The following table sets out the directors of Ellevio and the Guarantor :

Name	Position	Business address
Fredrik Persson	Chairman of the Board of Directors	Karlavägen 2 114 24 STOCKHOLM
Lars Clausen	Member of the Board of Directors	Marianelundsvej 13 3460 Birkerød Denmark
Håkan Gabrielsson <sup>16</sup>	Member of the Board of Directors	Rydbo Bergväg 4 184 94 Åkersberga
Göran Hägglund	Member of the Board of Directors	Källarpsgatan 19 554 46 Jönköping
Michael Mc Nicholas	Member of the Board of Directors	Omers Infrastructure Ltd., The Leadenhall Building, Floor 29, 122 Leadenhall Street, London, EC3V 4AB
Anna-Karin Stenberg	Member of the Board of Directors	Eskadervägen 22 183 54 Täby

<sup>16</sup> Håkan Gabrielsson was elected member of the Board by the Annual General Meeting on 22 April 2025.

Karin Jarl Månsson	Member of the Board of Directors	Byahornsgränd 5 216 23 Malmö
Severine Billy	Deputy Member of the Board of Directors	Omers Infrastructure Ltd., The Leadenhall Building, Floor 29, 122 Leadenhall Street, London, EC3V 4AB
Henrik Nordlander	Deputy Member of the Board of Directors	AP3   Third Swedish National Pension Fund Box 1176, SE-111 91 Stockholm
Fredrik Lundeberg	Deputy Member of the Board of Directors	AMF, Klara Södra kyrkogata 18, 113 88 Stockholm
Rebecka Elkert	Deputy Member of the Board of Directors	Folksam, Bohusgatan 14, 106 60 Stockholm

## CHAPTER 7

### SELECTED ASPECTS OF SWEDISH REGULATION TO WHICH ELLEVIO IS SUBJECT

Ellevio is subject to economic regulation as further described in this Chapter. As such, Ellevio's operational performance can impact on its financial performance through the incentives and penalties systems which Ei has in place. In Ellevio's view, such operational performance figures are not financial measures and as such not alternative performance measures unless specifically disclosed as such.

#### **Overview**

Sweden's electricity market was reformed in 1996. Since that date, trade and production of electricity has been exposed to competition, while network operations (such as those performed by Ellevio) have been performed by a large number of regulated regional monopolies.

The Swedish revenue regulation on the network operations is governed by regulations in a hierarchical structure, with EU law at the top followed by the Swedish Electricity Act, Ordinances and Authority Regulations. As further explained below, it is currently uncertain whether the Swedish revenue regulation is fully compliant with EU law.

#### **The EU regulatory framework**

The Swedish regulation is based on the directives and regulations of the European Union. The European Union's Clean Energy Package (the "**Clean Energy Package**") is a comprehensive regulatory package setting the EU energy efficiency and renewable energy ambitions (the European Green Deal) and a part of the EU's long term net-zero emissions target for 2050. The Clean Energy Package comprises eight legislative proposals and includes updates of prior EU legislation aiming to make the European Union energy market fully effective and creating a single European Union electricity and natural gas market. A part of the Clean Energy Package is the directive (EU) 2019/944 on common rules for the internal market for electricity (the "**Electricity Directive**") which entered into force in 2019. The Clean Energy Package was processed in Sweden in 2022 with aims to reduce fossil fuel dependency and make the EU a leader in the global transition to clean energy. For network companies, the Clean Energy Package, *inter alia*, introduces a changed role for DSOs in the electricity system, from the DSOs being responsible for the physical asset management of the grid to an extended responsibility for active management of grid capacities, flexibility and integration and coordination with other market participants.

According to Article 59(1)(a) of the Electricity Directive, regulatory authorities in each Member State are responsible for fixing or approving the methodologies used to calculate or establish transmission and distribution tariffs for electricity. Member States are required to guarantee the independence, impartiality and transparency of the relevant regulatory authority, and to ensure that suitable mechanisms exist at a national level for affected parties to appeal decisions of that regulatory authority.

Other main legislative frameworks of the EU, which are applied and implemented in Sweden and of relevance for Ellevio's business, are for instance the Renewable Energy Directive (2018/2001/EU), the Energy Efficiency Directive (2018/2002/EU) and the Regulation (EU) 2019/943 on the Internal Market for Electricity.

As an EU Member State, Sweden has a duty to correctly implement EU directives, such as the Electricity Directive. Swedish courts and authorities also have a duty to interpret Swedish law in conformity with EU law.

#### **The Electricity Act**

The EA governs the DSO and transmission system operators ("**TSO**") operations in Sweden. A large number of the provisions are the implementation of EU law and several amendments have been made to the EA during the last years, for example, to implement the Clean Energy Package, including the Electricity Directive. The

EA is supplemented with more specific rules in the Electricity Ordinance (Sw. elförordningen (2013:208)) (the “**Electricity Ordinance**”).

The EA regulates e.g. concession requirements, the obligations of electricity grid owners, grid connection tariffs, unbundling rules, the responsibilities of balancing responsible parties and consumer protection rules. The unbundling rules mean e.g. that electricity network activities must be legally separated from companies producing or trading electricity.

In accordance with the EA, companies having a concession for a high voltage line or an area concession have an obligation to connect customers to its grid and may only deny connection under certain circumstances. The grid connection tariffs must be objective and non-discriminatory and promote efficient use of the electricity network.

The EA also sets out the main objective and framework for the DSO’s revenue caps, i.e. the tariffs that the DSOs are allowed to charge its customers. The EA stipulates that the revenue cap for a regulatory period determined by Ei (currently four years) shall be sufficient to

1. cover the costs of operating an electricity grid that has similar objective conditions and is operated in an appropriate and efficient manner;
2. cover depreciations, and
3. provide such return on the capital base as is necessary to gain access to capital for investment in competition with alternative investments with a corresponding risk.

The capital base shall be determined based on the assets that Ellevio uses to operate the grid, with consideration taken to investments and depreciations during the regulatory period. When deciding the revenue cap, the efficiency and quality of operating the grid shall also be considered. The regulatory framework for the revenue caps is further described below.

According to the EA, the Swedish Government is entitled to issue further regulatory requirements in ordinances, for instance on how to determine the capital base. This has been made through the Allowed Revenue Ordinance. The Allowed Revenue Ordinance sets out detailed rules on the calculation of the Allowed Revenue, such as the interest of return and how the WACC parameters shall be determined. However, according to judgments by the Administrative Court of Appeal in Jönköping (Sw. *Kammarrätten i Jönköping*) in June 2022, several provisions of the Allowed Revenue Ordinance have been deemed not to be in compliance with EU law. The Administrative Court of Appeal found that the Ordinance could not be used in order to determine the revenue caps and referred to the CJEU’s ruling in the case C-718/18 which established that the regulatory body (in this case Ei) must independently decide the method for calculating the network tariffs. Hence, no governmental framework may lay down detailed rules for such methods to steer the work of the regulator.

### **The Ongoing Legislative Proposals**

A Governmental inquiry made an overview of the regulation of the electricity and natural gas networks (SOU 2023:64). In light of previous rulings by the Swedish administrative courts regarding the DSOs’ revenue caps, this inquiry reviewed the ex-ante revenue framework for the electricity and natural gas companies, with the purpose to achieve a regulatory framework that is in compliance with the Electricity Directive and Directive 2009/73/EG concerning common rules for the internal market for natural gas. The inquiry proposed some amendments of the EA regarding the revenue caps to be considered for the regulatory period 2028-2031, for instance a new rule which clarifies the independence of Ei to set the method determining the revenue caps.

This inquiry has also proposed that the Act on special investment space for electricity network operations (Sw. lag (2021:311) *om särskilt investeringsutrymme för elnätverksamhet*) is revoked and that matters regarding revenue caps shall be subject to expedited processes under the administrative courts. This inquiry (SOU 2023:64)

has been subject to review and at the date of this Prospectus, a Government legislative bill based on the Inquiry is not expected to be published until September 2025. Hence, it is not known to what extent the legislative proposals will be adopted.

Further, at the date of this Prospectus there is an ongoing Governmental inquiry (KN 2024:02, Sw. *Elmarknadsutredningen*) regarding, *inter alia*, how the Swedish electricity market shall be developed and regulated in order to clarify the system responsibilities among DSOs and the TSO, the development of the financial market, ancillary services etc, as part of implementing the Clean Energy Package. This may also lead to future legislative changes of the EA.

### **Regulatory Authorities**

The main regulatory body for the Swedish energy markets is Ei, an authority under the Ministry of Climate and Enterprise (Sw. *Klimat- och näringslivsdepartementet*). It supervises the Swedish electricity, natural gas and district heating markets. One of the main responsibilities of Ei is to improve the functioning and efficiency of these markets. Ei's role involves both regulating monopoly operation in the electricity and natural gas networks and monitoring the competitive energy markets. Ei's work is intended to contribute to a reliable supply network, well-functioning energy markets and consumer awareness. The Swedish Parliament and the Government decide on the assignments and budget of Ei.

Ei's duties are governed through terms of reference, annual appropriation directions and specific Government assignments. Its work is intended to contribute to the implementation of the energy market policies of the Government and the Swedish Parliament. Furthermore, Ei supervises compliance with laws and regulations in the energy markets sector. The laws that govern its operations are e.g. the EA, the Natural Gas Act, the District Heating Act, the Act on Certain Pipelines, the Act on the Certification of National Grid Undertakings for Electricity and the Certification of Certain Natural Gas Undertakings. Ei's operations are also governed by extensive EU regulation. Ei also issues several authority regulations (Sw. *föreskrifter*) and guidelines.

Ei decides on the DSOs' revenue caps and monitors compliance with the revenue caps and assesses whether the tariffs and terms applied by the DSOs are in compliance with the law.

The markets for electricity and gas in Europe are becoming increasingly transnational. Ei's duties therefore include participating, as a representative of Sweden, in the development of energy markets within the Nordic countries and Europe.

Ei's operations can be summarised as follows:

- inspecting whether network fees are reasonable for electricity and gas;
- examining applications for and issuing concessions for electricity and gas;
- examining whether connection fees are reasonable for electricity;
- monitoring quality in the electricity network;
- monitoring and analysing the development of the electricity, gas and district heating markets;
- strengthening the position of customers by providing information;
- suggesting changes to laws or other measures when necessary; and
- working internationally within ACER, CEER, NordREG and ICER.

Svenska kraftnät, which owns and operates the national grid, is the Swedish TSO and a state-owned public utility, responsible for transmitting electricity from the major power stations to regional electrical grids via the national grids. Svenska kraftnät is also the system operator under the EA, which means that it has overall

responsibility for ensuring that electrical plants work together in an operationally reliable way so that the balance between the production and consumption of electricity is maintained throughout the country. Svenska kraftnät is commissioned to commercially manage, run and develop a cost-effective operationally safe and environmentally sound electricity transmission system as well as to sell transmission capacity and conduct other activities connected to the electricity transmission system.

The Swedish Financial Supervisory Authority (Sw. *Finansinspektionen*) (the “SFSA”) supervises Swedish actors who with the SFSA’s permission operate on the financial electricity market. Supervision of trade and businesses’ actions takes place on the exchanges Nord Pool Spot and Nasdaq Commodities.

The Swedish Energy Agency (Sw. *Energimyndigheten*) is a state authority working on, among other matters, the promotion of energy efficiency and investments in renewable energy technologies. The Agency is the responsible authority for the administration of e.g. the systems handling guarantees of origin and emissions trading.

The Swedish Competition Authority (Sw. *Konkurrensverket*) is the authority that ensures that companies in the Swedish electricity market do not violate the prohibitions on restrictive agreements and abuse of dominant position set out in the Treaty on Functioning of European Union and the Swedish Competition Act (Sw. *konkurrenslagen* (2008:579)). The Swedish Competition Act also contains a prohibition against anti-competitive public sales operations, and the Swedish Competition Authority may actively intervene in the above restrictions on its own initiative or following complaints from companies or the public. The Competition Act also includes rules governing mergers and acquisitions. The Swedish Competition Authority also proposes changes to regulations and other measures, which aim to eliminate existing barriers to competition.

### **The Swedish court system**

The two primary court systems in the Swedish judicial structure are the administrative and the general courts. The administrative court system is the relevant court system for cases involving Ellevio and Ei. The general administrative courts are the courts of first instance among the administrative courts and deal with cases involving disputes between the community and individuals. These courts settle many different types of cases. Common types of cases are tax cases, social insurance cases, and decisions from authorities such as Ei (for example, decisions regarding the revenue caps). A common type of case in an administrative court would be a submission for judicial review by an individual against an adverse decision of an administrative authority in one of the above areas of interest.

There are three levels of administrative courts. The first level of administrative courts is the local Administrative Courts. The Administrative Court in Linköping handles cases where Ei is involved. The second level of administrative courts consist of four Administrative Courts of Appeal. For most kinds of cases, leave to appeal for judicial review is required for a full review by an Administrative Court of Appeal. The Administrative Court of Appeal in Jönköping handles cases where Ei is involved. The highest level of administrative court is the Supreme Administrative Court. Not all adverse decisions of the local administrative courts are subject to review by the Administrative Courts of Appeal. Leave to appeal for review by the Supreme Administrative Court is granted in only a few per cent. of the cases where it is requested.

Proceedings in the administrative courts can be conducted either entirely through written submissions or in certain cases supplemented with oral hearings.

### **Impact of EU and Nordic regulations**

As a part of the European Union, Sweden is obliged to implement EU directives and is directly bound by EU regulations. Relevant directives are e.g. the Energy Efficiency Directive (2012/27/EU, to be replaced by 2023/1791/EU), the Renewable Energy Directive (2018/2001/EU) and the Electricity Directive. In addition to EU level regulation, Nordic energy market authorities have a common objective to increase competition,

improve the efficiency of business operations in the market and make it easier for market actors to operate in the electricity market.

## **Principles of Electricity Distribution Regulation**

### **General obligations of DSOs**

DSOs have an important role to play, both in ensuring that system operation is secure and as a neutral market facilitator. Operation of the network may not be undertaken by a legal entity engaged in other operations than network operations. The reason for this is the Clean Energy Package and that the electricity distribution network and thus the design of network tariffs is a monopoly under public control. It has been considered important that the regulated network operations are not affected by conditions in other operations, such as unregulated competitive electricity production and electricity trading.

A company conducting network operations, which is part of a group whose collective power grid has at least 100,000 electricity users, must have its organisation and decision making kept apart from companies engaged in production of or trade in electricity. The operator of the distribution system must also have a right of decision when it comes to assets necessary to operate, maintain or develop the network. The unbundling requirements have resulted in changes in the organisation where Ellevio only conducts electricity network operations, while Ellevio Energy Solutions AB develops other types of non-regulated services. To meet the requirements for legal separation in the EU Electricity Directive, Ellevio transferred all employees to Ellevio Sverige AB as of 1 May 2024. Ellevio has entered into a service agreement with Ellevio Sverige AB in terms of administrative services.

Ellevio generally owns the physical assets comprising the grid and is, pursuant to the EA, under an obligation to operate and maintain such assets. This includes ensuring that the grid is safe, reliable and efficient and, further, that the grid can be expected to meet reasonable long-term demands regarding distribution of electricity. A DSO has to fulfil a number of obligations in order to be granted a concession. The DSO has to fulfil all obligations set out by Ei in connection with the process of granting the relevant concession. This includes conducting an environmental impact assessment of the planned line or grid and, an assessment of the necessity of the line or grid on basis of the public interest of a safe and functioning electricity grid. Furthermore, a DSO is obliged to operate the licensed line or grid in compliance with the regulations that Ei has set out for the operation of the specific line or grid.

The DSO has obligations aimed at ensuring a functioning electricity market, including that it must provide reports on electricity consumption to electricity market actors. If an electricity company ceases to exist or stops the delivery of electricity, the DSO has to appoint another electricity company for the purpose of delivering electricity to end consumers. In addition, the DSO has to provide security to Ei to ensure that there is enough capital to remove the line or grid in case of an insolvency of the DSO or a breach of the concession. Similarly, the DSO has an obligation to deliver an annual financial report to Ei, so that Ei is able to monitor whether the DSO is equipped to operate the line or grid in the future.

### **Concessions**

Concessions (permits issued by Ei under the EA) are required to build and operate high-voltage cables. The pre-conditions for granting a concession to a company are that it has the technical, economic, organisational and resource capabilities needed for conducting an electricity distribution operation.

A network concession is, as a general rule, granted for an indefinite period. However, line concessions may be subject to revisions (Sw. omprövningar) 40 years after the concession decision. A revision of a line concession could be initiated by the County Administrative Board, the municipality or Ei.

Area concessions are also granted for an indefinite period. However, the owner of the area concession could at any point request a change to the conditions of the concession. In addition, Ei could initiate revisions every 25 years after the prior change. Such revisions may entail new conditions being imposed. An example of changed condition is changes of allowed voltage span.

There are only three circumstances in which a concession could be withdrawn by the regulator:

- (a) if the DSO were to discontinue its operations;
- (b) if the cables were substantially poorly managed for an extended period of time; or
- (c) if the DSO no longer meet the pre-conditions for the granting of the concession(s).

If a DSO is in severe and protracted breach of its obligations under applicable legislation or the terms of its concessions, its assets could be placed under receivership pursuant to the provisions of the Act (2004:875) **on Special Administration of Certain Electronic Installations**. Ei may then request that the Administrative Court make decisions with respect to such receivership.

## **Distribution tariffs**

### ***History***

The Swedish regulatory framework for electricity distribution tariffs has evolved during the years since the deregulation of the electricity market started in 1996. The development has been driven by deregulation as well as compliance with European Union directives and regulations resulting in gradual steps towards other European regulatory models. The first ex-ante model was introduced in 2012 for the regulatory period 2012-2015 (“**RP1**”) and a new linear model was introduced before RP2. The linear model more closely resembles other European regulatory models.

In Sweden, the regulation of tariffs has historically been done in retrospect through ex-post supervision. After the deregulation in 1996 Sweden allowed free pricing for distribution system operators combined with ex-post regulation and tariffs from general guidelines. A more structured model was introduced in 2003.

A network performance assessment model was used between 2003–2007. The supervision remained ex-post but a more detailed methodology was used to calculate the revenue caps. The model calculated the customer value for a standard network to provide a revenue cap using input from the distribution system operators.

In 2006 the Government initiated an assessment of how to comply with the Third Energy Package. In 2009 the Government decided that a new ex-ante framework was to be introduced in 2012 to ensure compliance with the EU Electricity Directive.

During 2008 to 2012 a revised model was needed because the old model could no longer be used and the new model was only to be introduced from 2012. Thus an intermediate model was introduced to create a smooth transition to the ex-ante model. The intermediate model used an annuity methodology to calculate the revenue cap and the model showed significant similarities with the ex-ante model.

### ***Brief overview of the revenue framework***

As from 1 January 2012, the DSOs’ network tariffs are determined based on the revenue caps set for a four year regulatory period. According to the EA, the revenue caps shall cover reasonable costs for the companies’ network operations during the regulatory period and result in a reasonable return on the capital required to run the operations (the capital base). When determining the reasonable costs for the operation of the grid, costs for appropriate and efficient operation of network operations with similar objective criteria shall be taken into account. The quality and efficiency of the companies’ operations is taken into account when deciding the rate of return.



The capital cost is the cost of using capital and is calculated based on the capital base, which includes fixed assets such as network cables and transmission stations. Investments made during the regulatory period are included in the capital base. The Inquiry suggests amendments to the revenue regulation, including in relation to the independence of Ei. This might lead to changes in the revenue cap framework. For the coming revenue caps, Ei has indicated that it will change the current system to a wealth-preserving method (*Sw förmögenhetsbevarande metod*). For the next regulatory period, 2028-2031, Ei has communicated that it will change its methods to calculate the revenue caps for the DSOs. As at the date of this Prospectus it is uncertain what methods Ei will use to determine the revenue caps going forward. Ei has, however, announced that it intends to present a proposed direction for a new methodology to calculate the revenue caps prior to the summer of 2025.

The revenue caps are determined for a four year regulatory period. Ei shall issue its decisions regarding the caps at least two months before the start of the regulatory period. After each regulatory period, the actual revenues are controlled against the revenue caps. If the revenues deviate from the revenue cap, this will impact the revenue cap for the subsequent regulatory period. If the DSOs actual revenues have been less than the allowed revenues (a deficit), the revenue cap for the following period will be increased by an equivalent amount. If the DSO has exceeded the cap, the revenue cap for the following period is reduced and an overcharging fee (further reducing the revenue cap) will be added if the cap has been exceeded by more than 5 per cent. The revenue caps may also be reassessed during and after the regulatory period.

The revenue caps for the first regulatory periods have been set based on four main components:

- Capital costs, comprising depreciation and a rate of return calculated on the regulatory asset base ;
- Non-controllable costs;
- Controllable costs (including costs for ancillary services); and
- Quality and efficiency adjustments and surplus/deficit adjustments from the previous regulatory period.

The regulatory rate of return is calculated based on an aged adjusted replacement value capital base, which is the capital required to operate the electricity network (e.g. high voltage lines, transformer stations). The rate of the return is determined by using the WACC model and the CAPM model.

Calculating WACC involves considering components such as the cost of debt and the optimal debt proportion in relation to market value. The calculation of WACC and its components have been subject to legal assessments in court proceedings regarding the revenue caps for RP1-RP3, which has led to different levels of the regulatory return during the previous regulatory periods. For RP1 the regulatory return calculated according to WACC was ultimately (after court proceedings) set to 6.5 per cent real before tax. For RP2, Ei released a decision to reduce the regulatory rate of return to 4.53 per cent. Following appeals from the DSOs, the Administrative Court ruled that the WACC for RP2 should be 5.85 per cent.<sup>17</sup>

For RP3, Ei set the WACC to 2.16 per cent real before tax. The decisions were repealed by the Administrative Court of Appeal in 2022. In 2024, Ei issued a revised decision for the reference rate for RP3 with a WACC of 3.39 per cent. For RP4, Ei has determined the regulatory rate of return to 4.53 per cent, where certain parameters of WACC are based on the National Institute of Economic Research's forward-looking nine-year prognosis and scenario.

*Controllable costs* are costs that network companies can influence: fault repairs, staff costs, customer service, network monitoring, etc. These costs are subject to efficiency requirements, which require companies to incrementally improve efficiency each year. The controllable costs are calculated based on a model using

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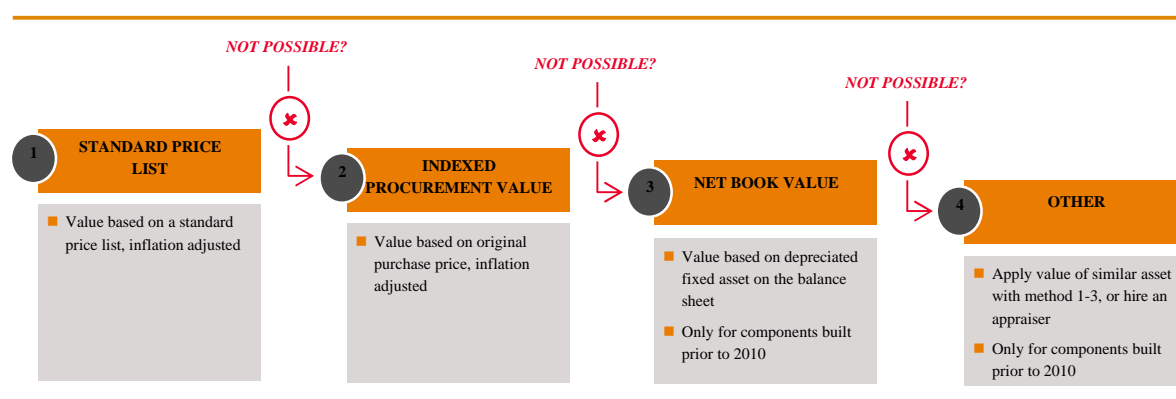
<sup>17</sup> Judgments of the Administrative Court in Linköping, 14 December 2016, cases no 4711-15 et al.

historical controllable costs during a reference period of four years that ends two years prior to the regulatory period. For RP4, the years 2018-2021 have been used as reference years for the controllable costs.

*Non-controllable costs* are costs that network companies cannot influence and which instead pass “straight through” their operations. This refers to costs for e.g. connection and transmission to overlying grids and costs for purchasing electricity that is lost in transmission (network losses). Non-controllable costs also include public authority fees that network companies are required to charge customers.

As regards the *efficiency requirement*, a general efficiency requirement of 1 per cent. was decided for RP1. In RP2, Ei introduced individual efficiency requirements were introduced, in addition to the general 1 per cent. requirement. The individual requirement is calculated based on the method data envelopment analysis (DEA) and an estimated efficiency improvement potential.

Costs for *interruption compensation* shall be included in the revenue cap if the interruption has lasted between 12 and 24 hours. The assessment of *quality and efficient use* of the grid are calculated based on certain norm values, which may lead to an increase or decrease of the revenue on the capital base.



### ***The regulatory periods 2012-2019 (RP1 and RP2)***

The revenue caps for RP1 and RP2 were appealed by the DSOs to the Administrative Court, and further to the Administrative Court of Appeal, where the DSOs held the determined revenue caps to be non-compliant with the EA and the Electricity Directive, not providing the DSOs revenue caps sufficiently high to render possible an efficient and quality-driven operations of the electricity networks. The DSOs also contested several parts of the used calculation methods for the revenue caps, such as the parameters of the WACC method. The rulings of the Administrative Courts led to considerable increases in the revenue caps for RP1 and RP2. Since the regulatory period RP1 had almost ended when the final rulings were issued, the DSOs had not been able to fully utilise their revenue caps for RP1 and had therefore substantial deficits that would increase the revenue caps for the following regulatory periods.

### ***The regulatory period 2020–2023 (RP3)***

For the third regulatory period (RP3), the Swedish Government decided on amendments in the Ordinance on Allowed Revenue, which entered into force on 1 January 2019.<sup>18</sup> The amendments in the Allowed Revenue Ordinance specified in detail how return on capital should be calculated, including e.g. determination of WACC parameters. The decisions of Ei for the revenue caps for RP3, which were based in the Ordinance, resulted in e.g. materially lower WACC (2.16 per cent) compared to RP2.

<sup>18</sup> Förordning (2018:1520) om intäktsram för elnätverksamhet.

A majority of the DSOs, including Ellevio, appealed the decisions of Ei to the Administrative Court. The main grounds for the appeals were, in short, that the Allowed Revenue Ordinance sets out a revenue framework which the DSO considered was in breach of the EA, established case law and EU law. The Administrative Court of Appeal established in rulings in June 2022 that several provisions in the Allowed Revenue Ordinance regarding calculation of the return were not compliant with EU law (referring also to the ruling of the CJEU in the case C-718/18, *Commission v. Germany*) and that these provisions of the Ordinance could not be applied when determining the revenue caps for RP3. The judgments emphasised Ei's role as independent regulatory authority with exclusive competence to determine the revenue caps.

The Administrative Court of Appeal repealed the decisions by Ei and referred the matters back to Ei for recalculation of the revenue caps for RP3 using methods determined by Ei, whereby Ei shall act in accordance with the objectives and requirements in the Electricity Directive and the principles set out in the judgements by the Administrative Court of Appeal.<sup>19</sup> The judgments gained legal force in January 2023.

Ei issued revised decisions regarding the revenue caps for RP3 in May and has calculated the WACC at 3.39 per cent.

#### ***The regulatory period 2024–2027 (RP4)***

Based on the rulings of the Administrative Court of Appeal for RP3 and the CJEU's judgment in C-718/18, Ei is considered to have an exclusive power to determine the method for calculating the revenue caps. After the rulings for RP3, Ei has repealed and replaced several regulations regarding reporting requirements, calculation of reasonable costs and reasonable return, quality parameters and effective utilization of the distribution network. For RP4, Ei had also announced that it would decide on a new method for calculating revenue caps, e.g. by changing the method to calculate the regulatory assets value from a capacity preservation method (based on standard costs) to a wealth preservation method (valuation based on original procurement value). Ei finally decided to use the current method for determining the revenue caps for RP4. Ellevio has not appealed the decisions on the revenue caps for RP4.

#### ***The regulatory period 2028–2031 (RP5)***

Ei has announced that it intends to change the regulatory model for the regulatory period 2028-2031 (RP5). As at the date of this Prospectus it is highly uncertain as to what parts of the current regulatory framework governing the revenue caps will remain, be amended or repealed. The calculation method for the future revenue caps is also unknown. Ei has announced that it will investigate how to change the current regulatory method taking in account the Inquiry and the changes that were intended for RP4 and that it will publish its proposed direction for a new method of calculating the revenue caps before the summer of 2025.

#### ***Legislation regarding special investment space during RP3 and RP4***

In June 2021 a new Act on Special Investment Space in Electricity Network Operation came into force. The law provides DSOs with an unused deficit from RP1 a possibility to obtain an increase of the revenue caps for RP3 and RP4 for additional investments with the purpose to increase the capacity of the electricity network. A DSO with an unused deficit from RP1 may apply for a special investment amount that can be used to make revenue to finance investments made during these later regulatory periods. To receive a special investment amount, the DSO shall apply for a special investment space before the end of RP3 and then apply for a special investment amount within three months from the end of RP3. The DSOs may then also apply for special investment space for RP4. Ei issued decisions in the beginning of 2024 regarding allowed special investment space for RP3, including decisions for Ellevio.

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<sup>19</sup> The Administrative Court of Appeal in Jönköping in cases no 1211–1214-21.

It is to be noted that Inquiry *SOU 2023:64* has proposed that the Act on Special Investment Space shall be repealed as the Act is considered to entail limitations of Ei's possibilities to independently determine revenue caps. The Inquiry has not yet been resulted in a Government bill which is not expected until September 2025, and it is therefore not known if the Parliament will repeal the Act. Therefore, at the date of this Prospectus it is uncertain if DSOs will be granted the special investment amount increasing the revenue caps for RP4.

## CHAPTER 8

### SELECTED FINANCIAL OVERVIEW OF ELLEVIO

The commentary in this section should be read in conjunction with the 2024 financial statements, which are incorporated into this Prospectus by reference. Further details can be found in the section entitled “*Documents Incorporated by Reference*” set out on page 11 of this Prospectus.

Company	Item	Periods ending	Accounting standard
Ellevio AB (publ)	Audited financial statements	2024	Swedish GAAP RFR2

#### Basis of Preparation

The annual accounts for 2024 have been prepared in accordance with the Swedish Annual Accounts Act (1995:1554) and Recommendation RFR 2 Financial Reporting for Legal Entities of the Swedish Financial Reporting Board. The application of RFR 2 requires that Ellevio apply, as far as possible, all EU-adopted International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and interpretations of IFRS as developed by the IFRS Interpretation Committee (IFRIC) subject to the provisions of the Swedish Annual Accounts Act and the Swedish Pension Obligations Vesting Act and taking account of the relationship between accounting and taxation.

#### Ellevio

Ellevio uses Net sales, Operating Profit and EBITDA as performance indicators of its business operations.

#### Summary of financials (SEK, millions)

Item	2024	2023
Net Sales	8,331	8,231
Operating Profit	2,509	2,694
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment or property, plant and equipment and intangible assets	2,026	1,931
EBITDA <sup>20</sup>	4,535	4,625
EBITDA margin (per cent.) <sup>21</sup>	54,4%	56,2%

The revenue generated by Ellevio is fully regulated as explained in Chapter 7 “*Selected Aspects of Swedish Regulation to which Ellevio is Subject*”.

The majority of the revenue is generated from the distribution of electricity. This distribution revenue is dependent on both the network tariff and electricity consumption. The tariffs are set in accordance with the

<sup>20</sup> EBITDA is an alternative performance measure. It is calculated using Ellevio’s statutory annual report by subtracting the line item “Depreciation, amortisation and impairment or property, plant and equipment and intangible assets” from the line item “Operating Profit”. It has been included in this Prospectus to allow potential Bondholders to better assess Ellevio’s performance and business.

<sup>21</sup> EBITDA margin is an alternative performance measure. It is calculated by dividing EBITDA over the line item “Net Sales” from Ellevio’s statutory annual report and multiplying that figure by 100. It has been included in this Prospectus to allow potential Bondholders to better assess Ellevio’s performance and business.

Ellevio's pricing strategy. Ellevio has discretion to set prices which are within the limits of the regulatory framework. The regulatory framework is broadly "volume neutral" since any over- or under-recovery of revenue attributed to volumes can be corrected in subsequent years.

Electricity consumption can vary depending on customer type. The consumption per connection for both households and businesses is heavily dependent on weather conditions and temperature. In addition, the consumption growth for households is driven by population growth, whereas for business customers, services, construction and industrial sectors, economic growth is a key driver.

In addition, Ellevio generates regulated revenue through the sale of new network connections and contracting works. Connection fees are payable for new physical connections to the electricity distribution network and are broadly correlated with macroeconomic development. Connection fees are from 2018 onward periodised over 40 years for standard connections and 25 years for wind farms (based on implementation of IFRS15). Ellevio's contracting works are separately invoiced services for customers who require additional works, for example, relocating parts of the network. Other operating income consists of e.g. communication income, rental income, income from reconnection of customers and reminder fees.

The information below provides an overview of the selected financial information for Ellevio of the audited financial accounts for each 12-month period ending 31 December 2024 and 31 December 2023. All figures have been rounded and consequently the sum of individual figures may deviate from the sum presented. The figures have been calculated using exact figures.

#### Volumes (TWh)

Item	2024	2023
Distribution Volumes	24.3	24,2

#### Revenue (SEK, millions)

Item	2024	2023
Distribution Income <sup>22</sup>	8,030	8,001
Other Net Sales <sup>23</sup>	301	230
<b>Net Sales</b>	<b>8,331</b>	<b>8,231</b>
Other Operating Income	126	113
<b>Total Revenue<sup>24</sup></b>	<b>8,457</b>	<b>8,344</b>

<sup>22</sup> Distribution Income is an alternative performance measure. It is defined as revenue from electricity distribution to customers. The figure is determined by Ellevio in accordance with its accounting system. The line item in Ellevio's statutory annual report which it can be most directly reconciled to is "Net Sales" which is a composite of Distribution Income. Distribution Income is included in this Prospectus to allow potential Bondholders to better assess Ellevio's performance and business.

<sup>23</sup> Other Net Sales is an alternative performance measure. It is defined as other revenue from new customer connections and relocation of networks. The figure is determined by Ellevio in accordance with its accounting system. The line item in Ellevio's statutory annual report which it can be most directly reconciled to is "Net Sales" which is a composite of Other Net Sales. Other Net Sales is included in this Prospectus to allow potential Bondholders to better assess Ellevio's performance and business.

<sup>24</sup> Total revenue is an alternative performance measure. It is calculated from Ellevio's statutory annual report by adding the line item "Other Operating Income" to the line item "Net Sales". It has been included in this Prospectus to allow potential Bondholders to better assess Ellevio's performance and business.

### Operating costs (SEK, millions)

Item	2024	2023
Transmission Charges <sup>25</sup>	1,062	1,009
Network Losses <sup>26</sup>	555	701
<b>Costs for purchase and transit of power (pass-through)</b>	<b>1,618</b>	<b>1,711</b>
Employee Benefits Expense	291	732
Other External Expenses	2,075	1,436
<b>Total Operating Expenses<sup>27</sup></b>	<b>2,366</b>	<b>2,168</b>
<b>Total Operating Costs<sup>28</sup></b>	<b>3,984</b>	<b>3,879</b>

### Capital expenditure (SEK, millions)

Item	2024	2023
Customer Driven Investments <sup>29</sup>	1,262	1,378
Basic Network Investments <sup>30</sup>	2,657	1,914
Other Investments <sup>31</sup>	319	302
Asset acquisition	0	69
<b>Capital Expenditure<sup>32</sup></b>	<b>4,238</b>	<b>3,663</b>

<sup>25</sup> Transmission Charges is an alternative performance measure. It is defined as the costs of transmission of power, including payment of compensation to power producers. It has been determined in accordance with Ellevio's accounting system and has been included in this Prospectus to present potential Bondholders with a more detailed understanding of Ellevio's operating costs.

<sup>26</sup> Network Losses is an alternative performance measure. It is defined as the cost of purchasing electricity to cover network losses. It has been determined in accordance with Ellevio's accounting system and has been included in this Prospectus to present potential Bondholders with a more detailed understanding of Ellevio's operating costs.

<sup>27</sup> Total Operating Expenses is an alternative performance measure. It is the sum of the line items "Employee Benefits Expense" and "Other External Expenses" from the statutory annual report of Ellevio. It has been included in this Prospectus to present potential Bondholders with a more detailed understanding of Ellevio's operating expenses.

<sup>28</sup> Total Operating Costs is an alternative performance measure. It is the sum of the line items "Costs for purchase and transit of power"; "Employee Benefits Expense" and "Other External Expenses" from the statutory annual report of Ellevio. It has been included in this Prospectus to present potential Bondholders with a more detailed understanding of Ellevio's operating costs.

<sup>29</sup> "Customer Driven Investments" includes network projects ordered by customers or other external counterparties (such as, for example, new customer connections, connecting wind power to the grid, connecting new areas of the city plan and the relocation of existing network assets). Source: Ellevio.

<sup>30</sup> "Basic Network Investments" includes reinvestments and investments in increased capacity in the existing network. Source: Ellevio.

<sup>31</sup> "Other Investments" includes mainly electricity meters and investments in IT infrastructure. Source: Ellevio.

<sup>32</sup> Capital Expenditure is an alternative performance measure. It is calculated from Ellevio's statutory annual report by summarizing tangible fixed asset "Cost incurred during the year" with intangible assets "Cost incurred during the year". It has been included in this Prospectus to allow potential Bondholders to better assess Ellevio's performance and business. Source: Ellevio Annual report 2024

## CHAPTER 9

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE BONDS

*The following is the text of the terms and conditions that, subject to completion by the relevant Final Terms or the relevant Drawdown Prospectus, shall be applicable to the Bonds in definitive form (if any) issued in exchange for the Global Bond(s) representing each Series. Either (i) the full text of these terms and conditions together with the relevant provisions of Part A of the Final Terms or the relevant Drawdown Prospectus or (ii) these terms and conditions as so completed, amended, supplemented or varied (and subject to simplification by the deletion of non-applicable provisions), shall be endorsed on such Bearer Bonds or on the Certificates relating to such Registered Bonds. All capitalised terms that are not defined in these Conditions will have the meanings given to them in Part A of the relevant Final Terms or the relevant Drawdown Prospectus. Those definitions will be endorsed on the definitive Bonds or Certificates, as the case may be. References in the Conditions to “Bonds” are, as the context requires, references to the Bonds of one Sub-Class only, not to all Bonds that may be issued under the Bond Programme.*

Ellevio A.B. (publ) (the “**Issuer**”) has established a bond programme (the “**Bond Programme**”) for the issuance of up to EUR 10,000,000,000 bonds (the “**Bonds**”). Bonds issued under the Bond Programme on a particular Issue Date comprise a Series (a “**Series**”), and each Series comprises one or more Classes of Bonds (each a “**Class**”). Each Class may comprise one or more Sub-Classes (each a “**Sub-Class**”) and each Sub-Class comprising one or more tranches (each a “**Tranche**”).

Bonds issued by the Issuer will be designated as “**Class A Bonds**” or “**Class B Bonds**” and will represent either “**Class A Debt**” or “**Class B Debt**”. Each Sub-Class will be denominated in different currencies or will have different interest rates, maturity dates or other terms. Bonds of any Class may be fixed rate bonds (“**Fixed Rate Bonds**”), floating rate bonds (“**Floating Rate Bonds**”) or index-linked bonds (“**Index-Linked Bonds**”) depending on the method of calculating interest payable in respect of such Bonds and may be denominated in Swedish Krona, sterling, euro, U.S. dollars, Norwegian kroner or in other currencies subject to compliance with applicable law.

The terms and conditions applicable to any particular Sub-Class of Bonds are these terms and conditions (“**Conditions**”) completed by a set of final terms in relation to such Sub-Class (a “**Final Terms**”) or a drawdown prospectus (a “**Drawdown Prospectus**”). In the event of any inconsistency between these Conditions and the relevant Final Terms or Drawdown Prospectus, the relevant Final Terms or Drawdown Prospectus (as applicable) shall prevail.

Reference to “Final Terms” or “Drawdown Prospectus” is to the Final Terms or, as the case may be, Drawdown Prospectus (or the relevant provisions thereof) applicable to the Bonds.

The Bonds are constituted by a Trust Deed (as amended or supplemented as at the date of issue of the Bonds (the “**Issue Date**”), the “**Trust Deed**”) dated the Bond Programme Signing Date between the Issuer, the Guarantor, and Citibank, N.A., London Branch (the “**Bond Trustee**”, which expression shall include all persons for the time being the trustee or trustees under the Trust Deed) as trustee for the Bondholders (as defined below). These terms and conditions (the “**Conditions**”) include summaries of, and are subject to, the detailed provisions of the Trust Deed, which includes the form of the Bearer Bonds, Certificates, Receipts, Coupons and Talons referred to below. An Agency Agreement (as amended or supplemented as at the Issue Date, the “**Agency Agreement**”) dated the Bond Programme Signing Date has been entered into in relation to the Bonds between the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Bond Trustee, Citibank, N.A., London Branch as initial issuing and paying agent and the other agents named in it. The issuing and paying agent, the other paying agents, the registrar, the transfer agents and the calculation agent(s) for the time being (if any) are referred to below respectively as the “**Issuing and Paying Agent**”, the “**Paying Agents**” (which expression shall include the Issuing and Paying Agent), the “**Registrar**”, the “**Transfer Agents**” (which expression shall include the Registrar) and the “**Calculation**



**Agent(s)**". Copies of the Trust Deed and the Agency Agreement are available for inspection during usual business hours at the principal office of the Bond Trustee (presently at Citigroup Centre, 25 Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5LB) and at the specified offices of the Paying Agents.

The Bondholders, the holders of the interest coupons (the "**Coupons**") relating to interest bearing Bonds in bearer form and, where applicable in the case of such Bonds, talons for further Coupons (the "**Talons**") (the "**Couponholders**") and the holders of the receipts for the payment of instalments of principal (the "**Receipts**") relating to Bonds in bearer form of which the principal is payable in instalments are entitled to the benefit of, are bound by, and are deemed to have notice of, all the provisions of the Trust Deed and are deemed to have notice of those provisions applicable to them of the Agency Agreement.

As used in these Conditions, "**Tranche**" means Bonds which are identical in all respects. Any further terms that are not defined in these Conditions have the meaning given to them in the master definitions agreement entered into by, among others, the Obligor and the Secured Creditors (as defined therein) dated 19 August 2016 ("**the Master Definitions Agreement**").

## **1 Form, Denomination and Title**

- (a) The Bonds are issued in bearer form ("**Bearer Bonds**") or in registered form ("**Registered Bonds**") in each case in the Specified Denomination(s) shown hereon. References in these Conditions to "Bonds" include Bearer Bonds and Registered Bonds and all Sub-Classes, Classes, Tranches and Series.

This Bond is a Fixed Rate Bond, a Floating Rate Bond or an Index-Linked Bond, depending upon the Interest and Redemption/Payment Basis shown hereon.

Bearer Bonds are serially numbered and are issued with Coupons (and, where appropriate, a Talon) and (if applicable) Receipts attached.

Registered Bonds are represented by registered certificates ("**Certificates**") and, save as provided in Condition 2(d) (*Exercise of Options or Partial Redemption in Respect of Registered Bonds*), each Certificate shall represent the entire holding of Registered Bonds by the same holder.

Title to the Bearer Bonds and the Receipts, Coupons and Talons shall pass by delivery. Title to the Registered Bonds shall pass by registration in the register that the Issuer shall procure to be kept by the Registrar in accordance with the provisions of the Agency Agreement (the "**Register**"). Except as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or as required by law, the holder (as defined below) of any Bond, Receipt, Coupon or Talon shall be deemed to be and may be treated as its absolute owner for all purposes whether or not it is overdue and regardless of any notice of ownership, trust or an interest in it, any writing on it (or on the Certificate representing it) or its theft or loss (or that of the related Certificate) and no person shall be liable for so treating the holder.

In these Conditions, "**Bondholder**" means the bearer of any Bearer Bond and the Receipts relating to it or the person in whose name a Registered Bond is registered (as the case may be), "**holder**" (in relation to a Bond, Receipt, Coupon or Talon) means the bearer of any Bearer Bond, Receipt, Coupon or Talon or the person in whose name a Registered Bond is registered (as the case may be) and capitalised terms have the meanings given to them hereon, the absence of any such meaning indicating that such term is not applicable to the Bonds.

- (b) **Fungible Issues of Bonds comprising a Sub-Class:** A Sub-Class of Bonds may comprise a number of issues in addition to the initial Tranche of such Sub-Class, each of which will be issued on identical terms save for the first Interest Payment Date, the Issue Date and the Issue Price.

Such further issues of the same Sub-Class will be consolidated and form a Series with the prior issues of that Sub-Class.

## **2 No Exchange of Bonds and Transfers of Registered Bonds**

- (a) **No Exchange of Bonds from Registered Bonds to Bearer Bonds or from Bearer Bonds to Registered Bonds:** Registered Bonds may not be exchanged for Bearer Bonds. Bearer Bonds of one Specified Denomination may not be exchanged for Bearer Bonds of another Specified Denomination. Bearer Bonds may not be exchanged for Registered Bonds.
- (b) **Exchange of Bearer Bonds:** Interests in each Temporary Global Bond are exchangeable on and after the date which is 40 days after the Issue Date, upon certification of non-U.S. beneficial ownership by the relevant Bondholder, for interests (recorded in the records of the Clearing Systems) in a permanent global Bond (each a “**Permanent Global Bond**”) representing the same Tranche of Bonds (the expressions Global Bonds and Global Bond including respectively: (i) all of the Temporary Global Bonds and the Permanent Global Bonds or the Temporary Global Bond and the Permanent Global Bond of a particular Tranche; or (ii) Permanent Global Bonds, as the context may require). The Permanent Global Bonds have also been deposited with the Common Depositary and/or the Common Safekeeper for the Clearing Systems.
- (c) **Transfer of Registered Bonds:** One or more Registered Bonds may be transferred upon the surrender (at the specified office of the Registrar or any Transfer Agent) of the Certificate representing such Registered Bonds to be transferred, together with the form of transfer endorsed on such Certificate, (or another form of transfer substantially in the same form and containing the same representations and certifications (if any), unless otherwise agreed by the Issuer), duly completed and executed and any other evidence as the Registrar or Transfer Agent may reasonably require. In the case of a transfer of part only of a holding of Registered Bonds represented by one Certificate, a new Certificate shall be issued to the transferee in respect of the part transferred and a further new Certificate in respect of the balance of the holding not transferred shall be issued to the transferor. All transfers of Bonds and entries on the Register will be made subject to the detailed regulations concerning transfers of Bonds scheduled to the Agency Agreement. The regulations may be changed by the Issuer, with the prior written approval of the Registrar and the Bond Trustee. A copy of the current regulations will be made available by the Registrar to any Bondholder upon request.
- (d) **Exercise of Options or Partial Redemption in Respect of Registered Bonds:** In the case of an exercise of an Issuer’s or Bondholders’ option in respect of, or a partial redemption of, a holding of Registered Bonds represented by a single Certificate, a new Certificate shall be issued to the holder to reflect the exercise of such option or in respect of the balance of the holding not redeemed. In the case of a partial exercise of an option resulting in Registered Bonds of the same holding having different terms, separate Certificates shall be issued in respect of those Bonds of that holding that have the same terms. New Certificates shall only be issued against surrender of the existing Certificates to the Registrar or any Transfer Agent. In the case of a transfer of Registered Bonds to a person who is already a holder of Registered Bonds, a new Certificate representing the enlarged holding shall only be issued against surrender of the Certificate representing the existing holding.
- (e) **Delivery of New Certificates:** Each new Certificate to be issued pursuant to Conditions 2 (c) or (d) shall be available for delivery within three business days of receipt of the form of transfer or exercise notice and surrender of the Certificate for exchange. Delivery of the new Certificate(s)

shall be made at the specified office of the Transfer Agent or of the Registrar (as the case may be) to whom delivery or surrender of such form of transfer, Exercise Notice or Certificate shall have been made or, at the option of the holder making such delivery or surrender as aforesaid and as specified in the relevant form of transfer, Exercise Notice or otherwise in writing, be mailed by uninsured post at the risk of the holder entitled to the new Certificate to such address as may be so specified, unless such holder requests otherwise and pays in advance to the relevant Transfer Agent the costs of such other method of delivery and/or such insurance as it may specify. In this Condition 2(e), “**business day**” means a day, other than a Saturday or Sunday, on which banks are open for business in the place of the specified office of the relevant Transfer Agent or the Registrar (as the case may be).

- (f) **Transfers Free of Charge:** Transfers of Bonds and Certificates on registration, transfer, exercise of an option or partial redemption shall be effected without charge by or on behalf of the Issuer, the Registrar or the Transfer Agents, but upon payment of any tax or other governmental charges that may be imposed in relation to it (or the giving of such indemnity and/or security and/or prefunding as the Registrar or the relevant Transfer Agent may require).
- (g) **Closed Periods:** No Bondholder may require the transfer of a Registered Bond to be registered (i) during the period of 15 days ending on the due date for redemption of, or payment of any Instalment Amount in respect of, that Bond, (ii) during the period of 15 days prior to any date on which Bonds may be called for redemption by the Issuer at its option pursuant to Condition 8(e), (iii) after any such Bond has been called for redemption or (iv) during the period of seven days ending on (and including) any Record Date.

### 3 Guarantee and Status

- (a) **Status of Class A Bonds:** This Condition 3(a) is applicable only in relation to Bonds which are specified as being a Sub-Class of Class A Bonds.

The Class A Bonds, Class A Coupons, Class A Talons and Class A Receipts (if any) are direct and unconditional obligations of the Issuer, are secured in the manner described in Condition 4 (*Security*) and rank *pari passu* without any preference among themselves.

- (b) **Status of Class B Bonds:** This Condition 3(b) is applicable only in relation to Bonds issued by the Issuer which are specified as being a Sub-Class of Class B Bonds.

The Class B Bonds, Class B Coupons, Class B Talons and Class B Receipts (if any) are direct and unconditional obligations of the Issuer, are secured in the manner described in Condition 4 (*Security*), are subordinated to the Class A Bonds, Class A Coupons, Class A Receipts and Class A Talons (if any) and rank *pari passu* without any preference among themselves.

- (c) **Guarantee:** The Guarantor has unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed the due payment of all sums expressed to be payable by the Issuer under the Trust Deed, each Class of Bonds, the Receipts and the Coupons. Its obligations in that respect (the “**Guarantee**”) are contained in the STID.

### 4 Security

- (a) **Security:** As continuing security for the payment or discharge of the Secured Liabilities (including all moneys payable in respect of the Bonds, Coupons and Receipts and otherwise under the Trust Deed, the STID, the Security Documents, the Bond Programme Documents and any deed or other document executed in accordance with the Trust Deed, the STID or the Security

Documents and expressed to be supplemental to the Trust Deed, the STID or the Security Documents (as applicable) (the “**Trust Documents**”) (including the remuneration, expenses and other claims of the Security Trustee and any Receiver appointed under the STID or the Security Documents)), the Issuer has entered into the Security Documents to create as far as permitted by and subject to compliance with any applicable law, the following security (the “**Security**”) in favour of the Security Trustee for itself and on trust for the other Secured Creditors, including, but not limited to, the Bondholders:

- (i) English law assignment of its rights and receivables under the Common Terms Agreement, each Liquidity Facility Agreement, the STID, the Account Bank Agreement and the Agency Agreement;
- (ii) a Swedish law pledge agreement relating to mortgage certificates issued in certain real properties owned by the Issuer;
- (iii) a Swedish law pledge agreement relating to business mortgage certificates issued by the Issuer;
- (iv) a Swedish law pledge agreement relating to the shares in the Issuer; and
- (v) a Swedish law pledge agreement relating to certain intragroup loans granted by the Parent to the Issuer,

Further, the Parent will grant a share pledge agreement relating to the shares in the Issuer. This Security is more particularly set out in the Security Documents.

All Bonds issued by the Issuer under the Bond Programme will share in the Security constituted by the Issuer in the Security Documents, upon and subject to the terms thereof.

- (b) **Relationship among Bondholders and with other Secured Creditors:** The Bondholders are Secured Creditors. The Bond Trustee is a Secured Creditor on its own behalf and on behalf of the Bondholders.

The Trust Deed contains provisions detailing the Bond Trustee’s duties to consider the interests of Bondholders as regards all discretions of the Bond Trustee (except where expressly provided or otherwise referred to in the Trust Deed). In addition, the STID contains provisions detailing the Security Trustee’s duties to consider the interests of the Secured Creditors (including the Bond Trustee on behalf of the holders of each Sub-Class of Bonds) in accordance with and subject to the provisions of the STID.

- (c) **Enforcement of Security:** The Security shall become enforceable upon the commencement of and at any time during an Enforcement Period, in accordance with the terms of the STID (with the exception of a Permitted Share Pledge Enforcement, which can occur during a Standstill). An Enforcement Period begins upon the termination of a Standstill (other than where the underlying default is waived in accordance with the STID). It continues until the earlier of the date on which all Secured Liabilities are discharged or the date on which the Security Trustee (acting according to the instructions of the Qualifying Secured Creditors pursuant to the STID) notifies the Issuer that the Enforcement Period has ended. Where such Security becomes enforceable, the Security Trustee shall enforce its rights with respect to the Security in accordance with the STID, but without any liability as to the consequence of such action and without having regard to the effect thereof on, or being required to account for such action to, any particular Bondholder or other Secured Creditor, provided that the Security Trustee shall not be obliged to take any action unless it is indemnified and/or secured and/or prefunded to its satisfaction.

Bondholders acknowledge and agree that only the Security Trustee is entitled to: (i) deliver an Acceleration Notice in accordance with the STID; (ii) take Enforcement Action against the Issuer save as permitted under the STID; or (iii) take proceedings or to exercise any rights, discretions or powers, or to grant any consents or releases, in respect of the security given under or pursuant to the Security Documents or otherwise have direct recourse to the Security.

In the event of the Security becoming enforceable as provided in the Security Documents, the Security Trustee shall, if directed by any of the Qualifying Secured Creditors, deliver an Acceleration Notice and exercise all rights which may be available to it under any Common Document or Bond Programme Document, and enforce any Security Document in accordance with the STID.

- (d) **Application before Enforcement:** Before enforcement of the Security, the Issuer shall (to the extent such funds are available) use funds standing to the credit of the account of the Issuer to make payments in accordance with the Pre-Enforcement Priority of Payments (as set out in the STID).
- (e) **Application after Enforcement:** After enforcement of the Security, the Security Trustee shall (to the extent that such funds are available) use all Available Enforcement Proceeds to make payments in accordance with the Post-Enforcement Priority of Payments as set out in the STID.
- (f) **Security Trustee and Bond Trustee not Liable for Security:** Neither the Bond Trustee nor the Security Trustee will make, or be liable for any failure to make, any investigations in relation to the property which is the subject of the Security, and shall not be bound to enquire into or be liable for any defect or failure in the right or title of the Issuer to the Security, whether such defect or failure was known to the Security Trustee or might have been discovered upon examination or enquiry or whether capable of remedy or not, nor will it have any liability for the enforceability of the Security created under the Security Documents whether as a result of any failure, omission or defect in registering or filing or otherwise protecting or perfecting such Security or otherwise. The Security Trustee and the Bond Trustee shall have no responsibility for the value of any such Security.

The Bond Trustee is authorised by the Bondholders to execute the STID (and the Bondholders are deemed, by acquiring an interest in the Bonds, to consent to such authorisation).

The Security Trustee is authorised by the Bondholders to execute the Security Documents as Security Trustee for, among others, the Bondholders (and the Bondholders are deemed, by acquiring any interest in the Bonds, to consent to such authorisation).

## 5 Issuer Covenants

So long as any of the Bonds remain outstanding, the Issuer has agreed to comply with the covenants as set out in the CTA.

The Bond Trustee shall be entitled to rely absolutely on a certificate of any director of the Issuer in relation to any matter relating to such covenants and to accept without liability any such certificate as sufficient evidence of the relevant fact or matter stated in such certificate.

## 6 Interest and other Calculations

- (a) **Interest on Fixed Rate Bonds:** Each Fixed Rate Bond bears interest on its outstanding nominal amount from the Interest Commencement Date at the rate per annum (expressed as a percentage) equal to the Rate of Interest, such interest being payable in arrear on each Interest Payment Date.

The amount of interest payable shall be determined in accordance with Condition 6(f) (*Calculations*).

(b) **Interest on Floating Rate Bonds and Index-Linked Bonds:**

- (i) *Interest Payment Dates:* Each Floating Rate Bond and Index-Linked Bond bears interest on its outstanding nominal amount and if it is an Index-Linked Bond, adjusted for indexation in accordance with Condition 7 (*Indexation*) from the Interest Commencement Date at the rate per annum (expressed as a percentage) equal to the Rate of Interest, such interest being payable in arrear on each Interest Payment Date. The amount of interest payable shall be determined in accordance with Condition 6(f). Such Interest Payment Date(s) is/are either shown hereon as Specified Interest Payment Dates or, if no Specified Interest Payment Date(s) is/are shown hereon, Interest Payment Date shall mean each date which falls the number of months or other period shown hereon as the Interest Period after the preceding Interest Payment Date or, in the case of the first Interest Payment Date, after the Interest Commencement Date.
- (ii) *Business Day Convention:* If any date referred to in these Conditions that is specified to be subject to adjustment in accordance with a Business Day Convention would otherwise fall on a day that is not a Business Day, then, if the Business Day Convention specified is (A) the Floating Rate Business Day Convention, such date shall be postponed to the next day that is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event (x) such date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day and (y) each subsequent such date shall be the last Business Day of the month in which such date would have fallen had it not been subject to adjustment, (B) the Following Business Day Convention, such date shall be postponed to the next day that is a Business Day, (C) the Modified Following Business Day Convention, such date shall be postponed to the next day that is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event such date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day or (D) the Preceding Business Day Convention, such date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day.
- (iii) *Rate of Interest for Floating Rate Bonds:* The Rate of Interest in respect of Floating Rate Bonds for each Interest Accrual Period shall be determined in the manner specified hereon and the provisions below relating to either ISDA Determination or Screen Rate Determination shall apply, depending upon which is specified hereon.

(A) **ISDA Determination for Floating Rate Bonds**

Where ISDA Determination is specified hereon as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Accrual Period shall be determined by the Calculation Agent as a rate equal to the relevant ISDA Rate. For the purposes of this sub-paragraph (A), “**ISDA Rate**” for an Interest Accrual Period means a rate equal to the Floating Rate that would be determined by the Calculation Agent under a Swap Transaction under the terms of an agreement incorporating the ISDA Definitions and under which:

- (x) the Floating Rate Option is as specified hereon
- (y) the Designated Maturity is a period specified hereon and
- (z) the relevant Reset Date is the first day of that Interest Accrual Period unless otherwise specified hereon.

For the purposes of this sub-paragraph (A), “**Floating Rate**”, “**Calculation Agent**”, “**Floating Rate Option**”, “**Designated Maturity**”, “**Reset Date**” and “**Swap Transaction**” have the meanings given to those terms in the ISDA Definitions.

(B) Screen Rate Determination for Floating Rate Bonds

- (x) Where Screen Rate Determination is specified hereon as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Accrual Period will, subject as provided below, be either:

- (1) the offered quotation; or
- (2) the arithmetic mean of the offered quotations,

(expressed as a percentage rate per annum) for the Reference Rate which appears or appear, as the case may be, on the Relevant Screen Page as at either 11.00 a.m. (Brussels time in the case of EURIBOR, Stockholm time in the case of STIBOR or Oslo time in the case of NIBOR) on the Interest Determination Date in question as determined by the Calculation Agent. If five or more of such offered quotations are available on the Relevant Screen Page, the highest (or, if there is more than one such highest quotation, one only of such quotations) and the lowest (or, if there is more than one such lowest quotation, one only of such quotations) shall be disregarded by the Calculation Agent for the purpose of determining the arithmetic mean of such offered quotations.

If the Reference Rate from time to time in respect of Floating Rate Bonds is specified hereon as being other than EURIBOR, STIBOR or NIBOR, the Rate of Interest in respect of such Bonds will be determined as provided hereon.

- (y) if the Relevant Screen Page is not available or if, sub-paragraph (x)(1) above applies and no such offered quotation appears on the Relevant Screen Page or if sub-paragraph (x)(2) above applies and fewer than three such offered quotations appear on the Relevant Screen Page in each case as at the time specified above, subject as provided below, the Calculation Agent shall request, if the Reference Rate is EURIBOR, the principal Euro-zone office of each of the Reference Banks or, if the Reference Rate is STIBOR, the principal Stockholm office of each of the Reference Banks, or if the Reference Rate is NIBOR, the principal Oslo office of each of the Reference Banks, to provide the Calculation Agent with its offered quotation (expressed as a percentage rate per annum) for the Reference Rate if the Reference Rate is EURIBOR, at approximately 11.00 a.m. (Brussels time), or if the Reference Rate is STIBOR, at approximately 11.00 a.m. (Stockholm time), or if the Reference rate is NIBOR, at approximately 11.00 a.m. (Oslo time) on the Interest Determination Date in question. If two or more of the Reference Banks provide the Calculation Agent with such offered quotations, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Accrual Period shall be the arithmetic mean of such offered quotations as determined by the Calculation Agent; and
- (z) if paragraph (y) above applies and the Calculation Agent determines that fewer than two Reference Banks are providing offered quotations, subject as provided below, the Rate of Interest shall be the arithmetic mean of the rates per annum (expressed as a percentage) as communicated to (and at the request of) the Calculation Agent by the Reference Banks or any two or more of them, at which

such banks were offered, if the Reference Rate is EURIBOR, at approximately 11.00 a.m. (Brussels time) or, if the Reference Rate is STIBOR, at approximately 11.00 a.m. (Stockholm time), or if the Reference Rate is NIBOR, at approximately 11.00 a.m. (Oslo time) on the relevant Interest Determination Date, deposits in the Specified Currency for a period equal to that which would have been used for the Reference Rate by leading banks in, if the Reference Rate is EURIBOR, the Euro-zone inter-bank market, or if the Reference Rate is STIBOR, the Swedish inter-bank market or, if the Reference Rate is NIBOR, the Norwegian inter-bank market, as the case may be, or, if fewer than two of the Reference Banks provide the Calculation Agent with such offered rates, the offered rate for deposits in the Specified Currency for a period equal to that which would have been used for the Reference Rate, or the arithmetic mean of the offered rates for deposits in the Specified Currency for a period equal to that which would have been used for the Reference Rate, at which if the Reference Rate is EURIBOR, at approximately 11.00 a.m. (Brussels time) or, if the Reference Rate is STIBOR, at approximately 11.00 a.m. (Stockholm time), or if the Reference Rate is NIBOR, at approximately 11.00 a.m. (Oslo time) on the relevant Interest Determination Date, any one or more banks (which bank or banks is or are in the opinion of the Issuer suitable for such purpose) informs the Calculation Agent it is quoting to leading banks in, if the Reference Rate is EURIBOR, the Euro-zone inter-bank market, or if the Reference Rate is STIBOR, the Swedish inter-bank market, or, if the Reference Rate is NIBOR, the Norwegian inter-bank market as the case may be, provided that, if the Rate of Interest cannot be determined in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, the Rate of Interest shall be determined as at the last preceding Interest Determination Date (though substituting, where a different Margin or Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest is to be applied to the relevant Interest Accrual Period from that which applied to the last preceding Interest Accrual Period, the Margin or Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest relating to the relevant Interest Accrual Period, in place of the Margin or Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest relating to that last preceding Interest Accrual Period).

(C) Linear Interpolation

Where Linear Interpolation is specified hereon as applicable in respect of an Interest Accrual Period, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Accrual Period shall be calculated by the Calculation Agent by straight line linear interpolation by reference to two rates based on the relevant Reference Rate (where Screen Rate Determination is specified hereon as applicable) or the relevant Floating Rate Option (where ISDA Determination is specified hereon as applicable), one of which shall be determined as if the Applicable Maturity were the period of time for which rates are available next shorter than the length of the relevant Interest Accrual Period and the other of which shall be determined as if the Applicable Maturity were the period of time for which rates are available next longer than the length of the relevant Interest Accrual Period provided however that if there is no rate available for the period of time next shorter or, as the case may be, next longer, then the Calculation Agent shall determine such rate at such time and by reference to such sources as it determines appropriate.

**“Applicable Maturity”** means: (a) in relation to Screen Rate Determination, the period of time designated in the Reference Rate, and (b) in relation to ISDA Determination, the Designated Maturity.



- (iv) *Rate of Interest for Index-Linked Bonds:* The Rate of Interest in respect of Index-Linked Bonds for each Interest Accrual Period shall be determined in the manner specified hereon and interest will accrue by reference to an Index or Formula as specified hereon.
- (c) **Accrual of Interest:** Interest shall cease to accrue on each Bond on the due date for redemption unless, upon due presentation, payment is improperly withheld or refused, in which event interest shall continue to accrue (both before and after judgment) at the Rate of Interest in the manner provided in this Condition 6 (*Interest and Other Calculations*) to the Relevant Date (as defined in Condition 8 (*Redemption, Purchase and Options*)).
- (d) **Deferral of interest on Class B Bonds:** This Condition 6(d) is applicable only in relation to Bonds issued by the Issuer which are specified as being Class B Bonds.

In the case of interest on Class B Bonds only, if, on any Interest Payment Date prior to the taking of Enforcement Action, there are insufficient funds available to the Issuer (after taking into account any amounts available to be drawn under the Class B Liquidity Facility or from any Class B Debt Service Reserve Account) to pay such accrued interest, the Issuer's liability to pay such accrued interest will be treated as not having fallen due and will be deferred until the earliest of: (i) the next following Interest Payment Date on which the Issuer has, in accordance with the cash management provisions of Schedule 8 (*Cash Management*) of the CTA, sufficient funds available to pay such deferred amounts (including any interest accrued thereon); (ii) the date on which the Class A Debt has been paid in full; and (iii) an acceleration of and enforcement of rights by the Secured Creditors (other than a Permitted Hedge Termination). Interest will accrue on such deferred interest at the rate otherwise payable on unpaid principal of such Class B Bonds.

- (e) **Margin, Maximum/Minimum Rates of Interest, Instalment Amounts and Redemption Amounts and Rounding:**
  - (i) If any Margin is specified hereon (either (x) generally, or (y) in relation to one or more Interest Accrual Periods), an adjustment shall be made to all Rates of Interest, in the case of (x), or the Rates of Interest for the specified Interest Accrual Periods, in the case of (y), calculated in accordance with Condition 6(b) above by adding (if a positive number) or subtracting the absolute value (if a negative number) of such Margin, subject always to the next paragraph.
  - (ii) If any Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest, Instalment Amount or Redemption Amount is specified hereon, then any Rate of Interest, Instalment Amount or Redemption Amount shall be subject to such maximum or minimum, as the case may be.
  - (iii) For the purposes of any calculations required pursuant to these Conditions (unless otherwise specified), (x) all percentages resulting from such calculations shall be rounded, if necessary, to the nearest one hundred-thousandth of a percentage point (with 0.000005 of a percentage point being rounded up), (y) all figures shall be rounded to seven significant figures (provided that if the eighth significant figure is a 5 or greater, the seventh significant shall be rounded up) and (z) all currency amounts that fall due and payable shall be rounded to the nearest unit of such currency (with half a unit being rounded up), save in the case of yen, which shall be rounded down to the nearest yen. For these purposes “unit” means the lowest amount of such currency that is available as legal tender in the countries of such currency.
- (f) **Calculations:** The amount of interest payable per Calculation Amount in respect of any Bond for any Interest Accrual Period shall be equal to the product of the Rate of Interest, the Calculation

Amount specified hereon, and the Day Count Fraction for such Interest Accrual Period, unless an Interest Amount (or a formula for its calculation) is applicable to such Interest Accrual Period, in which case the amount of interest payable per Calculation Amount in respect of such Bond for such Interest Accrual Period shall equal such Interest Amount (or be calculated in accordance with such formula). Where any Interest Period comprises two or more Interest Accrual Periods, the amount of interest payable per Calculation Amount in respect of such Interest Period shall be the sum of the Interest Amounts payable in respect of each of those Interest Accrual Periods. In respect of any other period for which interest is required to be calculated, the provisions above shall apply save that the Day Count Fraction shall be for the period for which interest is required to be calculated.

- (g) **Determination and Publication of Rates of Interest, Interest Amounts, Final Redemption Amounts, Early Redemption Amounts, Optional Redemption Amounts and Instalment Amounts:** The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable on each Interest Determination Date, or such other time on such date as the Calculation Agent may be required to calculate any rate or amount, obtain any quotation or make any determination or calculation, determine such rate and calculate the Interest Amounts for the relevant Interest Accrual Period, calculate the Final Redemption Amount, Early Redemption Amount, Optional Redemption Amount or Instalment Amount, obtain such quotation or make such determination or calculation, as the case may be, and cause the Rate of Interest and the Interest Amounts for each Interest Accrual Period and the relevant Interest Payment Date and, if required to be calculated, the Final Redemption Amount, Early Redemption Amount, Optional Redemption Amount or any Instalment Amount to be notified to the Bond Trustee, the Issuer, each of the Paying Agents, the Bondholders, any other Calculation Agent appointed in respect of the Bonds that is to make a further calculation upon receipt of such information and, if the Bonds are listed on a stock exchange and the rules of such exchange or other relevant authority so require, such exchange or other relevant authority as soon as possible after their determination but in no event later than (i) the commencement of the relevant Interest Period, if determined prior to such time, in the case of notification to such exchange of a Rate of Interest and Interest Amount, or (ii) in all other cases, the fourth Business Day after such determination. Where any Interest Payment Date or Interest Period Date is subject to adjustment pursuant to Condition 6(b)(ii), the Interest Amounts and the Interest Payment Date so published may subsequently be amended (or appropriate alternative arrangements made with the prior written consent of the Bond Trustee by way of adjustment) without notice in the event of an extension or shortening of the Interest Period. If the Bonds become due and payable under Condition 12, the accrued interest and the Rate of Interest payable in respect of the Bonds shall nevertheless continue to be calculated as previously in accordance with this Condition but no publication of the Rate of Interest or the Interest Amount so calculated need be made unless the Bond Trustee otherwise requires. The determination of any rate or amount, the obtaining of each quotation and the making of each determination or calculation by the Calculation Agent(s) shall (in the absence of manifest error) be final and binding upon all parties.
- (h) **Definitions:** In these Conditions, unless the context otherwise requires, the following defined terms shall have the meanings set out below:

**“Business Day”** means:

- (i) in the case of a currency other than euro, a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in the principal financial centre for such currency and/or
- (ii) in the case of euro, a day on which T2 is operating (a **“TARGET Business Day”**) and/or

- (iii) in the case of a currency and/or one or more Business Centres a day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in such currency in the Business Centre(s) or, if no currency is indicated, generally in each of the Business Centres.

**“Business Centres”** mean those places of business specified in the Final Terms.

**“Calculation Amount”** means the amount specified as such in the Final Terms.

**“Day Count Fraction”** means, in respect of the calculation of an amount of interest on any Bond for any period of time (from and including the first day of such period to but excluding the last) (whether or not constituting an Interest Period or an Interest Accrual Period, the **“Calculation Period”**):

- (i) if **“Actual/Actual”** or **“Actual/Actual - ISDA”** is specified hereon, the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 365 (or, if any portion of that Calculation Period falls in a leap year, the sum of (A) the actual number of days in that portion of the Calculation Period falling in a leap year divided by 366 and (B) the actual number of days in that portion of the Calculation Period falling in a non-leap year divided by 365)
- (ii) if **“Actual/365 (Fixed)”** is specified hereon, the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 365
- (iii) if **“Actual/365 (Sterling)”** is specified hereon, the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 365 or, in the case of an Interest Payment Date falling in a leap year, 366
- (iv) if **“Actual/360”** is specified hereon, the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 360
- (v) if **“30/360”**, **“360/360”** or **“Bond Basis”** is specified hereon, the number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

$$\text{Day Count Fraction} = \frac{[360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1)] + [30 \times (M_2 - M_1)] + (D_2 - D_1)}{360}$$

where:

**“Y<sub>1</sub>”** is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls;

**“Y<sub>2</sub>”** is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;

**“M<sub>1</sub>”** is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls;

**“M<sub>2</sub>”** is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;

**“D<sub>1</sub>”** is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Calculation Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D<sub>1</sub> will be 30; and

**“D<sub>2</sub>”** is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period, unless such number would be 31 and D<sub>1</sub> is greater than 29, in which case D<sub>2</sub> will be 30.

- (vi) if “**30E/360**” or “**Eurobond Basis**” is specified hereon, the number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

$$\text{Day Count Fraction} = \frac{[360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1)] + [30 \times (M_2 - M_1)] + (D_2 - D_1)}{360}$$

where:

“**Y<sub>1</sub>**” is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls;

“**Y<sub>2</sub>**” is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;

“**M<sub>1</sub>**” is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls;

“**M<sub>2</sub>**” is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;

“**D<sub>1</sub>**” is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Calculation Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case **D<sub>1</sub>** will be 30; and

“**D<sub>2</sub>**” is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case **D<sub>2</sub>** will be 30

- (vii) if “**30E/360 (ISDA)**” is specified hereon, the number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

$$\text{Day Count Fraction} = \frac{[360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1)] + [30 \times (M_2 - M_1)] + (D_2 - D_1)}{360}$$

where:

“**Y<sub>1</sub>**” is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls;

“**Y<sub>2</sub>**” is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;

“**M<sub>1</sub>**” is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls;

“**M<sub>2</sub>**” is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;

“**D<sub>1</sub>**” is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Calculation Period, unless (i) that day is the last day of February or (ii) such number would be 31, in which case **D<sub>1</sub>** will be 30; and

“**D<sub>2</sub>**” is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period, unless (i) that day is the last day of February but not the Maturity Date or (ii) such number would be 31, in which case **D<sub>2</sub>** will be 30

- (viii) if “**Actual/Actual-ICMA**” is specified hereon,

- (a) if the Calculation Period is equal to or shorter than the Determination Period during which it falls, the number of days in the Calculation Period divided by the product of (x) the number of days in such Determination Period and (y) the number of Determination Periods normally ending in any year; and

- (b) if the Calculation Period is longer than one Determination Period, the sum of:
  - (x) the number of days in such Calculation Period falling in the Determination Period in which it begins divided by the product of (1) the number of days in such Determination Period and (2) the number of Determination Periods normally ending in any year; and
  - (y) the number of days in such Calculation Period falling in the next Determination Period divided by the product of (1) the number of days in such Determination Period and (2) the number of Determination Periods normally ending in any year

where:

**“Determination Period”** means the period from and including a Determination Date in any year to but excluding the next Determination Date and

**“Determination Date”** means the date(s) specified as such hereon or, if none is so specified, the Interest Payment Date(s)

**“Euro-zone”** means the region comprised of member states of the European Union that adopt the single currency in accordance with the Treaty establishing the European Community, as amended.

**“Interest Accrual Period”** means the period beginning on (and including) the Interest Commencement Date and ending on (but excluding) the first Interest Period Date and each successive period beginning on (and including) an Interest Period Date and ending on (but excluding) the next succeeding Interest Period Date.

**“Interest Amount”** means:

- (i) in respect of an Interest Accrual Period, the amount of interest payable per Calculation Amount for that Interest Accrual Period and which, in the case of Fixed Rate Bonds, and unless otherwise specified hereon, shall mean the Fixed Coupon Amount or Broken Amount specified hereon as being payable on the Interest Payment Date ending the Interest Period of which such Interest Accrual Period forms part; and
- (ii) in respect of any other period, the amount of interest payable per Calculation Amount for that period.

**“Interest Commencement Date”** means the Issue Date or such other date as may be specified hereon.

**“Interest Determination Date”** means, with respect to a Rate of Interest and Interest Accrual Period, the date specified as such hereon or, if none is so specified, (i) the first day of such Interest Accrual Period if the Specified Currency is Sterling or (ii) the day falling two Business Days in London for the Specified Currency prior to the first day of such Interest Accrual Period if the Specified Currency is neither Sterling nor euro or (iii) the day falling two TARGET Business Days prior to the first day of such Interest Accrual Period if the Specified Currency is euro.

**“Interest Period”** means the period beginning on and including the Interest Commencement Date and ending on but excluding the first Interest Payment Date and each successive period beginning on and including an Interest Payment Date and ending

on but excluding the next succeeding Interest Payment Date unless otherwise specified hereon.

“**Interest Period Date**” means each Interest Payment Date unless otherwise specified hereon.

“**ISDA Definitions**” means the 2006 ISDA Definitions, as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc., unless otherwise specified hereon.

“**Rate of Interest**” means the rate of interest payable from time to time in respect of this Bond and that is either specified or calculated in accordance with the provisions hereon.

“**Reference Banks**” means, in the case of a determination of in the case of a determination of EURIBOR, the principal Euro-zone office of four major banks in the Euro-zone inter-bank market, in the case of a determination of STIBOR, the principal Stockholm office of four major banks in the Stockholm inter-bank market and in the case of NIBOR, the principal Oslo office of four major banks in the Oslo inter-bank market, in each case selected by the Issuer (in consultation with the Calculation Agent) or as specified hereon.

“**Reference Rate**” means the rate specified as such hereon.

“**Relevant Screen Page**” means such page, section, caption, column or other part of a particular information service as may be specified hereon (or any successor or replacement page, section, caption, column or other part of a particular information service).

“**Specified Currency**” means the currency specified as such hereon or, if none is specified, the currency in which the Bonds are denominated.

“**T2**” means the real time gross settlement system operated by the Eurosystem, or any successor system.

- (i) **Calculation Agent:** The Issuer shall procure that there shall at all times be one or more Calculation Agents if provision is made for them hereon and for so long as any Bond is outstanding (as defined in the Trust Deed). Where more than one Calculation Agent is appointed in respect of the Bonds, references in these Conditions to the Calculation Agent shall be construed as each Calculation Agent performing its respective duties under the Conditions. If the Calculation Agent is unable or unwilling to act as such or if the Calculation Agent fails duly to establish the Rate of Interest for an Interest Accrual Period or to calculate any Interest Amount, Instalment Amount, Final Redemption Amount, Early Redemption Amount or Optional Redemption Amount, as the case may be, or to comply with any other requirement, the Issuer shall (with the prior approval of the Bond Trustee) appoint a leading bank or financial institution engaged in the interbank market (or, if appropriate, money, swap or over-the-counter index options market) that is most closely connected with the calculation or determination to be made by the Calculation Agent (acting through its principal London office or any other office actively involved in such market) to act as such in its place. The Calculation Agent may not resign its duties without a successor having been appointed as aforesaid.

- (j) **Benchmark Discontinuation**

- (i) Independent Adviser

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Condition 6(b), if a Benchmark Event occurs in relation to an Original Reference Rate when any Rate of Interest (or any component part thereof) remains to be determined by reference to such Original Reference

Rate the Issuer shall use its reasonable endeavours to appoint an Independent Adviser, as soon as reasonably practicable, to determine a Successor Rate, failing which an Alternative Rate (in accordance with Condition 6(j)(ii)) and, in either case, an Adjustment Spread and any Benchmark Amendments (in accordance with Condition 6(j)(iv)). In making such determination, the Independent Adviser appointed pursuant to this Condition 6(j) shall act in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner as an expert. In the absence of bad faith or fraud, the Independent Adviser shall have no liability whatsoever to the Bond Trustee, the Issuing and Paying Agent, the Bondholders or the for any determination made by it, pursuant to this Condition 6(j).

If (i) the Issuer is unable to appoint an Independent Adviser; or (ii) the Independent Adviser appointed by it fails to determine a Successor Rate or, failing which, an Alternative Rate in accordance with this Condition 6(j)(i) prior to the date which is 10 business days prior to the relevant Interest Determination Date, the Rate of Interest applicable to the next succeeding Interest Accrual Period shall be equal to the Rate of Interest last determined in relation to the Notes in respect of the immediately preceding Interest Accrual Period. If there has not been a first Interest Payment Date, the Rate of Interest shall be the initial Rate of Interest / determined using the Original Reference Rate last displayed on the relevant Screen Page prior to the relevant Interest Determination Date. Where a different Margin or Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest is to be applied to the relevant Interest Accrual Period from that which applied to the last preceding Interest Accrual Period, the Margin or Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest relating to the relevant Interest Accrual Period shall be substituted in place of the Margin or Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest relating to that last preceding Interest Accrual Period. For the avoidance of doubt, this paragraph shall apply to the relevant next succeeding Interest Accrual Period only and any subsequent Interest Accrual Periods are subject to the subsequent operation of, and to adjustment as provided in, the first paragraph of this Condition 6(j)(i).

(ii) Successor Rate or Alternative Rate

If the Independent Adviser, determines that:

- (a) there is a Successor Rate, then such Successor Rate and the applicable Adjustment Spread shall subsequently be used in place of the Original Reference Rate to determine the Rate of Interest (or the relevant component part thereof) for all future payments of interest on the Notes (subject to the operation of this Condition 6(j)); or
- (b) there is no Successor Rate but that there is an Alternative Rate, then such Alternative Rate and the applicable Adjustment Spread shall subsequently be used in place of the Original Reference Rate to determine the Rate of Interest (or the relevant component part thereof) for all future payments of interest on the Notes (subject to the operation of this Condition 6(j)).

(iii) Adjustment Spread

The Adjustment Spread (or the formula or methodology for determining the Adjustment Spread) shall be applied to the Successor Rate or the Alternative Rate (as the case may be). If the Independent Adviser is unable to determine the quantum of, or a formula or methodology for determining, such Adjustment Spread, then the Successor Rate or Alternative Rate (as applicable) will apply without an Adjustment Spread.

(iv) Benchmark Amendments

If any Successor Rate or Alternative Rate and, in either case, the applicable Adjustment Spread is determined in accordance with this Condition 6(j) and the Independent Adviser, determines (i) that amendments to these Conditions and/or the Bond Trust Deed are necessary to ensure the proper operation of such Successor Rate or Alternative Rate and/or (in either case) the applicable Adjustment Spread (such amendments, the “**Benchmark Amendments**”) and (ii) the terms of the Benchmark Amendments, then the Issuer shall, subject to giving notice thereof in accordance with Condition 6(j)(v), without any requirement for the consent or approval of the Bondholders, vary these Conditions and/or the Bond Trust Deed to give effect to such Benchmark Amendments with effect from the date specified in such notice.

At the request of the Issuer, but subject to receipt by the Bond Trustee of a certificate signed by two Authorised Signatories of the Issuer pursuant to Condition 6(j)(v), the Bond Trustee shall (at the expense of the Issuer), without any requirement for the consent or approval of the Bondholders, be obliged to concur with the Issuer in effecting any Benchmark Amendments (including, *inter alia*, by the execution of a deed supplemental to or amending the Bond Trust Deed), provided that the Bond Trustee shall not be obliged so to concur if in the opinion of the Bond Trustee doing so would impose more onerous obligations upon it or expose it to any additional duties, responsibilities or liabilities or reduce or amend the protective provisions afforded to the Bond Trustee in these Conditions or the Bond Trust Deed (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any supplemental trust deed) in any way.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Condition 6(j), the Calculation Agent or any Paying Agent is not obliged to concur with the Issuer or the Independent Adviser in respect of any changes or amendments as contemplated under this Condition 6(j) to which, in the sole opinion of the Calculation Agent or the relevant Paying Agent, as the case may be, would impose more onerous obligations upon it or expose it to any additional duties, responsibilities or liabilities or reduce or amend the protective provisions afforded to the Calculation Agent or the relevant Paying Agent (as applicable) in the Agency Agreement and/or these Conditions.

In connection with any such variation in accordance with this Condition 6(j)(iv), the Issuer shall comply with the rules of any stock exchange on which the Bonds are for the time being listed or admitted to trading.

(v) Notices, etc.

Any Successor Rate, Alternative Rate, Adjustment Spread and the specific terms of any Benchmark Amendments determined under this Condition 6(j) will be notified at least 10 business days prior to the relevant Interest Determination Date by the Issuer to the Bond Trustee/the Calculation Agent and the Paying Agents. Such notice shall be irrevocable and shall specify the effective date of the Benchmark Amendments, if any.

No later than notifying the Bondholders of the same, the Issuer shall deliver to the Bond Trustee, the Calculation Agent and the Paying Agents a certificate signed by two Authorised Signatories of the Issuer:

- (a) confirming (i) that a Benchmark Event has occurred, (ii) the Successor Rate or, as the case may be, the Alternative Rate, (iii) the applicable Adjustment Spread and



- (iv) the specific terms of the Benchmark Amendments (if any), in each case as determined in accordance with the provisions of this Condition 6(j); and
- (b) certifying that the Benchmark Amendments (if any) are necessary to ensure the proper operation of such Successor Rate or Alternative Rate and (in either case) the applicable Adjustment Spread.

Each of the Bond Trustee, the Calculation Agent and the Paying Agents shall be entitled to rely on such certificate (without liability to any person) as sufficient evidence thereof. The Successor Rate or Alternative Rate and the Adjustment Spread and the Benchmark Amendments (if any) specified in such certificate will (in the absence of manifest error or bad faith in the determination of the Successor Rate or Alternative Rate and the Adjustment Spread and the Benchmark Amendments (if any) and without prejudice to the Bond Trustee or the Calculation Agent's or the Paying Agents' ability to rely on such certificate as aforesaid) be binding on the Issuer, the Bond Trustee, the Calculation Agent, the Paying Agents and the Bondholders.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Condition 6(j), if following the determination of any Successor Rate, Alternative Rate, Adjustment Spread or Benchmark Amendments (if any), in the Calculation Agent's opinion there is any uncertainty between two or more alternative courses of action in making any determination or calculation under this Condition 6(j), the Calculation Agent shall promptly notify the Issuer thereof and the Issuer shall direct the Calculation Agent in writing as to which alternative course of action to adopt. If the Calculation Agent is not promptly provided with such direction, or is otherwise unable (other than due to its own gross negligence, wilful default or fraud) to make such calculation or determination for any reason, it shall notify the Issuer thereof and the Calculation Agent shall be under no obligation to make such calculation or determination and (in the absence of such gross negligence, wilful default or fraud) shall not incur any liability for not doing so.

- (vi) Survival of Original Reference Rate

Without prejudice to the obligations of the Issuer under Condition 6(j)(i), (ii), (iii) and (iv), the Original Reference Rate and the fallback provisions provided for in Condition 6(b)(B) will continue to apply unless and until a Benchmark Event has occurred.

- (vii) Definitions:

As used in this Condition 6(j):

**“Adjustment Spread”** means either (a) a spread (which may be positive, negative or zero) or (b) a formula or methodology for calculating a spread, in each case to be applied to the Successor Rate or the Alternative Rate (as the case may be) and is the spread, formula or methodology which:

- (a) in the case of a Successor Rate, is formally recommended in relation to the replacement of the Original Reference Rate with the Successor Rate by any Relevant Nominating Body; or (if no such recommendation has been made, or in the case of an Alternative Rate);
- (b) the Independent Adviser determines, is customarily applied to the relevant Successor Rate or the Alternative Rate (as the case may be) in debt capital markets transactions to produce an industry-accepted replacement rate for the Original

Reference Rate; or (if Independent Adviser determines that no such spread is customarily applied)

- (c) the Independent Adviser determines is recognised or acknowledged as being the industry standard for over-the-counter derivative transactions which reference the Original Reference Rate, where such rate has been replaced by the Successor Rate or the Alternative Rate (as the case may be).

**“Alternative Rate”** means an alternative benchmark or screen rate which the Independent Adviser determines in accordance with Condition 6(j)(ii) is customarily applied in debt capital markets transactions for the purposes of determining rates of interest (or the relevant component part thereof) in the same Specified Currency as the Bonds.

**“Benchmark Amendments”** has the meaning given to it in Condition 6(j)(iv).

**“Benchmark Event”** means:

- (a) the Original Reference Rate ceasing to be published for a period of at least 5 Business Days or ceasing to exist; or
- (b) a public statement by the administrator of the Original Reference Rate that it has ceased or that it will cease publishing the Original Reference Rate permanently or indefinitely (in circumstances where no successor administrator has been appointed that will continue publication of the Original Reference Rate); or
- (c) a public statement by the supervisor of the administrator of the Original Reference Rate, that the Original Reference Rate has been or will be permanently or indefinitely discontinued; or
- (d) a public statement by the supervisor of the administrator of the Original Reference Rate as a consequence of which the Original Reference Rate will be prohibited from being used either generally, or in respect of the Notes; or
- (e) the making of a public statement by the supervisor of the administrator of the Original Reference Rate that the Original Reference Rate is or will be (is or will be deemed by such supervisor to be) no longer representative of its relevant underlying market; or
- (f) it has become unlawful for any Paying Agent, the Calculation Agent, or the Issuer to calculate any payments due to be made to any Bondholder using the Original Reference Rate;

provided that the Benchmark Event shall be deemed to occur (i) in the case of sub-paragraphs (b) and (c) above, on the date of the cessation of publication of the Original Reference Rate or the discontinuation of the Original Reference Rate, as the case may be, (ii) in the case of sub-paragraph (d) above, on the date of the prohibition of use of the Original Reference Rate and (iii) in the case of sub-paragraph (e) above, on the date with effect from which the Original Reference Rate will no longer be (or will be deemed by the relevant supervisor to no longer be) representative of its relevant underlying market and which is specified in the relevant public statement, and, in each case, not the date of the relevant public statement.

The occurrence of a Benchmark Event shall be determined by the Issuer and promptly notified to the Bond Trustee, the Calculation Agent and the Paying Agents. For the

avoidance of doubt, neither the Bond Trustee, the Calculation Agent nor the Paying Agents shall have any responsibility for making such determination.

“**business day**” means a day, other than a Saturday or Sunday, on which banks are open for business in the place of the specified office of the Calculation Agent.

“**Independent Adviser**” means an independent financial institution of international repute or an independent financial adviser with appropriate expertise appointed by the Issuer under Condition 6(j)(i).

“**Original Reference Rate**” means the originally-specified benchmark or screen rate (as applicable) used to determine the Rate of Interest (or any component part thereof) on the Notes.

“**Relevant Nominating Body**” means, in respect of a benchmark or screen rate (as applicable):

- (a) the EC, the central bank for the currency to which the benchmark or screen rate (as applicable) relates, or any central bank or other supervisory authority which is responsible for supervising the administrator of the benchmark or screen rate (as applicable); or
- (b) any working group or committee sponsored by, chaired or co-chaired by or constituted at the request of (i) the central bank for the currency to which the benchmark or screen rate (as applicable) relates, (ii) any central bank or other supervisory authority which is responsible for supervising the administrator of the benchmark or screen rate (as applicable), (iii) a group of the aforementioned central banks or other supervisory authorities or (iv) the Financial Stability Board or any part thereof.

“**Successor Rate**” means a successor to or replacement of the Original Reference Rate which is formally recommended by any Relevant Nominating Body.

## 7 Indexation

This Condition 7 is applicable only if the relevant Final Terms or Drawdown Prospectus specifies the Bonds as Index-Linked Bonds.

(a) **Definitions:**

“**Base Index Figure**” means (subject to Condition 7(c)(i) (*Change in base*)) the base index figure as specified in the relevant Final Terms or Pricing Supplement.

“**Index**” or “**Index Figure**” means, subject as provided in Condition 7(c)(i) (*Change in base*), the Swedish Consumer Price Index (“**CPI**”) (for all items) which is sponsored by Statistics Sweden and available to view at Bloomberg page SWCPI (or any replacement page thereto) or any other index (including any comparable index which may replace any of the foregoing), for the purpose of calculating the amount payable on repayment of any Swedish Government Index-Linked Bond instrument. Any reference to the Index Figure:

- (i) applicable to a particular month shall, subject as provided in Conditions 7(c) (*Changes in Circumstances Affecting the Index*) and 7(e) (*Cessation of or Fundamental Changes to the Index*), be construed as a reference to the Index Figure published in the third month prior to that particular month and relating to the month before that of publication;

- (ii) applicable to the first calendar day of any month shall, subject as provided in Conditions 7(c) (*Changes in Circumstances Affecting the Index*) and 7(e) (*Cessation of or Fundamental Changes to the Index*), be construed as a reference to the Index Figure published in the second month prior to that particular month and relating to the month before that of publication; or
- (iii) applicable to any other day in any month shall, subject as provided in Conditions 7(c) (*Changes in Circumstances Affecting the Index*) and 7(e) (*Cessation of or Fundamental Changes to the Index*), be calculated by linear interpolation between: (A) the Index Figure applicable to the first calendar day of the month in which the day falls, calculated as specified in sub-paragraph (ii) above; and (B) the Index Figure applicable to the first calendar day of the following month, calculated as specified in sub-paragraph (ii) above, and rounded in accordance with Condition 6(e) (*Margin, Maximum/Minimum Rates of Interest, Instalment Amounts and Redemption Amounts and Rounding*).

Information about the past and future performance and volatility of CPI can be found free of charge at the following website: <https://www.scb.se/en/finding-statistics/statistics-by-subject-area/prices-and-consumption/consumer-price-index/consumer-price-index-cpi/>.

If the Index is replaced, the Issuer will describe the replacement Index in a supplementary prospectus.

**“Index Ratio”** applicable to any month means the Index Figure applicable to such month divided by the Base Index Figure.

**“Limited Index Ratio”** means: (a) in respect of any month prior to the relevant Issue Date, the Index Ratio for that month; (b) in respect of any Limited Indexation Month after the relevant Issue Date, the product of the Limited Indexation Factor for that month and the Limited Index Ratio as previously calculated in respect of the month 12 months prior thereto; and (c) in respect of any other month, the Limited Index Ratio as previously calculated in respect of the most recent Limited Indexation Month.

**“Indexation Adviser”** means an internationally recognised investment bank or financial adviser recognised as having expertise in indexation matters appointed by the Issuer in such capacity to perform certain functions in respect of Index-Linked Bonds as set out in these Conditions.

**“Limited Indexation Factor”** means, in respect of a Limited Indexation Month, the ratio of the Index Figure applicable to that month divided by the Index Figure applicable to the month 12 months prior thereto, provided that: (i) if such ratio is greater than the maximum indexation factor in relation to the Index Ratio specified in the relevant Final Terms or Pricing Supplement (the **“Maximum Indexation Factor”**), it shall be deemed to be equal to such Maximum Indexation Factor; and (ii) if such ratio is less than the minimum indexation factor in relation to the Index Ratio specified in the relevant Final Terms or Pricing Supplement (the **“Minimum Indexation Factor”**), it shall be deemed to be equal to such Minimum Indexation Factor.

**“Limited Indexation Month”** means any month specified in the relevant Final Terms or Pricing Supplement for which a Limited Indexation Factor is to be calculated.

**“Limited Index-Linked Bonds”** means Index-Linked Bonds to which a Maximum Indexation Factor and/or a Minimum Indexation Factor (as specified in the relevant Final Terms or Pricing Supplement) applies.

- (b) **Application of the Index Ratio:** Each payment of interest and principal in respect of the Bonds shall be the amount provided in, or determined in accordance with, these Conditions, multiplied by the Index Ratio or Limited Index Ratio in the case of Limited Index-Linked Bonds applicable

to the month in which such payment falls to be made and rounded in accordance with Condition 7(d) (*Application of Changes*).

(c) **Changes in Circumstances Affecting the Index:**

- (i) **Change in base:** If at any time and from time to time the Index is changed by the substitution of a new base therefor, then with effect from the calendar month from and including that in which such substitution takes effect: (A) the definition of “Index” and “Index Figure” in Condition 7(a) (*Definitions*) shall be deemed to refer to the new date or month; and (B) the new Base Index Figure shall be the product of the existing Base Index Figure and the Index Figure immediately following such substitution, divided by the Index Figure immediately prior to such substitution.
- (ii) **Delay in publication of Index:** If the Index Figure relating to any month (the “**Relevant Month**”) which is required to be taken account for the purposes of the determination of the Index Figure applicable for any date is not published on or before the 14th business day before the date on which any payment of interest or principal on the Bonds is due (the “**date for payment**”), the Index Figure relating to the Relevant Month shall be: (A) such substitute index figure (if any) as the Indexation Adviser considers to have been published by Statistics Sweden or the Government of Sweden (or such other body designated by the Swedish Government for such purpose) for the purposes of indexation of payments by reference to CPI or, failing such publication, on any one or more issues of index-linked treasury stock selected by an Indexation Adviser (and approved by the Bond Trustee); or (B) if no such determination is made by such Indexation Adviser within seven days, the Index Figure last published (or, if later, the substitute index figure last determined pursuant to Condition 7(c)(i) (*Change in base*)) before the date for payment.

(d) **Application of Changes:** Where the provisions of Condition 7(c)(ii) (*Delay in publication of Index*) apply, the determination of the Indexation Adviser as to the Index Figure applicable to the month in which the date for payment falls shall be conclusive and binding. If, an Index Figure having been applied pursuant to Condition 7(c)(ii)(B) (*Delay in publication of Index*), the Index Figure relating to the Relevant Month is subsequently published while a Bond is still outstanding, then:

- (i) in relation to a payment of principal or interest in respect of such Bond other than upon final redemption of such Bond, the principal or interest (as the case may be) next payable after the date of such subsequent publication shall be increased or reduced by an amount equal to (respectively) the shortfall or excess of the amount of the relevant payment made on the basis of the Index Figure applicable by virtue of Condition 7(c)(ii)(B) (*Delay in publication of Index*), below or above the amount of the relevant payment that would have been due if the Index Figure subsequently published had been published on or before the 14th Business Day before the date for payment; and
- (ii) in relation to a payment of principal or interest upon final redemption, no subsequent adjustment to amounts paid will be made.

(e) **Cessation of or Fundamental Changes to the Index:**

- (i) If: (A) the Bond Trustee has been notified by the Calculation Agent that the Index has ceased to be published; or (B) any change is made to the coverage or the basic calculation of the Index which constitutes a fundamental change which would, in the opinion of the Bond Trustee acting solely on the advice of an Indexation Adviser, be materially

prejudicial to the interests of the Bondholders, the Bond Trustee will give written notice of such occurrence to the Issuer, and the Issuer and the Bond Trustee (acting on the advice of the Indexation Adviser) together shall seek to agree for the purpose of the Bonds one or more adjustments to the Index or a substitute index (with or without adjustments) with the intention that the same should leave the Issuer and the Bondholders in no better and no worse position than they would have been had the Index not ceased to be published or the relevant fundamental change not been made.

- (ii) If the Issuer and the Bond Trustee fail to reach agreement as mentioned above within 20 Business Days following the giving of notice as mentioned in Condition 7(e)(i) above, a bank or other person in London shall be appointed by the Issuer (and approved by the Bond Trustee) or, failing agreement on and the making of such appointment within 20 Business Days following the expiry of the day period referred to above, by the Indexation Adviser (in each case, such bank or other person so appointed being referred to as the “**Expert**”), to determine for the purpose of the Bonds one or more adjustments to the Index or a substitute index (with or without adjustments) with the intention that the same should leave the Issuer and the Bondholders in no better and no worse position than they would have been had the Index not ceased to be published or the relevant fundamental change not been made. Any Expert so appointed shall act as an expert and not as an arbitrator and all fees, costs and expenses of the Expert and of any Indexation Adviser and of any of the Issuer and the Bond Trustee in connection with such appointment shall be borne by the Issuer.
- (iii) If any payment in respect of the Bonds is due to be made after the cessation or changes referred to in Condition 7(e)(i) above but before any such adjustment to, or replacement of, the Index takes effect, the Issuer shall (if the Index Figure applicable (or deemed applicable) to the Relevant Month is not available in accordance with the provisions of Condition 7(c)(i) (*Change in base*) above) make a provisional payment on the basis that the Index Figure applicable to the month in which such payment is due to be made is the Index Figure last published. In that event, or in the event of any payment (also referred to below as a provisional payment) on the Bonds having been made on the basis of an Index applicable under Condition 7(c)(ii) (*Delay in publication of Index*) and the Issuer (acting solely on the advice of an Indexation Adviser) subsequently determining that the relevant circumstances fall within this Condition 7(e) (*Cessation of or Fundamental Changes to the Index*), then:
  - (a) in relation to a payment of principal or interest in respect of the Bonds other than upon final redemption of such Bond, if the sum which would have been payable if such adjustment of substitute index had been in effect on the due date for such payment is greater or less than the amount of such provisional payment, the Interest Amount payable on the Bonds on the Interest Payment Date next succeeding the date on which such adjustment or substitute index becomes effective shall be increased or reduced to reflect the amount by which such provisional payment fell short of, or (as the case may be) exceeded, the sum which would have been paid on the Bonds if such adjustment or substituted index had been in effect on that date; or
  - (b) in relation to a payment of principal or interest upon final redemption, no subsequent adjustment to amounts paid will be made.
- (iv) The Index shall be adjusted or replaced by a substitute index as agreed by the Issuer and the Bond Trustee (acting on the advice of the Indexation Adviser) or as determined by the

Expert pursuant to the foregoing paragraphs, as the case may be, and references in these Conditions to the Index and to any Index Figure shall be deemed amended in such manner as the Bond Trustee (acting on the advice of the Indexation Adviser) and the Issuer agree are appropriate to give effect to such adjustment or replacement. Such amendments shall be effective from the date of such notification and binding upon the Issuer, the other Secured Creditors, the Bond Trustee and the Bondholders, and the Issuer shall give notice to the Bondholders in accordance with Condition 19 (*Notices*) of such amendments as promptly as practicable following such notification.

## **8 Redemption, Purchase and Options**

### **(a) Redemption by Instalments and Final Redemption:**

- (i) Unless previously redeemed, or purchased and cancelled as provided in this Condition 8, each Bond that provides for Instalment Dates and Instalment Amounts shall be partially redeemed on each Instalment Date at the related Instalment Amount specified hereon. The outstanding nominal amount of each such Bond shall be reduced by the Instalment Amount (or, if such Instalment Amount is calculated by reference to a proportion of the nominal amount of such Bond, such proportion) for all purposes with effect from the related Instalment Date, unless payment of the Instalment Amount is improperly withheld or refused, in which case, such amount shall remain outstanding until the Relevant Date relating to such Instalment Amount.
- (ii) Unless previously redeemed, purchased and cancelled as provided below, each Bond shall be finally redeemed on the Maturity Date specified hereon at its Final Redemption Amount (which, unless otherwise provided hereon, is its nominal amount) or, in the case of a Bond falling within paragraph (i) above, its final Instalment Amount.
- (iii) In the case of principal on Class B Bonds only, if on any date, prior to the taking of Enforcement Action, on which such Bond is to be redeemed (in whole or in part) there are insufficient funds available to the Issuer to pay such principal, the Issuer's liability to pay such principal will be treated as not having fallen due and will be deferred until the earliest of (i) the next following Interest Payment Date on which the Issuer has, in accordance with the cash management provisions of Schedule 8 (*Cash Management*) of the CTA, sufficient funds to pay such deferred amounts (including any interest accrued thereon); (ii) the date on which all Class A Debt has been paid in full and (iii) an acceleration of and enforcement of rights by the Secured Creditors (other than a Permitted Hedge Termination) and in the case of a Permitted Share Pledge Acceleration only to the extent that there would be sufficient funds available in accordance with the Post-Enforcement Priority of Payments to pay such deferred principal (including any accrued interest thereon). Interest will accrue on such deferred principal at the rate otherwise payable on unpaid principal of such Class B Bonds.

### **(b) Early Redemption:**

The Early Redemption Amount payable in respect of any Bond, upon redemption of such Bond pursuant to Condition 8(e) (*Redemption at the option of the Issuer*) or upon it becoming due and payable as provided in Condition 12 (*Events of Default*), shall be the Final Redemption Amount unless otherwise specified hereon. The Early Redemption Amount payable in respect of any Bond, upon redemption of such Bond pursuant to Condition 8(d) (*Redemption for Taxation Reasons*) shall be the Principal Amount Outstanding plus accrued but unpaid interest.

- (c) **Redemption for Index Events:** Upon the occurrence of any Index Event (as defined below), the Issuer may, upon giving not more than 15 nor less than five Business Days' written notice to the Bond Trustee, the Security Trustee, the other Secured Creditors and the holders of the Index-Linked Bonds in accordance with Condition 19 (*Notices*), redeem all (but not some only) of the Index-Linked Bonds of all Sub-Classes on any Interest Payment Date at the Principal Amount Outstanding (adjusted in accordance with Condition 7(b) (*Application of the Index Ratio*)) plus accrued but unpaid interest. No single Sub-Class of Index-Linked Bonds may be redeemed in these circumstances unless all the other Classes and Sub-Classes of Index-Linked Bonds linked to the same underlying Index are also redeemed at the same time. Before giving any such notice, the Issuer shall provide to the Bond Trustee, the Security Trustee and the other Secured Creditors a certificate signed by an Authorised Signatory: (i) stating that the Issuer is entitled to effect such redemption and setting forth a statement of facts showing that the conditions precedent to the right of the Issuer so to redeem have occurred; and (ii) confirming that the Issuer will have sufficient funds on such Interest Payment Date to effect such redemption including all amounts payable in priority thereto in accordance with the Pre-Enforcement Priority of Payments.

“**Index Event**” means: (i) if the Index Figure for three consecutive months falls to be determined on the basis of an Index Figure previously published as provided in Condition 7(c)(ii) (*Delay in publication of Index*) and the Bond Trustee and the Issuer have been notified by the relevant Calculation Agent (to be appointed at the time of issuance by the Issuer of an Index-Linked Bond) that publication of the Index has ceased; or (ii) notice is published by Statistics Sweden, or on its behalf, following a change in relation to the Index, and no amendment or substitution of the Index has been advised by the Indexation Adviser to the Issuer and such circumstances are continuing.

- (d) **Redemption for Taxation Reasons:** The Bonds may be redeemed at the option of the Issuer in whole, but not in part, on any Interest Payment Date (if this Bond is either a Floating Rate Bond or an Index-Linked Bond) or at any time (if this Bond is neither a Floating Rate Bond nor an Index-Linked Bond), on giving not less than five Business Days' nor more than 15 Business Days' notice to the Bondholders, in accordance with Condition 19 (*Notices*) (which notice shall be irrevocable), at their Early Redemption Amount (as described in Condition 8(b) (*Early Redemption*) above), if: (i) (a) the Issuer certifies to the Bond Trustee (upon which certificate the Bond Trustee shall rely absolutely and without enquiry or liability) immediately before the giving of such notice that: (A) it has or will become obliged to deduct or withhold from any payment of interest or principal in respect of the Bonds as described under Condition 10 (*Taxation*); or (B) it or a Hedge Counterparty has or will become obliged to deduct or withhold from any payment in respect of Hedging Agreement, as a result of any change in, or amendment to, the laws or regulations of Sweden or any political subdivision or, in each case, any authority thereof or therein having power to tax, or any change in the application or official interpretation of such laws or regulations, which change or amendment becomes effective on or after the date on which agreement is reached to issue the first Tranche of the Bonds; and (ii) such obligation cannot be avoided by the Issuer taking reasonable measures available to it, provided that no such notice of redemption shall be given earlier than 90 days prior to the earliest date on which the Issuer would be obliged to pay such additional amounts were a payment in respect of the Bonds then due. Prior to the publication of any notice of redemption pursuant to this Condition 8(d) (*Redemption for Taxation Reasons*), the Issuer shall deliver to the Bond Trustee a certificate signed by two Directors of the Issuer stating that the Issuer is entitled to effect such redemption and setting forth a statement of facts showing that the conditions precedent to the right of the Issuer to so redeem has occurred (together with evidence satisfactory to the Bond Trustee that such conditions have been satisfied, including such opinions as the Bond Trustee may require) and the Bond Trustee



shall be entitled to accept such certificate as sufficient evidence of the satisfaction of the condition precedent set out in (ii) above, in which event, it shall be conclusive and binding on Bondholders and Coupon holders.

(e) **Redemption at the Option of the Issuer:**

- (i) **Optional Redemption Residual Call:** If Residual Call is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms and, at any time, the outstanding aggregate nominal amount of the Bonds is 20 per cent. or less of the aggregate nominal amount of the Series issued, the Issuer may, having given not less than 10 days' nor more than 60 days' written notice to the Bond Trustee and the relevant Bondholders in accordance with Condition 19 (*Notices*) (which notice shall be irrevocable and shall specify the date fixed for redemption (the "**Residual Call Redemption Date**") and the applicable Record Date), redeem the Bonds in whole, but not in part, at any time (if the Floating Rate Bond Provisions are specified in the relevant Final Terms as not being applicable) or on any Interest Payment Date (if the Floating Rate Bond Provisions are specified in the relevant Final Terms), at the Residual Call Early Redemption Amount (as specified in the applicable Final Terms) together, if appropriate, with interest accrued to (but excluding) the date of redemption.
- (ii) **Optional Redemption Par Call:** If Par Call is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer may, having given not less than 10 days' nor more than 60 days' written notice to the Bond Trustee and the relevant Bondholders in accordance with Condition 19 (*Notices*) (which notice shall be irrevocable and shall specify the date fixed for redemption (the "**Par Call Redemption Date**") and the applicable Record Date), redeem the Bonds in whole, but not in part, at any time (if the Floating Rate Bond Provisions are specified in the relevant Final Terms as not being applicable) or on any Interest Payment Date (if the Floating Rate Bond Provisions are specified in the relevant Final Terms) during the period commencing on (and including) the day that is specified in the applicable Final Terms (the "**Par Call Period Commencement Date**") to (but excluding) the Final Maturity Date, at the Principal Amount Outstanding together, if appropriate, with interest accrued to (but excluding) the Par Call Redemption Date.
- (iii) If Make-Whole is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer may, having given not less than 10 days' nor more than 60 days' written notice to the Bond Trustee and the relevant Bondholders in accordance with Condition 19 (*Notices*) (which notice shall be irrevocable and shall specify the date fixed for redemption the "**Optional Make-Whole Redemption Date**" and the applicable Record Date), redeem all or (if redemption in part is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms) some only of the Bonds then outstanding on any Optional Make-Whole Redemption Date at the Make-Whole Redemption Amount:

In this Condition 8(e)(iii) "**Make-Whole Redemption Amount**" means:

- (i) If Issuer Call and Make-Whole are both specified in the applicable Final Terms then this Condition 8(e)(iii) shall apply and the Make-Whole Redemption Amount shall be (A) the outstanding principal amount of the relevant Bond or, (B) if higher, the Optional Redemption Amount in respect of any Optional Redemption Date which is specified as being an amount per Calculation Amount equal to 100 per cent. of the principal amount of the relevant Bond, the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest to the first such Optional Redemption Date (assuming the Bonds to be redeemed in full on such date), as specified in the applicable Final Terms) on the Bonds to be redeemed

(not including any portion of such payments of interest accrued to the date of redemption) discounted to the Optional Make-Whole Redemption Date on an annual basis at the Reference Rate plus the Redemption Margin specified in the applicable Final Terms, or

- (ii) If (i) Issuer Call is not specified in the applicable Final Terms and Make-Whole Redemption Amount is specified in the Final Terms; or (ii) Issuer Call is specified and the Make-Whole Redemption Amount is specified in the applicable Final Terms but the Optional Make-Whole Redemption Date falls after the Optional Redemption Date specified in the applicable Final Terms: (A) the outstanding principal amount of the relevant Bond or (B) if higher, the sum, as determined by the Investment Adviser, of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest to maturity on the Bonds to be redeemed (not including any portion of such payments of interest accrued to the date of redemption) discounted to maturity on the Bonds to be redeemed on an annual basis at the Reference Rate plus the Redemption Margin specified in the applicable Final Terms, where:

**“IA Selected Bond”** means a government security or securities (which, if the Specified Currency is euro, will be a German *Bundesobligationen*) selected by the Investment Adviser as having a maturity comparable to the remaining term of the Bonds to be redeemed that would be utilised, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities of comparable maturity to the remaining term of such Bonds;

**“Investment Adviser”** means an internationally recognised investment bank or financial adviser appointed by the Issuer;

**“Reference Bond”** means (A) if IA Selected Bond is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the relevant IA Selected Bond or (B) if IA Selected Bond is not specified in the applicable Final Terms, the security specified in the applicable Final Terms, provided that if the Investment Adviser advises the Issuer that, for reasons of illiquidity or otherwise, the relevant security specified is not appropriate for such purpose, such other central bank or government security as the Investment Adviser may, with the advice of Reference Market Makers, determined to be appropriate;

**“Reference Bond Price”** means (i) the average of five Reference Market Maker Quotations for the relevant Make-Whole Redemption Date, after excluding the highest and lowest Reference Market Maker Quotations, (ii) if the Investment Adviser obtains fewer than five, but more than one, such Reference Market Maker Quotations, the average of all such quotations, or (iii) if only one such Reference Market Maker Quotation is obtained, the amount of the Reference Market Maker Quotation so obtained;

**“Reference Market Maker Quotations”** means, with respect to each Reference Market Maker and any Make-whole Redemption Date, the average, as determined by the Investment Adviser, of the bid and asked prices for the Reference Bond (expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount) quoted in writing to the Investment Adviser at the Quotation Time specified in the applicable Final Terms on the Determination Date specified in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Reference Market Makers”** means five brokers or market makers of securities such as the Reference Bond selected by the Issuer or such other five persons operating in the market for securities such as the Reference Bond as are selected by the Issuer; and

**“Reference Rate”** means, with respect to any Make-Whole Redemption Date, the rate per annum equal to the equivalent yield to maturity of the Reference Bond, calculated using a price for the Reference Bond (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the Reference Bond Price for such Make-whole Redemption Date. The Reference Rate will be calculated by the Investment Adviser on the Determination Date specified in the applicable Final Terms.

In this Condition 8(e):

**“Reference Date”** means the date which is three Business Days prior to the dispatch of the notice of redemption under this Condition 8(e).

**“Relevant Date”** means the date on which such payment first becomes due, except that, if the full amount of monies payable has not been received by the Bond Trustee on or prior to such due date, it means the date on which the full amount of monies having been so received, notice to that effect is duly given to the Bondholders in accordance with Condition 19 (*Notices*).

**Purchases:** Each of the Issuer, and the Guarantor may at any time purchase Bonds (provided that all unmatured Receipts and Coupons and unexchanged Talons relating thereto are attached thereto or surrendered therewith) in the open market or otherwise at any price. Any such Bonds held by the Issuer or the Guarantor will be excluded from the definition of “Outstanding Principal Amount” for the purpose of voting under any STID Proposal.

**Cancellation:** All Bonds purchased by or on behalf of the Issuer and the Guarantor shall be surrendered for cancellation, in the case of Bearer Bonds, by surrendering each such Bond together with all unmatured Receipts and Coupons and all unexchanged Talons to the Issuing and Paying Agent and, in the case of Registered Bonds, by surrendering the Certificate representing such Bonds to the Registrar and, in each case, if so surrendered, shall, together with all Bonds redeemed by the Issuer, be cancelled forthwith (together with all unmatured Receipts and Coupons and unexchanged Talons attached thereto or surrendered therewith). Any Bonds so surrendered for cancellation may not be reissued or resold and the obligations of the Issuer and the Guarantor in respect of any such Bonds shall be discharged.

## 9 Payments and Talons

- (a) **Bearer Bonds:** Payments of principal and interest in respect of Bearer Bonds shall, subject as mentioned below, be made against presentation and surrender of the relevant Receipts (in the case of payments of Instalment Amounts other than on the due date for redemption and provided that the Receipt is presented for payment together with its relative Bond), Bonds (in the case of all other payments of principal and, in the case of interest, as specified in Condition 9(f)(vi)) or Coupons (in the case of interest, save as specified in Condition 9(f)(ii)), as the case may be, at the specified office of any Paying Agent outside the United States by transfer to an account denominated in such currency with, a Bank. **“Bank”** means a bank in the principal financial centre for such currency or, in the case of euro, in a city in which banks have access to T2.
- (b) **Registered Bonds:**
  - (i) Payments of principal (which for the purposes of this Condition 9(b) shall include final Instalment Amounts but not other Instalment Amounts) in respect of Registered Bonds shall be made against presentation and surrender of the relevant Certificates at the specified office of any of the Transfer Agents or of the Registrar and in the manner provided in paragraph (ii) below.

- (ii) Interest (which for the purpose of this Condition 9(b) shall include all Instalment Amounts other than final Instalment Amounts) on Registered Bonds shall be paid to the person shown on the Register at the close of business Clearing System Business Day immediately prior to the date of payment (the “**Record Date**”). Payments of interest on each Registered Bond shall be made in the relevant currency upon application by the holder to the specified office of the Registrar or any Transfer Agent before the Record Date, and shall be made by transfer to an account in the relevant currency maintained by the payee with a Bank.

In this Condition 9(b):

“**Clearing System Business Day**” means Monday to Friday inclusive, except 25 December and 1 January of any year.

- (c) **Payments in the United States:** Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any Bearer Bonds are denominated in U.S. dollars, payments in respect thereof may be made at the specified office of any Paying Agent in New York City in the same manner as aforesaid if (i) the Issuer shall have appointed Paying Agents with specified offices outside the United States with the reasonable expectation that such Paying Agents would be able to make payment of the amounts on the Bonds in the manner provided above when due, (ii) payment in full of such amounts at all such offices is illegal or effectively precluded by exchange controls or other similar restrictions on payment or receipt of such amounts and (iii) such payment is then permitted by United States law, without involving, in the opinion of the Issuer, any adverse tax consequence to the Issuer.
- (d) **Payments subject to Laws:** All payments are subject in all cases to any applicable fiscal or other laws, regulations and directives in the place of payment, but without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 10 (*Taxation*). No commission or expenses shall be charged to the Bondholders or Couponholders in respect of such payments.
- (e) **Appointment of Agents:** The Issuing and Paying Agent, the Paying Agents, the Registrar, the Transfer Agents and the Calculation Agent initially appointed by the Issuer and the Guarantor and their respective specified offices are listed below. The Issuing and Paying Agent, the Paying Agents, the Registrar, the Transfer Agents and the Calculation Agent act solely as agents of the Issuer and the Guarantor and do not assume any obligation or relationship of agency or trust for or with any Bondholder or Couponholder. The Issuer and the Guarantor reserves the right at any time with the approval of the Bond Trustee to vary or terminate the appointment of the Issuing and Paying Agent, any other Paying Agent, the Registrar, any Transfer Agent or the Calculation Agent(s) and to appoint additional or other Paying Agents or Transfer Agents, provided that the Issuer shall at all times maintain (i) an Issuing and Paying Agent, (ii) a Registrar in relation to Registered Bonds, (iii) a Transfer Agent in relation to Registered Bonds, (iv) one or more Calculation Agent(s) where the Conditions so require, (v) Paying Agents having specified offices in at least two major European cities and (vi) such other agents as may be required by any other stock exchange on which the Bonds may be listed in each case, as approved by the Bond Trustee.

In addition, the Issuer and the Guarantor shall forthwith appoint a Paying Agent in New York City in respect of any Bearer Bonds denominated in U.S. dollars in the circumstances described in Condition 9(c) (*Payments in the United States*) above.

Notice of any such change or any change of any specified office shall promptly be given to the Bondholders.

- (f) **Unmatured Coupons and Receipts and unexchanged Talons:**

- (i) Upon the due date for redemption of Bearer Bonds which comprise Fixed Rate Bonds (other than Index-Linked Bonds), such Bonds should be surrendered for payment together with all unmatured Coupons (if any) relating thereto, failing which an amount equal to the face value of each missing unmatured Coupon (or, in the case of payment not being made in full, that proportion of the amount of such missing unmatured Coupon that the sum of principal so paid bears to the total principal due) shall be deducted from the Final Redemption Amount, Early Redemption Amount or Optional Redemption Amount, as the case may be, due for payment. Any amount so deducted shall be paid in the manner mentioned above against surrender of such missing Coupon within a period of 10 years from the Relevant Date for the payment of such principal (whether or not such Coupon has become void pursuant to Condition 11 (*Prescription*)).
- (ii) Upon the due date for redemption of any Bearer Bond comprising a Floating Rate Bond or Index-Linked Bond, unmatured Coupons relating to such Bond (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment shall be made in respect of them.
- (iii) Upon the due date for redemption of any Bearer Bond, any unexchanged Talon relating to such Bond (whether or not attached) shall become void and no Coupon shall be delivered in respect of such Talon.
- (iv) Upon the due date for redemption of any Bearer Bond that is redeemable in instalments, all Receipts relating to such Bond having an Instalment Date falling on or after such due date (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment shall be made in respect of them.
- (v) Where any Bearer Bond that provides that the relative unmatured Coupons are to become void upon the due date for redemption of those Bonds is presented for redemption without all unmatured Coupons, and where any Bearer Bond is presented for redemption without any unexchanged Talon relating to it, redemption shall be made only against the provision of such indemnity as the Issuer may require.
- (vi) If the due date for redemption of any Bond is not a due date for payment of interest, interest accrued from the preceding due date for payment of interest or the Interest Commencement Date, as the case may be, shall only be payable against presentation (and surrender if appropriate) of the relevant Bearer Bond or Certificate representing it, as the case may be. Interest accrued on a Bond that only bears interest after its Maturity Date shall be payable on redemption of such Bond against presentation of the relevant Bond or Certificate representing it, as the case may be.
- (g) **Talons:** On or after the Interest Payment Date for the final Coupon forming part of a Coupon sheet issued in respect of any Bearer Bond, the Talon forming part of such Coupon sheet may be surrendered at the specified office of the Issuing and Paying Agent in exchange for a further Coupon sheet (and if necessary another Talon for a further Coupon sheet) (but excluding any Coupons that may have become void pursuant to Condition 11 (*Prescription*)).
- (h) **Non-Business Days:** If any date for payment in respect of any Bond, Receipt or Coupon is not a business day, the holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following business day nor to any interest or other sum in respect of such postponed payment. In this paragraph, “**business day**” means a day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) on which banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business in the relevant place of presentation, in such jurisdictions as shall be specified as “**Financial Centres**” hereon and:

- (i) (in the case of a payment in a currency other than euro) where payment is to be made by transfer to an account maintained with a bank in the relevant currency, on which foreign exchange transactions may be carried on in the relevant currency in the principal financial centre of the country of such currency or
- (ii) (in the case of a payment in euro) which is a TARGET Business Day.

## 10 Taxation

All amounts payable (whether in respect of principal, redemption amount, interest or otherwise) in respect of the Bonds will be made free and clear of and without withholding or deduction for, or on account of, any present or future taxes or duties of whatever nature imposed or levied by or on behalf of Sweden or any political subdivision thereof or any authority or agency therein or thereof having power to tax, unless the withholding or deduction of such taxes or duties is required by law. In that event, the Issuer or as the case may be, the Guarantor will pay such additional amounts as may be necessary in order that the net amounts receivable by the Bondholders after such withholding or deduction shall equal the respective amounts which would have been receivable in respect of the Bonds in the absence of such withholding or deduction; except that no such additional amounts shall be payable with respect to payment in respect of any Bond:

- (i) the holder of which is liable for such taxes or duties in respect of such Bond by reason of such Bondholders having some connection with Sweden other than the mere holding of such Bond;
- (ii) presented for payment more than thirty days after the Relevant Date, except to the extent that the relevant Bondholder would have been entitled to such additional amounts on presenting the same for payment on the expiry of such period of thirty days; or
- (iii) by or on behalf of, a Bondholder who would not be liable or subject to the withholding or deduction by making a declaration of non-residence or other similar claim for exemption to the relevant tax authority; or
- (iv) any taxes which give rise to a tax credit that may be effectively used by the Bondholder.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these terms and conditions, any amounts to be paid on the Bonds by or on behalf of the Issuer and/or the Guarantor will be paid net of any deduction or withholding imposed or required pursuant to an agreement described in Section 1471(b) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the “**Code**”), or otherwise imposed pursuant to Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code (or any regulations thereunder or official interpretations thereof) or an intergovernmental agreement between the United States and another jurisdiction facilitating the implementation thereof (or any fiscal or regulatory legislation, rules or practices implementing such an intergovernmental agreement) (any such withholding or deduction, a “**FATCA Withholding**”). None of the Issuer, the Guarantor nor any other person will be required to pay any additional amounts in respect of FATCA Withholding.

Any reference in these Conditions to principal, redemption amount and/or interest in respect of the Bonds shall be deemed also to refer to any additional amounts which may be payable under this Condition or any undertaking given in addition thereto or in substitution therefore.

## 11 Prescription

Claims against the Issuer and/or the Guarantor for payment in respect of the Bonds, Receipts and Coupons (which, for this purpose, shall not include Talons) shall be prescribed and become void unless made within 10 years (in the case of principal) or five years (in the case of interest) from the appropriate Relevant Date in respect of them.

## 12 Events of Default

The Events of Default will be set out in Schedule 4 (*Events of Default*) to the CTA.

Upon the Issuer becoming aware of the occurrence of an Event of Default, the Issuer will immediately notify the Security Trustee of that occurrence and of any steps being taken to remedy the same.

During an Enforcement Period, the whole of the Security shall become enforceable by the Security Trustee in accordance with the STID.

Upon the service of an Acceleration Notice by the Security Trustee in accordance with the STID, the Bond Trustee may at any time (in accordance with the provisions of the Bond Trust Deed and the STID) and shall upon the Bond Trustee being so directed or requested (i) by an Extraordinary Resolution (as defined in the Bond Trust Deed) of holders of the relevant Sub-Classes of Class A Bonds or, if there are no Class A Bonds outstanding, the Class B Bonds or (ii) in writing by holders of at least one fifth in outstanding nominal amount of the relevant Sub-Classes of Class A Bonds, or if there are no Class A Bonds outstanding, the Class B Bonds and subject, in each case, to being indemnified and/or secured and/or prefunded to its satisfaction against all fees, costs, expenses, liabilities, claims and demands to which it may thereby become liable or which it may incur by so doing, and without further notice take such proceedings or other steps as it may think fit against the Issuer and enforce repayment of the Bonds at their Early Redemption Amount together (if applicable) with interest.

## 13 Meetings of Bondholders, Modification, Waiver and Substitution

### (a) Meeting and Voting of Bondholders:

If the procedures of the relevant clearing systems through which the Bonds are cleared and/or relevant applicable laws and/or regulations permit the use of direct voting mechanics (as described below), no physical meetings will be required in respect of any Voting Matter and a Bondholder may only Vote in respect of any Voting Matter by means of a Block Voting Instruction. However, the Bond Trustee may, without the consent of the Issuer or the Bondholders, prescribe such further regulations regarding voting by the Bondholders in respect of all Voting Matters except STID Proposals (as defined below) as the Bond Trustee may in its sole discretion think fit, including the calling of one or more meetings of Bondholders in order to approve any resolution to be put to the Bondholders where the Bond Trustee, in its sole discretion, considers it to be appropriate to hold a meeting.

In respect of any STID Proposal and in accordance with the Trust Deed:

- (i) The holders of Class A Bonds, or if there are no Class A Bonds outstanding, the holders of Class B Bonds (the “**Qualifying Bondholders**”) may only vote on such STID Proposal by Electronic Consent or by having its Vote included in a Block Voting Instruction and each Qualifying Bondholder shall have one Vote in respect of each €1 (or its equivalent expressed in Euro on the basis of the Exchange Rate) of the Outstanding Principal Amount of Bonds held or represented by it;
- (ii) provided Electronic Consent is not applicable, each Qualifying Bondholder must vote on or prior to the time specified by the Issuing and Paying Agent or, as the case may be, the Registrar and/or relevant clearing system in order to enable the Issuing and Paying Agent or, as the case may be, a Paying Agent or the Registrar to issue a Block Voting Instruction on the Voting Date, provided that if a Qualifying Bondholder does not vote in sufficient time to allow the Issuing and Paying Agent, or, as the case may be, a Paying Agent or the

Registrar to issue a Block Voting Instruction in respect of its Bonds prior to the end of the Voting Period, the Votes of such Qualifying Bondholder may not be counted;

- (iii) in respect of such STID Proposal, the Bond Trustee shall vote as the Secured Creditor Representative of the Bondholders in respect of each Sub-Class or Class of Bonds then outstanding by notifying the Security Trustee and the Issuer, in accordance with the STID promptly following the receipt by it of such Votes (and in any case not later than the Business Day following receipt of each such Vote), of each Vote comprised in a Block Voting Instruction received by it from a Paying Agent or the Registrar on or prior to the Voting Date (or, if earlier the relevant Voting Closure Date); and
- (iv) any such STID Proposal duly approved by the Qualifying Secured Creditors in accordance with the STID shall be binding on all Bondholders, Receiptholders and Couponholders (subject as provided in the STID). The Issuer shall, following receipt by the Issuer of the result of any vote in respect of such STID Proposal, promptly notify the Bondholders in accordance with Condition 19 (Notices).

In respect of a STID Proposal that gives rise to an Entrenched Right in respect of which the Bondholders are an Affected Secured Creditor (an “**Entrenched Right STID Proposal**”) and any Voting Matter which is not a STID Proposal (an “**Other Voting Matter**”):

- (i) the Issuer or the Bond Trustee may at any time, and the Bond Trustee must, subject to its being indemnified and/or secured and/or prefunded to its satisfaction, if (a) it receives an Entrenched Right STID Proposal; or (b) directed to do so by Bondholders representing not less than 10 per cent. of the Principal Amount Outstanding of the Bonds, request that such Voting Matter be considered by the Bondholders. The Issuer or the Bond Trustee shall send a notice (a “**Voting Notice**”) to the Bondholders of each affected Tranche of Bonds, specifying the Voting Date (which shall initially be set with at least 14 clear days’ notice) and Voting Matter(s) including the terms of any resolution to be proposed;
- (ii) each Bondholder shall have one Vote in respect of each €1 (or its equivalent expressed in Euro on the basis of the Exchange Rate) of Principal Amount Outstanding of the Bonds held or represented by it;
- (iii) each Bondholder must vote prior to the close of business (London time) 48 hours prior to the Voting Date so that his Votes can be included in a Block Voting Instruction which needs to be deposited at least 24 hours before the Voting Date; and
- (iv) on or before the Business Day immediately preceding the last day of the Decision Period, the Bond Trustee shall notify the Issuer and the Security Trustee in writing of whether or not the holders of each affected Sub-Class or Class of Bonds then outstanding have passed an Extraordinary Resolution approving the relevant Entrenched Right STID Proposal.

In order for an Extraordinary Resolution to be approved by the Bondholders (subject as provided below), two or more Bondholders representing 50 per cent. or more of the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of the Bonds for the time being outstanding, who for the time being are entitled to receive notice of an Other Voting Matter, need to participate in any initial Vote, provided that in respect of any Voting Matter the business of which includes any of the following matters (each of which, a “**Basic Terms Modification**” and which shall only be capable of being effected after having been approved by an Extraordinary Resolution) namely:

- (i) to amend the dates of maturity or redemption of the Bonds, any Instalment Date or any date for payment of interest or Interest Amounts on the Bonds;



- (ii) to reduce or cancel the nominal amount of, or any Instalment Amount of, or any premium payable on redemption of, the Bonds;
- (iii) to reduce the rate or rates of interest in respect of the Bonds or to vary the method or basis of calculating the rate or rates or amount of interest or the basis for calculating any Interest Amount in respect of the Bonds;
- (iv) if a Minimum and/or a Maximum Rate of Interest, Instalment Amount or Redemption Amount is shown hereon, to reduce any such Minimum and/or Maximum;
- (v) to vary any method of, or basis for, calculating the Final Redemption Amount, the Early Redemption Amount or the Optional Redemption Amount;
- (vi) to vary the currency or currencies of payment or denomination of the Bonds;
- (vii) to modify the provisions concerning the quorum required at any meeting of Bondholders or the majority required to pass the Extraordinary Resolution; or
- (viii) any modification to this definition,

two or more Bondholders representing 75 per cent. or more of the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of Bonds for the time being outstanding, who, for the time being are entitled to receive notice of such an Other Voting Matter, need to participate in any initial Vote.

The above percentage requirements of Bondholders who need to participate in a particular Other Voting Matter are referred to herein as the Extraordinary Quorum Requirements.

If, on a Voting Date, the Extraordinary Quorum Requirements are not satisfied for the transaction of any particular business then, subject and without prejudice to the transaction of the business (if any) for which the Extraordinary Quorum Requirements are satisfied, such Voting Date shall be postponed to the same day in the next week (or if such day is a public holiday the next succeeding business day) (an “**Adjourned Voting Date**”) except where an Extraordinary Resolution is to be proposed in which case the Adjourned Voting Date shall be a day (being a business day) during the period, being not less than seven clear days nor more than 14 clear days, subsequent to such Voting Date, and approved by the Bond Trustee. On any Adjourned Voting Date, one or more Votes (whatever the Principal Amount Outstanding of the Bonds then outstanding so held or represented by them) shall (subject as provided below) form a quorum and shall have the power to pass any Extraordinary Resolution or Ordinary Resolution and to decide upon all matters which could properly have been dealt with through the original Vote had the requisite Extraordinary Quorum Requirements been met, provided that on any Adjourned Voting Date the Extraordinary Quorum Requirements for the transaction of business comprising any of the matters specified to be a Basic Terms Modification shall be two or more Qualifying Bondholders representing at least 25 per cent. of the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of the Bonds for the time being outstanding, who for the time being are entitled to receive notice of an Other Voting Matter, need to participate in such Vote.

Notice of any Adjourned Voting Date at which an Extraordinary Resolution is to be voted upon shall be given in the same manner as a Voting Notice but as if five clear days’ notice were substituted for 14 clear days’ notice discussed above (in respect of an Other Voting Matter) and such notice shall state the relevant quorum.

Any resolution approved by the Bondholders in accordance with the terms hereof shall be binding upon all the Bondholders whether or not voting and upon all relevant Couponholders and each of them shall be bound to give effect thereto accordingly and the approval of any such resolution shall be conclusive evidence that the circumstances justify the approval thereof. Notice of the result of the voting on any

resolution duly approved by the Bondholders shall be published in accordance with Condition 19 (*Notices*) by the Issuing and Paying Agent or the Registrar, as applicable, on behalf of, and at the instruction of, the Issuer within seven days of such result being known, provided that the non-publication of such notice shall not invalidate such result.

If and whenever the Issuer has issued and has outstanding more than one Tranche of Bonds the foregoing provisions of this Condition 13 shall have effect subject to the following modifications:

- (i) a resolution which in the opinion of the Bond Trustee affects only one Tranche of Bonds shall be deemed to have been duly approved if approved through a separate Vote of the holders of that Tranche of Bonds;
- (ii) a resolution which in the opinion of the Bond Trustee affects holders of more than one Tranche of Bonds but does not give rise to a conflict of interest between the holders of any of the Tranches of Bonds so affected shall be deemed to have been duly approved if approved through a separate Vote of the holders of all the Tranches of the Bonds so affected;
- (iii) a resolution which in the opinion of the Bond Trustee affects more than one Tranche of Bonds and gives or may give rise to a conflict of interest between the holders of one Tranche of Bonds so affected and the holders of another Tranche of Bonds shall be deemed to have been duly approved only if approved through separate Votes of the holders of each Tranche of Bonds;
- (iv) in respect of all such approvals all the preceding provisions of this Condition shall apply *mutatis mutandis* as though references therein to Bonds and Bondholders were references to the Tranche of Bonds in question or to the holders of such Tranche of Bonds, as the case may be;
- (v) no Extraordinary Resolution involving a Basic Terms Modification (other than where such Basic Terms Modification is of the kind specified in limb (i) of the definition thereof and where such Basic Terms Modification is passed by the holders of all affected Tranches of Bonds in accordance with (vi)) that is approved by the holders of one Tranche of Bonds shall be effective unless it is sanctioned by an Extraordinary Resolution of the holders of each of the other Tranches of Bonds (to the extent that there are Bonds outstanding in each such other Tranche); and
- (vi) an Extraordinary Resolution involving a Basic Terms Modification of the kind specified in limb (i) of the definition thereof may be approved by the holders of all Tranches of Bonds adversely affected by such Basic Terms Modification (but need not be approved by the holders of Tranches of Bonds which are not affected thereby).

At any time, the Bondholders holding all of the Bonds of any Series (the “**Appointing Bondholders**”) may (provided that such Bondholders establish their holding to the satisfaction of the Bond Trustee (including, without limitation, by blocking their holdings in the relevant Clearing System)), by notice to the Bond Trustee designate a representative (a “**Bondholder Representative**”) to exercise all the rights of the Appointing Bondholders to attend and vote at any meeting of the Bondholders or to vote on any Voting Matter (the “**Representative Rights**”). Such notice (an “**Appointing Notice**”) must: (i) set out the identity and contact details of the Bondholder Representative; and (ii) be signed by the Appointing Bondholders and the Bondholder Representative. Alternatively, the Final Terms in respect of the Bondholders of a particular Series may specify the identity and contact details of the Bondholder Representative in respect of the Bonds of such Series.

The appointment of a Bondholder Representative may be terminated by notice to the Bond Trustee by Bondholders holding at least 25% of the Principal Amount Outstanding of Bonds of the relevant Series (provided that such Bondholders establish their holding to the satisfaction of the Bond Trustee (including, without limitation, by blocking their holdings in the relevant Clearing System)). Following such termination, Bondholders holding at least 75% of the Principal Amount Outstanding of Bonds of the relevant Series may (provided that such Bondholders establish their holding to the satisfaction of the Bond Trustee (including, without limitation, by blocking their holdings in the relevant Clearing System)) by notice to the Bond Trustee (such notice to contain the same information as an Appointing Notice *mutatis mutandis*) appoint a replacement Bondholder Representative in respect of such Series. Any such replacement Bondholder Representative shall be entitled to exercise the Representative Rights of the Bondholders holding all of the Bonds of the relevant Series.

For so long as a Bondholder Representative is appointed, the Bond Trustee shall rely on written instructions provided by the Bondholder Representative as to the exercise the Representative Rights of the Bondholders holding all of the Bonds of the relevant Series. The Bond Trustee shall be entitled to rely on a notice appointing a Bondholder Representative without further enquiry until it receives notice of the termination of the appointment of such Bondholder Representative in accordance with this Condition 13(a).

**(b) Modification, waiver and substitution:**

As set out in the Trust Deed and the STID (and subject to the conditions and qualifications therein), the Bond Trustee may, without the consent of the Bondholders of any Sub-Class or (subject as provided below) any other Secured Creditor, concur with the Issuer or any other relevant parties in making (i) any modification to the Trust Deed, the Conditions, the Bonds, the Receipts, the Coupons or the Finance Documents if in the opinion of the Bond Trustee such modification is made to correct a manifest error or is of a formal, minor or technical nature; or (ii) any modification (other than in respect of a Basic Terms Modification) to the Trust Deed, the Conditions, the Bonds, the Receipts, the Coupons or any Finance Document if the Bond Trustee is of the opinion that such modification is not materially prejudicial to the interests of the Bondholders of that Sub-Class then outstanding provided that to the extent such modification under (ii) above relates to an Entrenched Right, each of the Affected Secured Creditors has given its prior written consent or where any Bondholders are Affected Secured Creditors, the holders of each Tranche of Bonds affected thereby have sanctioned such modification.

The Bond Trustee is authorised to execute and deliver on behalf of the Bondholders all documentation required to implement such modification and such execution by the Bond Trustee shall bind each of the Bondholders of that Sub-Class as if such documentation had been duly executed by it.

As more fully set out in the Trust Deed and the STID (and subject to the conditions and qualifications therein), the Bond Trustee may, without the consent of the Bondholders (subject as provided below) or any other Secured Creditor and without prejudice to its rights in respect of any subsequent breach or Event of Default, from time to time and at any time but only if and insofar as in its opinion the interests of the holders of the Bonds then outstanding will not be materially prejudiced thereby waive or authorise any breach or proposed breach by the Issuer of any of the covenants or provisions contained in the Conditions or any Finance Document (subject always as provided in the STID) or other document to which the Bond Trustee is a party or in respect of which it holds security or determine that any event which would otherwise constitute an Issuer Event of Default shall not be treated as such for the purposes of the Trust Deed, provided that to the extent such event, matter or thing relates to an Entrenched Right, each of the Affected Secured Creditors has given its prior written consent and provided further that the Bond Trustee shall not exercise such powers in contravention of any express direction given by an Extraordinary Resolution or of a request in writing made by holders of not less than one-quarter in

aggregate of the principal amount of the Class A Bonds then outstanding or, if there are no Class A Bonds outstanding, one-quarter in aggregate of the principal amount of the Class B Bonds then outstanding (but no such direction or request shall affect any waiver or authorisation previously given or made) or so as to authorise or waive any such proposed breach or breach relating to any Basic Terms Modification.

As more fully set forth in the Trust Deed (and subject to the conditions and qualifications therein), the Bond Trustee may, without the consent of the Bondholders or any other Secured Creditor, also agree with the Issuer to the substitution of another corporation, being a holding company of the Issuer, any Subsidiary of such holding company or any Subsidiary of the Issuer, in place of the Issuer as principal debtor in respect of the Trust Deed and the Bonds.

## **14 Additional Right of Modification**

Notwithstanding the provisions of Condition 13 (*Meetings of Bondholders, Modification, Waiver and Substitution*), the Bond Trustee shall be obliged, without any consent or sanction of the Bondholders, or, subject to Condition 14.5.3 below, any of the other Secured Creditors, to concur with the Issuer in making any modification (other than in respect of a Basic Terms Modification) to the Conditions or any Finance Document to which it is a party or in relation to which it holds security that the Issuer considers necessary:

14.1 for the purpose of complying with, or implementing or reflecting, any change in the criteria of one or more of the Rating Agencies which may be applicable from time to time, provided that:

14.1.1 the Issuer certifies in writing to the Bond Trustee that such modification is necessary to comply with such criteria or, as the case may be, is solely to implement and reflect such criteria; and

14.1.2 in the case of any modification to a Finance Document proposed by any of the Account Bank, the Cash Manager or any Liquidity Facility Provider in order: (x) to remain eligible to perform its role in such capacity in conformity with such criteria; and/or (y) to avoid taking action which it would otherwise be required to take to enable it to continue performing such role (including, without limitation, posting collateral or advancing funds):

(i) the Account Bank, the Cash Manager or the relevant Liquidity Facility Provider, as the case may be, certifies in writing to the Issuer or the Bond Trustee that such modification is necessary for the purposes described in Condition 14.1.2 (x) and/or (y) above (and in the case of a certification provided to the Issuer, the Issuer shall certify to the Bond Trustee that it has received the same from the Account Bank, the Cash Manager or the relevant Liquidity Facility Provider, as the case may be); and

(ii) either:

(a) the Account Bank, the Cash Manager or the relevant Liquidity Facility Provider, as the case may be, obtains from each of the Rating Agencies written confirmation (or certifies in writing to the Issuer and the Bond Trustee that it has been unable to obtain written confirmation, but has received oral confirmation from an appropriately authorised person at each of the Rating Agencies) that such modification would not result in a downgrade, withdrawal or suspension of the then current ratings assigned to any Series or Tranche of the Bonds by such Rating Agency and would not result in any Rating Agency placing any Bonds on rating watch negative (or equivalent) and, if relevant, delivers a copy of each such confirmation to the Issuer and the Bond Trustee; or

- (b) the Issuer certifies in writing to the Bond Trustee that the Rating Agencies have been informed of the proposed modification and none of the Rating Agencies has indicated that such modification would result in: (x) a downgrade, withdrawal or suspension of the then current ratings assigned to any Series or Tranche of the Bonds by such Rating Agency; or (y) such Rating Agency placing any Bonds on rating watch negative (or equivalent); and
    - (c) the party requesting such modification pays all costs and expenses (including legal fees) incurred by the Issuer and the Bond Trustee in connection with such modification;
  - 14.2 for the purpose of complying with any changes in the requirements of Article 405 of the CRR, Article 17 of the AIFMD, Article 51 of the AIFMR or Section 15G of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as added by section 941 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010, after the Issue Date, including as a result of the adoption of regulatory technical standards in relation to the CRR or the AIFMR or any other risk retention legislation or regulations or official guidance in relation thereto, provided that the Issuer certifies to the Bond Trustee in writing that such modification is required solely for such purpose and has been drafted solely to such effect;
  - 14.3 for the purpose of enabling the Bonds to be (or to remain) listed on the relevant Stock Exchange, provided that the Issuer certifies to the Bond Trustee in writing that such modification is required solely for such purpose and has been drafted solely to such effect;
  - 14.4 for the purposes of enabling the Issuer to comply with the provisions of Rule 17g-5 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, provided that the Issuer certifies to the Bond Trustee in writing that such modification is required solely for such purpose and has been drafted solely to such effect
  - 14.5 for the purposes of enabling the Issuer to comply with the provisions of Rule 17g-5 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, provided that the Issuer certifies to the Bond Trustee in writing that such modification is required solely for such purpose and has been drafted solely to such effect;
  - 14.6 for the purpose of complying with any changes in the requirements of the Credit Rating Agencies Regulation after the Closing Date, including as a result of the adoption of regulatory technical standards in relation to the Credit Rating Agencies Regulation or regulations or official guidance in relation thereto, provided that the Issuer certifies to the Bond Trustee in writing that such modification is required solely for such purpose and has been drafted solely to such effect,
- (the certificate to be provided by the Issuer or the relevant party, as the case may be, pursuant to Conditions 14.1 to 14.5 above being a “**Modification Certificate**”), provided that:
- 14.6.1 at least 30 calendar days’ prior written notice of any such proposed modification has been given to the Bond Trustee;
  - 14.6.2 the Modification Certificate in relation to such modification shall be provided to the Bond Trustee both at the time the Bond Trustee is notified of the proposed modification and on the date that such modification takes effect; and
  - 14.6.3 the consent of each Secured Creditor which has a right to consent to such modification pursuant to the provisions of the STID has been obtained,
- and provided further that:
- 14.7 other than in the case of a modification pursuant to Condition 14.1.2(ii), either:

- (a) the Issuer obtains from each of the Rating Agencies written confirmation (or certifies in the Modification Certificate that it has been unable to obtain written confirmation, but has received oral confirmation from an appropriately authorised person at each of the Rating Agencies) that such modification would not result in: (x) a downgrade, withdrawal or suspension of the then current ratings assigned to any Tranche of the Bonds by such Rating Agency; or (y) such Rating Agency placing any Bonds on rating watch negative (or equivalent); or
- (b) the Issuer certifies in the Modification Certificate that it has informed the Rating Agencies of the proposed modification and none of the Rating Agencies has indicated that such modification would result in: (x) a downgrade, withdrawal or suspension of the then current ratings assigned to any Tranche of the Bonds by such Rating Agency; or (y) such Rating Agency placing any Bonds on rating watch negative (or equivalent); and

14.8 (I) the Issuer has provided at least 30 calendar days' notice to the Bondholders of each Tranche of Bonds of the proposed modification in accordance with Condition 19 (*Notices*) and by publication on Bloomberg on the "**Company News**" screen relating to the Bonds; and (II) Bondholders representing at least 10 per cent. of the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of the most senior Tranche of Bonds then outstanding have not contacted the Bond Trustee in writing (or otherwise in accordance with the then current practice of any applicable clearing system through which such Bonds may be held) within such notification period notifying the Bond Trustee that such Bondholders do not consent to the modification.

14.8.1 If Bondholders representing at least 10 per cent. of the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of any Tranche of Bonds then outstanding have notified the Bond Trustee in writing (or otherwise in accordance with the then current practice of any applicable clearing system through which such Bonds may be held) within the notification period referred to above that they do not consent to the modification, then such modification will not be made unless an Extraordinary Resolution of the Bondholders of any Tranche of Bonds then outstanding is passed in favour of such modification in accordance with Condition 13 (*Meetings of Bondholders, Modification, Waiver and Substitution*).

14.8.2 Objections made in writing other than through the applicable clearing system must be accompanied by evidence to the Bond Trustee's satisfaction (having regard to prevailing market practices) of the relevant Bondholder's holding of the Bonds.

Other than where specifically provided in this Condition 14 (*Additional Right of Modification*) or any Finance Document:

- 14.9 when implementing any modification pursuant to this Condition 14 (*Additional Right of Modification*) (save to the extent the Bond Trustee considers that the proposed modification would constitute a Basic Terms Modification), the Bond Trustee shall not consider the interests of the Bondholders, any other Secured Creditor or any other person and shall act and rely solely and without further investigation on any certificate or evidence provided to it by the Issuer or the relevant party, as the case may be, pursuant to this Condition 14 (*Additional Right of Modification*) and shall not be liable to the Bondholders, any other Secured Creditor or any other person for so acting or relying, irrespective of whether any such modification is or may be materially prejudicial to the interests of any such person; and
- 14.10 the Bond Trustee shall not be obliged to agree to any modification which, in the sole opinion of the Bond Trustee would have the effect of: (i) exposing the Bond Trustee to any liability against which it has not been indemnified and/or secured and/or pre-funded to its satisfaction; or (ii) increasing the obligations or duties, or decreasing the rights or protection, of the Bond Trustee in the Finance Documents and/or the Conditions.

Any such modification shall be binding on all Bondholders and shall be notified by the Issuer as soon as reasonably practicable to:

14.10.1 so long as any of the Bonds rated by the Rating Agencies remains outstanding, each Rating Agency;

14.10.2 the Secured Creditors; and

14.10.3 the Bondholders in accordance with Condition 19 (*Notices*).

## **15 Enforcement**

No Bondholder, Receiptholder, Couponholder or other Secured Creditor is entitled to take any action against the Issuer or against any assets of the Issuer to enforce its rights in respect of the Bonds or to enforce any of the Security unless the Security Trustee, having become bound so to proceed, fails or neglects to do so within a reasonable period and such failure or neglect is continuing. The Security Trustee shall, subject to its being indemnified and/or secured and/or pre-funded to its satisfaction against all fees, costs, expenses, liabilities, claims and demands to which it may thereby become liable or which it may incur by so doing: (a) at its discretion; or (b) upon being so directed by the Qualifying Secured Creditors in accordance with the STID, enforce the Security in accordance with the STID and the Security Documents.

None of the Bond Trustee, the Security Trustee, the Bondholders, the Receiptholders, the Couponholders or the other Secured Creditors may institute against, or join any person in instituting against, the Issuer any bankruptcy, winding-up, reorganisation, arrangement, insolvency or liquidation proceeding (except for the taking of any enforcement action under the STID including the appointment of a Receiver pursuant to the terms of the Security Documents and STID) or other proceeding under any similar law for so long as any Bonds are outstanding or otherwise than in accordance with the STID.

## **16 Indemnification of the Bond Trustee**

The Trust Deed contains provisions for the indemnification of the Bond Trustee and for its relief from responsibility. The Bond Trustee is entitled to enter into business transactions with the Issuer, the Guarantor and any entity related to the Issuer or the Guarantor without accounting for any profit.

The Bond Trustee may rely without liability to Bondholders or Couponholders on a report, confirmation or certificate or any advice of any accountants, financial advisers, financial institution or any other expert, whether or not addressed to it and whether their liability in relation thereto is limited (by its terms or by any engagement letter relating thereto entered into by the Bond Trustee or in any other manner) by reference to a monetary cap, methodology or otherwise. The Bond Trustee may accept and shall be entitled to rely on any such report, confirmation or certificate or advice and such report, confirmation or certificate or advice shall be binding on the Issuer, the Bond Trustee and the Bondholders.

## **17 Replacement of Bonds, Certificates, Receipts, Coupons and Talons**

If a Bond, Certificate, Receipt, Coupon or Talon is lost, stolen, mutilated, defaced or destroyed, it may be replaced, subject to applicable laws, regulations and stock exchange or other relevant authority regulations, at the specified office of the Issuing and Paying Agent in Luxembourg (in the case of Bearer Bonds, Receipts, Coupons or Talons) and of the Registrar (in the case of Certificates) or such other Paying Agent or Transfer Agent, as the case may be, as may from time to time be designated by the Issuer for the purpose and notice of whose designation is given to Bondholders, in each case on payment by the claimant of the fees and costs incurred in connection therewith and on such terms as to evidence, security and indemnity (which may provide, *inter alia*, that if the allegedly lost, stolen or destroyed Bond, Certificate, Receipt, Coupon or Talon is

subsequently presented for payment or, as the case may be, for exchange for further Coupons, there shall be paid to the Issuer on demand the amount payable by the Issuer in respect of such Bonds, Certificates, Receipts, Coupons, Talons or further Coupons) and otherwise as the Issuer may require. Mutilated or defaced Bonds, Certificates, Receipts, Coupons or Talons must be surrendered before replacements will be issued.

## **18 Further Issues**

The Issuer may from time to time without the consent of the Bondholders or Couponholders create and issue further securities having the same terms and conditions as the Bonds in all respects (or in all respects except for the first payment of interest on them, the issue date, the issue price, the initial ISIN applied to them and the first Interest Accrual Period) and so that such further issue shall be consolidated and form a single series with an outstanding Series. References in these Conditions to the Bonds include (unless the context requires otherwise) any other securities issued pursuant to this Condition 18 and forming a single series with the Bonds.

## **19 Notices**

Notices to the holders of Registered Bonds shall be mailed to them at their respective addresses in the Register and deemed to have been given on the fourth weekday (being a day other than a Saturday or a Sunday) after the date of mailing. Notices to the holders of Bearer Bonds shall be valid if published in a leading, English language, newspaper published daily in Dublin (which is expected to be *The Irish Times*). If in the opinion of the Bond Trustee any such publication is not practicable, notice shall be validly given if published in another leading daily English language newspaper with general circulation in Europe. Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given on the date of such publication or, if published more than once or on different dates, on the first date on which publication is made, as provided above.

Receipholders and Couponholders shall be deemed for all purposes to have notice of the contents of any notice given to the holders of Bearer Bonds in accordance with this Condition 19 (*Notices*).

## **20 Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999**

No person shall have any right to enforce any term or condition of the Bonds under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.

## **21 Governing Law and Jurisdiction**

- (a) **Governing Law:** The Trust Deed, the STID, the Bonds, the Receipts, the Coupons and the Talons and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with them are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, English law.
- (b) **Jurisdiction:** The Courts of England are to have jurisdiction to settle any disputes (whether contractual or non-contractual) that may arise out of or in connection with any Bonds, Receipts, Coupons or Talons or the Guarantee and accordingly any legal action or proceedings arising out of or in connection with any Bonds, Receipts, Coupons or Talons or the Guarantee (“**Proceedings**”) may be brought in such courts. Each of the Issuer and the Guarantor has, in the STID, irrevocably submitted to the jurisdiction of such courts and waives any objection to Proceedings in such courts on the ground of venue or on the ground that the Proceedings have been brought in an inconvenient forum. This Clause is for the benefit of each of the Bondholders, Receipholders and Couponholders and shall not affect the right of any of them to take Proceedings in any other EU Member State court in accordance with the Brussels Ia Regulation or a court of States that are parties to the Lugano II Convention, nor shall the taking of



Proceedings in one or more jurisdictions preclude the taking of Proceedings in any other jurisdiction (whether concurrently or not).

- (c) **Service of Process:** Each of the Issuer and the Guarantor has, in the STID, irrevocably appointed an agent in England to receive, for it and on its behalf, service of process in any Proceedings in England.

## CHAPTER 10

### FORM OF FINAL TERMS

**[PROHIBITION OF SALES TO EEA RETAIL INVESTORS** - The Bonds are not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the European Economic Area (“**EEA**”). For these purposes, a retail investor means a person who is one (or more) of: (i) a retail client as defined in point (11) of Article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU (as amended, “**MiFID II**”); (ii) a customer within the meaning of Directive (EU) 2016/97 (as amended, the “**Insurance Distribution Directive**”), where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (10) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II; or (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Regulation (as defined below). Consequently no key information document required by Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 (as amended, the “**PRIPs Regulation**”) for offering or selling the Bonds or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the EEA has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the Bonds or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the EEA may be unlawful under the PRIIPs Regulation.]

**[PROHIBITION OF SALES TO UK RETAIL INVESTORS** - The Bonds are not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the United Kingdom (“**UK**”). For these purposes, a retail investor means a person who is one (or more) of: (i) a retail client, as defined in point (8) of Article 2 of Regulation (EU) No 2017/565 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (“**EUWA**”); (ii) a customer within the meaning of the provisions of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (“**FSMA**”) and any rules or regulations made under the FSMA to implement Directive (EU) 2016/97, where that customer would not qualify as a professional client, as defined in point (8) of Article 2(1) of Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA; or (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in Article 2 of Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA. Consequently, no key information document required by Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA (the “**UK PRIIPs Regulation**”) for offering or selling the Bonds or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the UK has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the Bonds or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the UK may be unlawful under the UK PRIIPs Regulation.]

**[MiFID II PRODUCT GOVERNANCE / PROFESSIONAL INVESTORS AND ECPS ONLY TARGET MARKET** - Solely for the purposes of [the/each] manufacturer’s product approval process, the target market assessment in respect of the Bonds has led to the conclusion that: (i) the target market for the Bonds is eligible counterparties and professional clients only, each as defined in Directive 2014/65/EU (as amended, “**MiFID II**”); and (ii) all channels for distribution of the Bonds to eligible counterparties and professional clients are appropriate. Any person subsequently offering, selling or recommending the Bonds (a “**distributor**”) should take into consideration the manufacturer[’s/s’] target market assessment; however, a distributor subject to MiFID II is responsible for undertaking its own target market assessment in respect of the Bonds (by either adopting or refining the manufacturer[’s/s’] target market assessment) and determining appropriate distribution channels.]

**[UK MiFIR PRODUCT GOVERNANCE / PROFESSIONAL INVESTORS AND ECPS ONLY TARGET MARKET** - Solely for the purposes of [the/each] manufacturer’s product approval process, the target market assessment in respect of the Bonds has led to the conclusion that: (i) the target market for the Notes is only eligible counterparties, as defined in the FCA Handbook Conduct of Business Sourcebook (“**COBS**”), and professional clients, as defined in Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA (“**UK MiFIR**”); and (ii) all channels for distribution of the Bonds to eligible counterparties and professional clients are appropriate. Any person subsequently offering, selling or recommending the Bonds (a “**distributor**”) should take into consideration the manufacturer[’s/s’] target market assessment; however, a distributor subject to the FCA Handbook Product Intervention and Product Governance Sourcebook (the “**UK**

MiFIR Product Governance Rules”) is responsible for undertaking its own target market assessment in respect of the Bonds (by either adopting or refining the manufacturer[‘s/s’] target market assessment) and determining appropriate distribution channels.]

#### Final Terms dated [●]

#### Ellevio AB (publ)

Legal entity identifier (LEI): [●]

Issue of [Aggregate Nominal Amount of Sub-Class] [Title of Bonds]

Guaranteed by Ellevio Holding 4 AB

under the **EUR 10,000,000 Multicurrency Bond Programme**

### PART A – CONTRACTUAL TERMS

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions set forth in the Prospectus dated [ ] 2025 [and the supplement(s) to it dated [●]] which [together] constitute[s] a Prospectus (the “**Prospectus**”) for the purposes of Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 (the “**Prospectus Regulation**”). This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Bonds [described herein for the purposes of the Prospectus Regulation]<sup>33</sup> and must be read in conjunction with the Prospectus in order to obtain all the relevant information. The Prospectus has been published on the website of Euronext Dublin (<https://www.euronext.com/en/markets/dublin>).

*[The following alternative language applies if the first tranche of an issue which is being increased was issued under a base prospectus with an earlier date.]*

[Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the terms and conditions (the “**Conditions**”) contained in the Bond Trust Deed dated 2 September 2016 and the supplement to it dated 25 November 2020 and set forth in the Prospectus dated [2 September 2016 and the supplement to it dated 30 December 2016]/[18 December 2017 and the supplement to it dated 26 January 2018] which are incorporated by reference in the Prospectus dated [●] 2025. This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Bonds described herein for the purposes of Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 (the “**Prospectus Regulation**”) and must be read in conjunction with the Prospectus dated [●] 2025 [and the base prospectus supplement dated [●]], which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Regulation, (the “[**Base**] **Prospectus**”) in order to obtain all the relevant information, save in respect of the Conditions which are extracted from the Prospectus dated [2 September 2016 and the supplement to it dated 30 December 2016]/[18 December 2017 and the supplement to it dated 26 January 2018]. The [Base] Prospectus [, the supplement(s) dated [●]] [and the Final Terms] [has/have] been published on the website of the Euronext Dublin at <https://www.euronext.com/en/markets/dublin> and [is/are] available for viewing during normal business hours at 32 Molesworth Street, Dublin 2, Ireland (being the registered office of the Issuer).]

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|---|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | (i) Issuer:            | Ellevio AB (publ)    |
|   | (ii) Guarantor:        | Ellevio Holding 4 AB |
| 2 | (i) Series Number:     | [●]                  |
|   | (ii) Sub-Class Number: | [●]                  |

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<sup>33</sup> Wording to be deleted where non-Prospectus Regulation Bonds are issued.

	(iii) [Sub-Class Number for the purposes of consolidation under Condition [1][b]]	[•]
	(iv) [Date on which become consolidated under Condition [1][(b)]]	[Not applicable/The Bonds shall be consolidated, form a single series and be interchangeable for trading purposes with the [•] on [[•]/the Issue Date/the exchange of the Temporary Global Bond for the Permanent Global Bond, as referred to in paragraph [19] below [which is expected to occur on or about [•]]]
3	Specified Currency or Currencies:	[•]
4	Aggregate Nominal Amount:	[•]
	(i) Series:	[•]
	(ii) Sub-Class:	[•]
	(iii) Tranche:	[•]
5	Issue Price:	[•] per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount [plus accrued interest from [•]]
6	(i) Specified Denominations:	[•] [€100,000 and integral multiples of [€1,000] in excess thereof up to and including [€199,000]. No Bonds in definitive form will be issued with a denomination above [€199,000].]
	(ii) Calculation Amount:	[•]
7	(i) Issue Date:	[•]
	(ii) Interest Commencement Date	[[•]/Issue Date/Not Applicable]
8	Maturity Date:	[•]
9	Interest Basis:	[[•] per cent. Fixed Rate] [[•] month [EURIBOR/STIBOR/NIBOR]] +/- [•] per cent. Floating Rate] [Index-Linked]
10	Redemption/Payment Basis:	[Subject to any purchase and cancellation or early redemption, the Bonds will be redeemed on the Maturity Date at [[•]/[100]] per cent. of their nominal amount.] [Index-Linked Redemption]
11	Change of Interest Basis:	[For the period from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date, up to (but excluding) [•] paragraph [13/14] applies and for the period from (and including) [•], up to (and including) the Maturity Date, paragraph [13/14] below applies]/[Not Applicable]
12	Call Option:	[Issuer Call] [Residual Call] [Par Call] [Make-Whole]

- 13 Status: Class [A / B]
- 14 [Date [Board] approval for issuance of Bonds [and Guarantee] obtained: [●]

#### PROVISIONS RELATING TO INTEREST (IF ANY) PAYABLE

- 15 Fixed Rate Bond Provisions: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- (i) Rate[(s)] of Interest: [[●] per cent. per annum payable in arrear on each Interest Payment Date]
- (ii) Interest Payment Date(s): [●] in each year
- (iii) Screen Rate Determination:
- Reference Rate: [●][EURIBOR/STIBOR/NIBOR]
- [If using a reference rate other than EURIBOR, STIBOR or NIBOR, insert: Amounts payable under the Bonds are calculated by reference to [specify benchmark], which is provided by [administrator legal name]. As at the date of these Final Terms, [administrator legal name] [appears][does not appear] on the register of administrators and benchmarks established and maintained by the European Securities and Markets Authority (“ESMA”) pursuant to article 36 of the Benchmark Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/1011) (the “BMR”). [Additional explanatory language to be included when the statement is negative: As far as the Issuer is aware, [[insert benchmark(s)] [does/do] not fall within the scope of the BMR by virtue of Article 2 of that regulation] OR [the transitional provisions in Article 51 of the BMR apply], such that [insert names(s) of administrator(s)] [is/are] not currently required to obtain authorisation or registration (or, if located outside the European Union, recognition, endorsement or equivalence).]*
- Interest Determination Date(s): [●]
- Relevant Screen Page: [●]
- (iv) Fixed Coupon Amount[(s)]: [●] per Calculation Amount
- (v) Broken Amount(s): [●] per Calculation Amount, payable on the Interest Payment Date falling [in/on] [●]
- (vi) Day Count Fraction: [Actual/Actual (ICMA)] [Actual/Actual][Actual/Actual (ISDA)][Actual/365 (Fixed)][Actual/365 (Sterling)] [Actual/360][30/360][360/360] [Bond Basis] [30E/360][Eurobond Basis][30E/360 (ISDA)]
- (vii) [Determination Date[s]: [●] in each year *(insert regular interest payment dates, ignoring issue date or maturity date in the case of a long or short first or last coupon. N.B. only relevant where Day Count Fraction is Actual/Actual (ICMA))*

	(viii) Reference Banks:	[●]
	(ix) [Ratings Step-up/Step-down: [Step-up/Step-down Margin:	[Applicable/Not Applicable] [●] per cent. per annum]]
16	Floating Rate Bond Provisions:	[Applicable/Not Applicable]
	(i) Interest Period(s):	[[●], subject to adjustment in accordance with the Business Day Convention set out in (v) below/, not subject to any adjustment[, as the Business Day Convention in (v) below is specified to be Not Applicable]]]
	(ii) Specified Interest Payment Dates:	[[●] in each year[, subject to adjustment in accordance with the Business Day Convention set out in (v) below/, not subject to any adjustment[, as the Business Day Convention in (v) below is specified to be Not Applicable]]
	(iii) Interest Period Date:	[Not Applicable]/[[●] in each year[, subject to adjustment in accordance with the Business Day Convention set out in (v) below/, not subject to any adjustment[, as the Business Day Convention in (v) below is specified to be Not Applicable]]
	(iv) First Interest Payment Date:	[●]
	(v) Business Day Convention:	[Floating Rate Convention/Following Business Day Convention/ Modified Following Business Day Convention/Preceding Business Day Convention] [Not Applicable]
	(vi) Business Centre(s):	[●]
	(vii) Manner in which the Rate(s) of Interest is/are to be determined:	[Screen Rate Determination/ISDA Determination]
	(viii) Party responsible for calculating the Rate(s) of Interest and/or Interest Amount(s) (if not the [Agent]):	[●]
	(ix) Screen Rate Determination:	
	– Reference Rate:	[[●] month [EURIBOR/STIBOR/NIBOR]]
	– Interest Determination Date(s):	[●]
	– Relevant Screen Page:	[●]
	(x) ISDA Determination:	
	– Floating Rate Option:	[●]
	– Designated Maturity:	[●]
	– Reset Date:	[●]
	(xi) [Linear Interpolation:	[Not Applicable/Applicable – the Rate of Interest for the [long/short] [first/last] Interest Accrual Period shall be calculated using Linear Interpolation]

	(xii) Margin(s):	[+/-][●] per cent. per annum
	(xiii) Minimum Rate of Interest:	[●] per cent. per annum
	(xiv) Maximum Rate of Interest:	[●] per cent. per annum
	(xv) Day Count Fraction:	[Actual/Actual (ICMA)] [Actual/Actual][Actual/Actual (ISDA)][Actual/365 (Fixed)] [Actual/365 (Sterling)] [Actual/360][30/360][360/360] [Bond Basis] [30E/360][Eurobond Basis][30E/360 (ISDA)]
	(xvi) [Ratings Step-up/Step-down: [- Step-up/Step-down Margin:	[Applicable/Not Applicable] [●] per cent. per annum]]
	(xvii) Reference Banks	[●]
17	Index-Linked Bond Provisions:	[Applicable/Not Applicable]
	(i) Index:	[Swedish Consumer Price Index]
	(ii) Base Index Figure:	[●]
	(iii) Screen Rate Determination:	
	– Reference Rate:	[●][EURIBOR/STIBOR/NIBOR]
	– Interest Determination Date(s):	[●]
	– Relevant Screen Page:	[●]
	– Relevant Time:	[●]
	(iv) ISDA Determination:	
	– Floating Rate Option:	[●]
	– Designated Duration (if other than the relevant Interest Period):	[●]/Not Applicable
	– Reset Date:	[●]
	[- ISDA Definitions	[2000/2006]]
	(v) Index Figure applicable:	[As determined in accordance with Condition 7(a) ( <i>Definitions</i> ); [3/8] months lag applies]
	(vi) Interest Rate:	[[●] per cent. (as adjusted for indexation in accordance with Condition 7 ( <i>Indexation</i> ))]/[Fixed, calculated in accordance with paragraph 13 above]/[Floating, calculated in accordance with paragraph 14 above]]
	(vii) Representative Amount:	[●]
	(viii) Reference Banks:	[●]
	(ix) Party responsible for calculating the Rate(s) of Interest, Interest Amount and Redemption Amount(s) (if not the Agent Bank):	[Not Applicable/Calculation Agent]

- (x) Provisions for determining Interest in the event of changes in disruptions, cessation of or fundamental changes to the lender: Applicable – Condition 7(c) (*Changes in Circumstances Affecting the Index*) dated 7(e) (*Cessation of or Fundamental Changes to the Index*)
- (xi) Interest Payment Dates: [●]
- (xii) First Interest Payment Date: [●]
- (xiii) Business Day Convention: [Following Business Day Convention/Modified Following Business Day Convention/Preceding Business Day Convention]
- (xiv) Business Centres: [●]
- (xv) Minimum Indexation Factor: [Not Applicable/[●]]
- (xvi) Maximum Indexation Factor: [Not Applicable/[●]]
- (xvii) Limited Indexation Month(s): [●]
- (xviii) Day Count Fraction: [Actual/Actual (ICMA)] [Actual/Actual or Actual/Actual (ISDA)] [Actual/365 (Fixed)] [Actual]360] [30/360 or 360/360 or Bond Basis] [30E/360 or Eurobond Basis] [30E/360 (ISDA)]
- (xix) Determination Date(s): [●]

#### **PROVISIONS RELATING TO REDEMPTION**

- 18 Call Option: [Applicable in accordance with Condition 8 (*Redemption, Purchase and Options*)/Not Applicable]
- (i) Optional Redemption Date(s): [●]
- (ii) Optional Redemption Amount(s) of each Bond: [●] per Calculation Amount [Condition 6(g) (*Determination and Publication of Rates of Interest, Interest Amounts, Final Redemption Amounts, Early Redemption Amounts, Optional Redemption Amounts and Instalment Amounts*) applies] [Modified Redemption Amount]/[Make-Whole Redemption Amount]
- [(A) Reference Bond: [●]/[IA Selected Bond]
- [(B) Quotation Time: [●]]
- [(C) Redemption Margin: [[●] per cent.]]
- [(D) Determination Date: [●]]
- [(E) Reference Dealers: [●]]
- (iii) If redeemable in part:
- (a) Minimum Redemption Amount: [[Not Applicable]/[●] per Calculation Amount]
- (b) Maximum Redemption Amount: [[Not Applicable]/[●] per Calculation Amount]
- (iv) Notice period: [●] days



	(v) Modified Redemption Amount	[[●] per Calculation Amount][Not Applicable]
	Final Redemption Amount of each Bond:	[●]/[Par] per Calculation Amount
	(i) Index:	[Swedish Consumer Price Index]
	(ii) Party responsible for calculating the Redemption Amount (if not the Agent Banks):	[Not Applicable]/[[●] as Calculation Agent]
	(iii) Provisions for determining Redemption Amount where calculated by reference to Index:	The Redemption Amount of each Bond shall be determined in accordance with Condition 8(h) ( <i>Redemption at the Option of the Issuer</i> )
	(iv) Determination Date(s):	[●]
	(v) Provisions for determining Redemption Amount where calculation by reference to Index and/or Formula and/or other variable is impossible or impracticable or otherwise disrupted:	Applicable – Conditions 7(c) ( <i>Changes in Circumstances Affecting the Index</i> ) and 7(e) ( <i>Cessation of or Fundamental Changes to the Index</i> )
	(vi) Payment Date:	[●]
	(vii) Minimum Redemption Amount:	[●] per Calculation Amount
	(viii) Maximum Redemption Amount:	[●] per Calculation Amount
19	Early Redemption Amount(s) per Calculation Amount payable on redemption for taxation reasons or on event of default:	[●]/[Par] per Calculation Amount
20	Residual Call	[Applicable/Not Applicable]
	(i) Residual Call Early Redemption Amount:	[●] per Calculation Amount
	(ii) Residual Call Redemption Date	[[●]]
	(iii) Record Date	[[●]]
	(iv) Notice Periods	[[●] / Not Applicable]
21	Par Call	[Applicable/Not Applicable]
	(i) Par Call Period Commencement Date:	[●]

#### **GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE BONDS**

22	Form of Bonds:	<p><b>Bearer Bonds:</b></p> <p>[Temporary Global Bond exchangeable for a Permanent Global Bond which is exchangeable for Definitive Bonds in the limited circumstances specified in the Permanent Global Bond]</p> <p>[Temporary Global Bond exchangeable for Definitive Bonds on [●] days' notice]</p> <p>[Permanent Global Bond exchangeable for Definitive Bonds in the limited circumstances specified in the Permanent Global Bond]</p> <p><b>Registered Bonds:</b></p> <p>[Regulation S Global Bond (US\$/€[●] nominal amount) registered in the name of a nominee for [a common depositary for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg/a common safekeeper for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg]] [CDS]</p>
23	New Global Bond:	[Yes]/[No]
24	Financial Centre(s):	[[Not Applicable]/[●]
25	Talons for future Coupons to be attached to Definitive Bonds (and dates on which such Talons mature):	[No/Yes. As the Bonds have more than 27 coupon payments, talons may be required if, on exchange into definitive form, more than 27 coupon payments are still to be made.]
26	Bondholder Representative:	[Not Applicable]/[Yes. In accordance with Condition 13(a), the Bondholder Representative shall be [●] and the contact details of the Bondholder Representative are: [●]]
27	Security	As continuing security for the due and punctual fulfilment of the Secured Liabilities incurred to the Bondholders, the Issuer (in its capacity as Security Group Agent) hereby (on behalf of itself and each relevant Obligor) irrevocably and unconditionally pledges (with the priority as between the Secured Creditors as set out in the STID) to the Bondholders holding the Bonds described herein, represented by the Security Trustee, the Charged Property subject to Borrower Security under each Security Document governed by Swedish law, under and in accordance with the terms of each such Security Document.

### THIRD-PARTY INFORMATION

[(*Relevant third-party information*) has been extracted from (source). The Issuer confirms that such information has been accurately reproduced and that, so far as it is aware, and is able to ascertain from information published by (source), no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading.]

Signed on behalf of Ellevio AB (publ):

By: .....  
Duly authorised

Signed on behalf of Ellevio Holding 4 AB:

By: .....  
Duly authorised

## **PART B – OTHER INFORMATION**

### **1 LISTING AND ADMISSION TO TRADING**

- (i) Listing: [●]
- (ii) Admission to trading: [Application has been made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Bonds to be admitted to the official list of Euronext Dublin and trading on the regulated market of the Irish Stock Exchange plc trading as Euronext Dublin with effect from [●].] [Application will be made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Bonds to be admitted to the official list of Euronext Dublin and trading on the regulated market of the Irish Stock Exchange plc trading as Euronext Dublin with effect from [●].] [Not Applicable]
- (iii) Estimate of total expenses related to admission to trading: [●]

### **2 RATINGS**

- Ratings: [[The Bonds to be issued [have been/are expected to be] rated]/[The following ratings reflect ratings assigned to Bonds of this type issued under the Bond Programme generally]]:
- [S & P: [●]]
- [Include a brief explanation of the meaning of the ratings if this has previously been published by the rating provider]*

### **3 INTERESTS OF NATURAL AND LEGAL PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE ISSUE/OFFER**

[Save for any fees payable to the [Managers/Dealers], so far as the Issuer is aware, no person involved in the offer of the Bonds has an interest material to the offer. Certain of the [Managers/Dealers] and their Affiliates have engaged, and may in the future engage, in investment banking and/or commercial banking transactions with, and may perform other services for, the Issuer and its Affiliates in the ordinary course of business. Certain of the [Managers/Dealers] and their Affiliates may have positions, deal or make markets in the Bonds, related derivatives and reference obligations, including (but not limited to) entering into hedging strategies on behalf of the Obligors, the Issuer and their respective Affiliates, investor clients, or as principal in order to manage their exposure, their general market risk, or other trading activities. In addition, in the ordinary course of their business activities, the [Managers/Dealers] and their Affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (including bank loans) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers. Such investments and securities activities may involve securities and/or instruments of the Obligors, the Issuer or their respective Affiliates. Certain [Managers/Dealers] or their Affiliates that have a lending relationship with the Obligors and/or the Issuer routinely hedge their credit exposure to the Obligors and/or the Issuer consistent with their customary risk management policies. Typically, such [Managers/Dealers] and their Affiliates would hedge such exposure by entering into transactions which consist of either the purchase of credit default swaps or the creation of short positions in securities, including potentially the Bonds. Any such positions could adversely affect future trading prices of the Bonds or whether a specified barrier or level is reached. The [Managers/Dealers] and their Affiliates may also make investment recommendations and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such securities or financial instruments and may hold, or recommend to clients that they acquire, long and/or short positions in such securities and instruments.]

#### 4 **REASONS FOR THE OFFER AND ESTIMATED NET PROCEEDS**

Reasons for the offer:

[•]

[See “Use of Proceeds” in [Base] Prospectus/*give details if reasons for the offer are different from what is disclosed*]

*[If relevant in the applicable Final Terms, the following language shall be included].*

[[Net proceeds from the issue of the Series [●] Bonds (the “**Green Bonds**”) will be allocated to part of or the whole of the financing or refinancing of, and/or investment in, the Eligible Green Portfolio (as defined below) meeting the Eligibility Criteria (as defined below).

“**Eligible Green Projects and/or Assets**” means projects or assets with environmental and/or sustainability benefits and which meet the Eligibility Criteria.

“**Eligible Green Portfolio**” means a portfolio of one or more Eligible Green Projects and/or Assets.

“**Eligibility Criteria**” means the criteria prepared by the Issuer as set out in the Ellevio Green Bond Framework (available on the Issuer’s website at: [https://www.ellevio.se/globalassets/content/finansiell-information/2023/green\\_finance\\_framework\\_2023.pdf](https://www.ellevio.se/globalassets/content/finansiell-information/2023/green_finance_framework_2023.pdf)).

Ellevio has obtained an independent second party opinion from ISS ICS (the “**External Review**”) to assess the alignment of the framework with the ICMA Green Bond Principles 2021 (including the updated Appendix I of June 2022) and the LMA/APLMA/LSTA Green Loan Principles 2023. In addition, ISS ICS assessed the alignment of Ellevio’s Green Finance Framework with the EU Taxonomy Climate Delegate Act.

The External Review is available on Ellevio’s website at <https://www.ellevio.se/en/about-ellevio/this-is-Ellevio/Financials-and-governance/financial-reports-documents/>.

Pending allocation of the net proceeds of an issue of Green Bonds for investment in the Eligible Green Portfolio, the Issuer will hold such net proceeds in a separate bank account (the “**Green Account**”), the balance of which shall be managed according to the Issuer’s liquidity and liability management process based on its financial policy. The Issuer will establish systems to monitor and account for the net proceeds for investment in the Eligible Green Portfolio meeting the Eligibility Criteria.

The Issuer is expected to issue a report on: (i) the Eligible Green Portfolio to which proceeds of Green Bonds have been allocated and the amounts allocated; (ii) the expected impact of the Eligible Green Portfolio on the environment; and (iii) the balance of unallocated cash and/or cash equivalent investments. Such report will be published annually on the Issuer’s website

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	Estimated net proceeds:	[•]
5	<b>[FIXED RATE BONDS ONLY – YIELD]</b>	
	Indication of yield:	[•]
		The yield is calculated at the Issue Date on the basis of the Issue Price. It is not an indication of future yield.]
6	<b>USE OF PROCEEDS, ESTIMATED NET PROCEEDS AND TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	
	Use of proceeds of this offer:	[•]
	Estimated net proceeds:	[•]
	Estimated total expenses:	[•]
7	<b>OPERATIONAL INFORMATION</b>	
	ISIN:	[•]
	Common Code:	[•]
	[Insert here any other relevant codes such as CUSIP and CINS codes]	[•]

Any clearing system(s) other than Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. and Clearstream Banking, S.A. and the relevant identification number(s):	[Not Applicable]/[●]/[CDS]
Delivery:	Delivery [against/free of] payment
Names and addresses of additional Paying Agent(s) (if any):	[●]
Names and address of Calculation Agent (if any):	[●]
Intended to be held in a manner which would allow Eurosystem eligibility:	[Yes. Note that the designation “yes” simply means that the Bonds are intended upon issue to be deposited with one of the ICSDs as common safekeeper [(and registered in the name of a nominee of one of the ICSDs acting as a common safekeeper.)][include this text for registered bonds] and does not necessarily mean that the Bonds will be recognised as eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and intra-day credit operations by the Eurosystem either upon issue or at any time during their life. Such recognition will depend upon the ECB being satisfied that Eurosystem eligibility criteria have been met.]/[No. While the designation is specified as “no” at the date of these Final Terms, should the Eurosystem eligibility criteria be amended in the future such that the Bonds are capable of meeting them, the Bonds may then be deposited with one of the ICSDs as common safekeeper [(and registered in the name of a nominee of one of the ICSDs acting as a common safekeeper.)][include this text for registered bonds]. Note that this does not necessarily mean that the Bonds will then be recognised as eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and intra-day credit operations by the Eurosystem at any time during their life. Such recognition will depend upon the ECB being satisfied that Eurosystem eligibility criteria have been met.]

## 8 DISTRIBUTION

(i) Method of distribution:	[Syndicated/Non-syndicated]
(ii) If syndicated:	
(A) Names of Managers:	[Not Applicable]/[●]
(B) Stabilisation Manager(s) (if any):	[Not Applicable]/[●]
(iii) If non-syndicated, name of Dealer:	[Not Applicable]/[●]
(iv) US Selling Restrictions:	Reg. S Compliance Category 2[; TEFRA C/TEFRA D/TEFRA not applicable]
(v) Additional Selling Restrictions	[Not Applicable]/[●]





## CHAPTER 11

### PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE BONDS WHILE IN GLOBAL FORM

#### Clearing System Accountholders

References in the Conditions of the Bonds to “Bondholder” are references to the bearer of the relevant Global Bond or the person shown in the records of the relevant clearing system as the holder of the Registered Global Bond.

Each of the persons shown in the records of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system indicated in the applicable Final Terms including CDS Clearing and Depositary Services Inc. (“CDS”), as the case may be (each a “**Clearing System**”), as being entitled to an interest in a Global Bond or a Registered Global Bond (each an “**Accountholder**”) must look solely to the relevant Clearing System for such Accountholder’s share of each payment made by the Issuer to such Accountholder and in relation to all other rights arising under the Global Bond or Registered Global Bond. The extent to which, and the manner in which, Accountholders may exercise any rights arising under a Global Bond or Registered Global Bond will be determined by the respective rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing System. For so long as the relevant Bonds are represented by a Global Bond or Registered Global Bond, Accountholders shall have no claim directly against the Issuer in respect of payments due under the Bonds and such obligations of the Issuer will be discharged by payment to the bearer of the Global Bond or the registered holder of the Registered Global Bond, as the case may be.

#### Amendment to Conditions

Global Bonds will contain provisions that apply to the Bonds which they represent, some of which modify the effect of the Conditions of the Bonds as set out in this Prospectus. The following is a summary of certain of those provisions:

- *Meeting:* The holder of a Global Bond or Registered Global Bond shall be treated as being two persons for the purposes of any quorum requirements of a meeting of Bondholders and, at any such meeting, the holder of a Global Bond or Registered Global Bond shall be treated as having one Vote in respect of each minimum denomination of Bonds for which such Global Bond or Registered Global Bond may be exchanged.
- *Cancellation:* Cancellation of any Bond represented by a Global Bond or Registered Global Bond that is required by the Conditions to be cancelled (other than upon its redemption) will be effected by reduction in the principal amount of the relevant Global Bond or Registered Global Bond.
- *Notices:* So long as any Bonds are represented by a Global Bond or Registered Global Bond and such Global Bond or Registered Global Bond is held on behalf of the relevant Clearing System, notices to the Bondholders may be given, subject always to listing requirements, by delivery of the relevant notice to the relevant Clearing System for communication by it to entitled Accountholders in substitution for publication as provided in the Conditions. Any such notice will be deemed given on the date it is delivered to the relevant Clearing System.
- *Payment:* For the purpose of any payments made in respect of a Global Bond, the relevant place of presentation shall be disregarded in the definition of “business day”.

All payments in respect of any Bond represented by a Registered Global Bond will be made to, or to the order of, the person whose name is entered on the Register at the close of business on the Clearing System Business Day immediately prior to the date for payment, where “**Clearing System Business Day**” means Monday to Friday inclusive (except 25 December and 1 January).

## CHAPTER 12

### USE OF PROCEEDS

The proceeds from each issue of Bonds by the Issuer under the Bond Programme will be applied by it for the general corporate purposes of Ellevio. If, in respect of any particular issue, there is a particular identified use of proceeds, this will be stated in the applicable Final Terms.

If, in respect of an issue of Bonds, there is a particular use of proceeds, this will be stated in the applicable Final Terms.

Where the applicable Final Terms denote a Series of Bonds as “Green Bonds” (“**Green Bonds**”), the allocation of net proceeds from such issue of Bonds will be to part of or the whole of the financing and/or refinancing of, and/or investment in, the Eligible Green Portfolio (as defined below) meeting the Eligibility Criteria (as defined below).

An Eligible Green Portfolio may include the current value of fixed assets, capital expenditure and/or operational expenditure associated with the Eligibility Criteria. Asset values and capital expenditure shall qualify for refinancing with no look-back period, while operational expenditure qualify with a maximum three year look-back period.

For the purposes of this Chapter:

“**Eligibility Criteria**” means the criteria prepared by the Issuer as set out in the Ellevio Green Bond Framework (available on the Issuer’s website at: [https://www.ellevio.se/globalassets/content/finansiell-information/2023/green\\_finance\\_framework\\_2023.pdf](https://www.ellevio.se/globalassets/content/finansiell-information/2023/green_finance_framework_2023.pdf)) (the “**Green Bond Framework**”).

“**Eligible Green Portfolio**” means a portfolio of one or more Eligible Green Projects and/or Assets.

“**Eligible Green Projects and/or Assets**” means projects or assets with environmental and/or sustainability benefits and which meet the Eligibility Criteria.

Ellevio has obtained an independent second party opinion from ISS ICS (the “**External Review**”) to assess the alignment of the framework with the ICMA Green Bond Principles 2021 (including the updated Appendix I of June 2022) and the LMA/APLMA/LSTA Green Loan Principles 2023. In addition, ISS ICS assessed the alignment of Ellevio’s Green Finance Framework with the EU Taxonomy Climate Delegate Act.

The External Review is available on Ellevio’s website at <https://www.ellevio.se/en/About-Us/financial-information/financial-reports-documents/>. Pending allocation of the net proceeds of an issue of Green Bonds for investment in the Eligible Green Portfolio, the Issuer will hold such net proceeds in a separate bank account (the “**Green Account**”), the balance of which shall be managed according to the Issuer’s liquidity and liability management process based on its financial policy. The Issuer will establish systems to monitor and account for the net proceeds for investment in the Eligible Green Portfolio meeting the Eligibility Criteria.

The Issuer is expected to issue a report on: (i) the Eligible Green Portfolio to which proceeds of Green Bonds have been allocated and the amounts allocated; (ii) the expected impact of the Eligible Green Portfolio on the environment; and (iii) the balance of unallocated cash and/or cash equivalent investments. Such report will be published annually on the Issuer’s website at <https://www.ellevio.se/en/About-Us/financial-information/financial-reports-documents/>.

No assurance or representation is given as to the suitability or reliability for any purpose whatsoever of any opinion or certification of any third party (whether or not solicited by the Issuer) which may be made available in connection with the issue of any Green Bonds and in particular with any Eligible Green Projects and/or Assets to fulfil any environmental, sustainability, social and/or other criteria. For the avoidance of doubt, neither any such opinion or certification nor the Ellevio Green Bond Framework are, nor shall be deemed to be,

incorporated in and/or form part of this Prospectus. Neither such opinion or certification nor the Ellevio Green Bond Framework are, nor should be deemed to be, a recommendation by the Issuer or any of the Dealers or any other person to buy, sell or hold any such Green Bonds. Any such opinion or certification is only current as at the date that opinion or certification was initially issued. Prospective investors must determine for themselves the relevance of any such opinion or certification and/or the information contained therein and/or the provider of such opinion or certification for the purpose of any investment in such Green Bonds. Currently, the providers of such opinions and certifications are not subject to any specific regulatory or other regime or oversight. Prospective investors in any Green Bonds should also refer to the risk factor above headed, *"Green Bonds may not be a suitable investment for all investors seeking exposure to green assets"*.

## **CHAPTER 13**

### **DESCRIPTION OF THE GUARANTOR**

The Guarantor was incorporated in Sweden on 26 February 2015 (registered number 559005-2451) as a private limited liability company under the Swedish Companies Act (as amended). The registered office of the Guarantor is at Valhallavägen 203, 115 53 Stockholm. The telephone number of the Guarantor's registered office is +46 (0) 86 06 00 00.

#### **Ownership**

As at the date of this Prospectus, the issued share capital of the Guarantor comprises 50,000 ordinary shares of one Swedish Krona each, all of which are beneficially owned by Ellevio Holding 3 AB.

#### **Business Activities and Subsidiaries**

The Guarantor is a holding company with no material, direct business operations other than raising external funding for the Group through debt finance.

The Guarantor is the beneficial owner of the entire issued share capital of the Issuer.

The Guarantor will covenant to observe certain restrictions on its activities which are set out in the Trust Deed and the Conditions.

The Auditors of the Guarantor are Ernst & Young AB.

#### **Corporate Governance**

The following table sets out the directors of the Guarantor:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Business address</b>
Fredrik Persson	Chairman of the Board of Directors	Karlavägen 2 114 24 STOCKHOLM
Lars Clausen	Member of the Board of Directors	Marianelundsvej 13 3460 Birkerød Denmark
Håkan Gabrielsson <sup>34</sup>	Member of the Board of Directors	Rydbo Bergväg 4 184 94 Åkersberga
Göran Hägglund	Member of the Board of Directors	Källarpsgatan 19 554 46 Jönköping
Michael Mc Nicholas	Member of the Board of Directors	Omers Infrastructure Ltd., The Leadenhall Building, Floor 29, 122 Leadenhall Street, London, EC3V 4AB
Anna-Karin Stenberg	Member of the Board of Directors	Eskadervägen 22 183 54 Täby

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<sup>34</sup> Håkan Gabrielsson was elected member of the Board by the Annual General Meeting on 22 April 2025.

Karin Jarl Månsson	Member of the Board of Directors	Byahornsgränd 5 216 23 Malmö
Severine Billy	Deputy Member of the Board of Directors	Omers Infrastructure Ltd., The Leadenhall Building, Floor 29, 122 Leadenhall Street, London, EC3V 4AB
Henrik Nordlander	Deputy Member of the Board of Directors	AP3   Third Swedish National Pension Fund Box 1176, SE-111 91 Stockholm
Fredrik Lundeborg	Deputy Member of the Board of Directors	AMF, Klara Södra kyrkogata 18, 113 88 Stockholm
Rebecka Elkert	Deputy Member of the Board of Directors	Folksam, Bohusgatan 14, 106 60 Stockholm

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## Conflicts

There are no potential conflicts of interest between any duties to the Guarantor of its directors or the company secretaries and their private interests or other duties.

## CHAPTER 14

### DESCRIPTION OF THE HEDGE COUNTERPARTIES

#### 1 **BNP PARIBAS**

BNP PARIBAS, together with its consolidated subsidiaries (the "**BNP PARIBAS Group**") is a global financial services provider, conducting retail, corporate and investment banking, private banking, asset management, insurance and specialized and other financial activities throughout the world.

BNP PARIBAS is a French multinational bank and financial services company with its registered office located at 16 boulevard des Italiens 75009 Paris, France, and its corporate website is [www.bnpparibas.com](http://www.bnpparibas.com).

#### 2 **CIBC Capital Markets (Europe) S.A**

CIBC Capital Markets is a leading provider of M&A advisory, debt and equity financing, corporate banking, trading, hedging and research. The office of CIBC Capital Markets is located at 2c Rue Albert Borschette, L-1246, Luxembourg. More information about CIBC Capital Markets may be obtained at [www.cibccm.com](http://www.cibccm.com)

#### 3 **Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank (Crédit Agricole CIB)**

Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank is a limited liability company incorporated in France as a "société anonyme" incorporated under, and governed by, the laws of France, whose registered office is at 12, place des Etats-Unis, CS 70052, 92547 Montrouge Cedex, France. Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank is registered at the Trade and Commercial Register of Nanterre (France) under the number 304 187 701.

Crédit Agricole CIB is the Corporate and Investment Banking arm of the Crédit Agricole Group. More information about Credit Agricole may be obtained at [www.ca-cib.com](http://www.ca-cib.com).

#### 4 **Danske Bank A/S**

Danske Bank A/S ("**Danske**") was founded in Denmark and registered on 5 October 1871. It is a commercial bank with limited liability and carries on business under the Danish Financial Business Act. Danske is registered with the Danish Business Authority.

The registered office of Danske is at 2-12 Holmens Kanal, DK-1092 Copenhagen K, Denmark, with telephone number +45 33 44 00 00 and Danish corporate registration number 61126228. More information about Danske Bank may be obtained at [www.danskebank.dk](http://www.danskebank.dk).

#### 5 **Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch**

Deutsche Bank Aktiengesellschaft ("**Deutsche Bank**" or the "**Bank**"). Deutsche Bank has its registered office in Frankfurt am Main and maintains its head office at Taunusanlage 12, 60325 Frankfurt am Main, and branch offices in Germany and abroad including in London, New York, Sydney, Tokyo, Hong Kong and Singapore.

Deutsche Bank is a joint stock corporation with limited liability incorporated in the Federal Republic of Germany. It is registered in the Commercial Register of the District Court Frankfurt am Main, HRB No. 30 000; with branch registration in England and Wales BR000005 and its registered address at Winchester House, 1 Great Winchester Street, London EC2N 2DB. More information about Deutsche Bank may be obtained at [www.db.com](http://www.db.com).

#### 6 **DNB Bank ASA**

DNB Bank ASA, as part of the DNB Group, is a public limited company (in Norwegian: allmennaksjeselskap) incorporated under the laws of the Kingdom of Norway on 10th September, 2002 with registration number 981 276 957. The registered office of the Issuer is at Dronning Eufemias gate 30, N-0021 Oslo, Norway.

The DNB Group is Norway's largest financial services group and one of the largest in the Nordic region in terms of market capitalisation. DNB offers a full range of financial services, including loans, savings, advisory services, real estate broking, insurance and pension products for retail and corporate customers and the public sector.. More information about DNB Bank ASA and the DNB Group may be obtained at [www.dnb.no](http://www.dnb.no).

## **7 ING Belgium SA/NV**

ING Belgium SA/NV is a financial institution existing under the laws of Belgium, with registered office at Avenue Marnix 24, 1000 Brussels, Belgium, registered with the Crossroad Bank for enterprises under number RLE 0403.200.393 (RLE Brussels).ING Belgium SA/NV is one of the major commercial banks in Belgium, offering a full range of banking services to both retail and corporate clients, including a wide range of financial market products. More information on ING Belgium SA/NV may be obtained at [www.ingwb.com](http://www.ingwb.com).

## **8 J.P.Morgan Securities plc**

J.P.Morgan Securities PLC operates as an investment banking company. The Company offers capital raising, risk management, markets, securities, cash management, liquidity, asset management, and private banking services. J.P. Morgan Securities serves customers worldwide.

More information about J.P Morgan may be obtained at [www.jpmorgan.com](http://www.jpmorgan.com).

## **9 Merrill Lynch International**

Merrill Lynch International ("MLI") is a company incorporated in England and Wales and is authorised and regulated by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. MLI is a wholly owned subsidiary of ML UK Capital Holdings Limited and the ultimate parent of MLI is Bank of America Corporation. The registered address of MLI is 2 King Edward Street, London, EC1A 1HQ. MLI's principal activities are to provide a wide range of financial services globally for business originated in Europe, the Middle East and Africa, Asia Pacific and the Americas, to act as a broker dealer in financial instruments and to provide corporate finance advisory services. MLI also provides a number of post trade related services to third party clients, including settlement and clearing services to third party clients. More information about MLI may be obtained at [www.bofa.com](http://www.bofa.com).

## **10 MUFG Securities EMEA plc**

MUFG Securities EMEA plc ("MUS(EMEA)")'s registered office is located at Ropemaker Place, 25 Ropemaker Street, London EC2Y 9AJ, and its telephone number is 44 20-7628-5555. MUS(EMEA)'s registration number is 01698498. MUS(EMEA) is authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority in the UK.

Mitsubishi UFJ Securities Holdings Co., Ltd. ("MUSHD"), owns 100 per cent. of the shares in MUS(EMEA). Each of MUSHD and MUFG Bank, Ltd. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc. ("MUFG"). More information about MUS(EMEA) may be obtained at [www.mufgemea.com](http://www.mufgemea.com).

## **11 National Australia Bank Limited (ABN 12 004 044 937)**

National Australia Bank Limited (ABN 12 004 044 937) ("NAB") is a public limited company incorporated in the Commonwealth of Australia and operates under Australian legislation including the Corporations Act 2001 of Australia. Its registered office is Level 1, 800 Bourke Street, Docklands, Victoria 3008, Australia.

NAB is the holding company for the NAB Group (comprising NAB and its controlled entities), as well as being the main operating company. The majority of the NAB Group's financial services businesses operate in Australia and New Zealand, with branches currently located in Asia, the United Kingdom (UK) and the United States (US).



More information on NAB and the NAB Group, including its consolidated audited financial statements and accompanying notes thereto, may be obtained at [www.nab.com](http://www.nab.com).

## **12 NatWest Markets N.V. (“NWM N.V.”)**

NWM N.V., whose corporate seat is at Claude Debussylaan 94, 1082 MD Amsterdam, the Netherlands, is a public limited liability company incorporated under Dutch law on 29 March 1824, a wholly owned subsidiary of RBS Holdings N.V. (“**RBSH N.V.**”), a wholly owned (indirect) subsidiary of NatWest Markets Plc and ultimately a wholly owned (indirect) subsidiary of NatWest Group plc. In November 2023, the European Central Bank confirmed that RBSH N.V. and its subsidiary NWM N.V. were classified as a “significant supervised group”. Subsequently, the ECB assumed direct supervision of both entities on 1 January 2024.

NWM N.V., a licensed bank, operates as an investment banking firm serving corporates and financial institutions in the European Economic Area. NWM N.V. helps corporate and institutional customers manage their financial risks and achieve their short and long-term financial goals while navigating changing markets and regulation. NWM N.V. does this by providing global market access, financing, risk management and trading solutions. NWM N.V. provides access to public and private markets, funding and capital, leveraging market leading structuring and risk distribution capabilities through the following customer-facing businesses: Trading & Customer Sales and Capital Markets.

Further information can be found in (i) the NWM N.V. 2024 Annual Report and Accounts; and (ii) the NatWest Markets Plc 2024 Annual Report and Accounts. Other relevant filings or announcements can be found at <https://investors.natwestgroup.com/regulatory-news/company-announcements>.

The most recent ratings of NWM N.V. can be found on <https://investors.natwestgroup.com/fixed-income-investors/credit-ratings>.

## **13 Nordea Bank AB (publ)**

Nordea Bank Abp (“**Nordea**”) is the largest financial services group in the Nordic region and among the ten largest financial groups in Europe in terms of total market capitalisation, with around 11 million customers. Nordea offers banking and financial products and services to household and corporate customers, including financial institutions.

Nordea is a public limited liability company organised under the laws of Finland and is headquartered in Helsinki. Nordea as a commercial bank is subject to substantial regulation in all markets in which it operates. Nordea conducts business activities that are permitted to a deposit bank pursuant to the Finnish Act on Credit Institutions, and provides investment services and performs investment activities pursuant to the Finnish Act on Investment Services. Nordea’s ordinary shares are listed on Nasdaq Nordic, the stock exchanges in Helsinki, Stockholm and Copenhagen. More information about Nordea may be obtained at [www.nordea.com](http://www.nordea.com).

## **14 Royal Bank of Canada**

Royal Bank of Canada (referred to in this section as “**Royal Bank**”) is a Schedule I bank under the Bank Act (Canada), which constitutes its charter and governs its operations. Royal Bank’s corporate headquarters are located at Royal Bank Plaza, 200 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2J5, Canada, and its head office is located at 1 Place Ville Marie, Montreal, Quebec, H3B 3A9, Canada. Royal Bank is the parent company of RBC Capital Markets, LLC. More information about Royal Bank may be obtained at [www.rbc.com](http://www.rbc.com).

## **15 Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ)**

Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ) (“**SEB**”) is a leading Nordic financial services group. As a relationship bank strongly committed to delivering customer value, SEB offers financial advice and a wide range of financial services to corporate customers, financial institutions and private individuals in Sweden and

the Baltic countries. In Norway, Denmark, Finland, Germany and the UK, SEB's operations focus on delivering a full-service offering to corporate and institutional clients and building long-term customer relationships. More information about SEB may be obtained at [www.sebgroup.com](http://www.sebgroup.com).

## **16 Société Générale**

Société Générale is a French limited liability company (*société anonyme*) having the status of a bank and is registered in France in the Commercial Register under number 552 120 222. It has its registered office at 29 Boulevard Haussmann 75009 Paris (France) and its administrative office at Tours Société Générale, 17 Cours Valmy, 92972 Paris La Defense (France). Société Générale was incorporated by deed approved by the decree of 4 May 1864.. The London Branch of Société Générale has its principal office at SG House, 41 Tower Hill, London EC3N 4SG and is registered with UK Companies House under number BR000021. More information about Societe General may be obtained at [www.societegenerale.com](http://www.societegenerale.com).

## **17 Swedbank AB (publ)**

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## CHAPTER 15

### DESCRIPTION OF THE LIQUIDITY FACILITY PROVIDERS

#### 1 **ABN Amro Bank N.V**

ABN AMRO Bank N.V. is the third-largest Dutch bank, with headquarters in Amsterdam. It was initially formed in 1991. ABN AMRO Bank has offices in 15 countries with 32,000 employees. More information on ABN Amro Bank N.V may be obtained at [www.abnamro.com](http://www.abnamro.com).

#### 2 **BNP PARIBAS**

BNP PARIBAS, together with its consolidated subsidiaries (the "BNP PARIBAS Group") is a global financial services provider, conducting retail, corporate and investment banking, private banking, asset management, insurance and specialized and other financial activities throughout the world.

BNP PARIBAS is a French multinational bank and financial services company with its registered office located at 16 boulevard des Italiens 75009 Paris, France, and its corporate website is [www.bnpparibas.com](http://www.bnpparibas.com).

#### 3 **CIBC Capital Markets (Europe) S.A**

CIBC Capital Markets is a leading provider of M&A advisory, debt and equity financing, corporate banking, trading, hedging and research. The registered office of CIBC Capital Markets is 2c Rue Albert Borschette, L-1246, Luxembourg. More information about CIBC Capital Markets may be obtained at [www.cibccm.com](http://www.cibccm.com).

#### 4 **Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank (Crédit Agricole CIB)**

Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank is a limited liability company incorporated in France as a "société anonyme" incorporated under, and governed by, the laws of France, whose registered office is at 12, place des Etats-Unis, CS 70052, 92547 Montrouge Cedex, France. Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank is registered at the Trade and Commercial Register of Nanterre (France) under the number 304 187 701.

Crédit Agricole CIB is the Corporate and Investment Banking arm of the Crédit Agricole Group. More information about Credit Agricole may be obtained at [www.ca-cib.com](http://www.ca-cib.com).

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## **8 Intesa Sanpaolo S.p.A**

Intesa Sanpaolo S.p.A. is an Italian international banking group. It is Italy's largest bank by total assets. It was formed through the merger of Banca Intesa and Sanpaolo IMI in 2007. More information on Intesa Sanpaolo S.p.A may be obtained on [www.Intesasanpaolo.com](http://www.Intesasanpaolo.com).

## **9 KfW IPES-Bank GmbH**

The KfW, which together with its subsidiaries DEG, KfW IPEX-Bank and FuB forms the KfW Bankengruppe ("banking group"), is a German state-owned investment and development bank, based in Frankfurt. More information on KfW IPES-Bank GmbH may be obtained on [www.kfw.de](http://www.kfw.de).

## **10 National Westminster Bank Plc**

National Westminster Bank Plc ("**NWB Plc**") is a wholly-owned subsidiary of NatWest Holdings Limited and its ultimate holding company is NatWest Group plc, a banking and financial services group. NWB Group (NWB Plc and its subsidiaries) serves customers across the UK with a range of retail and commercial banking products and services. A wide range of personal products are offered including current accounts, credit cards, personal loans, mortgages and wealth management services.

For more information, please see the NWB Group Annual Report and Accounts 2024, available at <https://investors.natwestgroup.com/>. The most recent ratings of NWB Plc can be found on <https://investors.natwestgroup.com/fixed-income-investors/credit-ratings>

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## **CHAPTER 16**

### **SUMMARY OF THE FINANCE DOCUMENTS AND THE BOND PROGRAMME DOCUMENTS**

*The following is a summary of certain provisions of the Finance Documents as described in this Prospectus. Investors may also view copies of certain of the Finance Documents which are summarised in this section on the website <https://www.ellevio.se/en/about-us/financial-information/financial-reports-documents/> (including the Common Terms Agreement, the STID and the Master Definitions Agreement).*

#### **Common Documents**

##### **General Overview**

The Secured Creditors all benefit from common terms under their relevant document and a common security package granted by the Issuer and the Parent. It is a requirement of the CTA that any future provider of any Authorised Credit Facility must accede to and be bound by the terms of the CTA (see “*Common Terms Agreement*” below) and the intercreditor arrangements contained in the STID (see “*Security Trust and Interc Creditor Deed*” below).

The CTA sets out the common terms applicable to each Authorised Credit Facility into which the Issuer has entered. Save for certain limited exceptions (for example, U.S. representations), no Finance Party can have additional representations or covenants beyond the common terms deemed to be incorporated by reference into their Authorised Credit Facility through their execution of, or accession to, the CTA. All Events of Default are contained in the CTA and apply to each Authorised Credit Facility.

Under the CTA, the Issuer is permitted to provide the benefit of additional representations, covenants, trigger events or events of default to any creditor in connection with an Authorised Credit Facility so long as these are also provided to all Finance Parties on the same basis by deemed incorporation in the CTA. Pursuant to this exception, the Issuer and the Guarantor entered into the Deed Poll as an Authorised Credit Facility on or about 25 January 2018 to provide certain additional covenants, trigger events and events of default, which are deemed incorporated into the CTA.

The STID regulates among other things: (a) the claims of the Secured Creditors; (b) the exercise and enforcement of rights by the Secured Creditors; and (c) the giving of instructions, consents and waivers and, in particular, the basis on which votes of the Secured Creditors will be counted.

With the exception of the Swedish Security Agreements which are governed by Swedish law, all agreements listed below and non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with them are governed by English law and subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.

These summaries are brief and only touch in very general terms on the main provisions of the documents listed below. Consequently, investors are strongly recommended to obtain copies of the documents themselves. Recipients of this Prospectus should visit the website listed above in order to download and read copies of the documents incorporated by reference.

#### **Common Terms Agreement**

##### **General**

The Common Terms Agreement sets out the representations, covenants, Trigger Events and Events of Default (at Schedules 1 to 4 respectively) which apply to each Authorised Credit Facility.

It is a requirement of the CTA that future providers of Authorised Credit Facilities accede to the CTA, the MDA and the STID. The CTA contains certain indemnities of the Obligor to the Finance Parties in respect of losses caused, *inter alia*, by Events of Default.

On each date on which any other new Authorised Credit Facility is issued or entered into under the CTA, each Obligor will make certain representations.

On the date of each Utilisation Request, on each Utilisation Date and on the first day of each interest period each Obligor shall repeat certain representations (the “**Repeating Representations**”). An Obligor acceding to an Authorised Credit Facility shall make the Repeating Representations on the date of such accession.

### **Covenants**

By entering into the CTA, the Security Group is bound by the covenants found in Schedule 2 (*Security Group Covenants*) of the CTA. These covenants remain binding on the Security Group for so long as any of the Secured Debt remains outstanding.

The Security Group Covenants are positive, negative, informational and financial in nature. They include the following undertakings by the Issuer and/or the Security Group.

### **Financial Covenants**

The Issuer shall ensure that, on each Calculation Date commencing on 31 December 2016:

- (a) the Senior Interest Cover Ratio in respect of the Relevant Period shall not be less than the Default Ratio;
- (b) the Senior Leverage Ratio in respect of the Relevant Period shall not be less than the Default Ratio; and
- (c) the Total Leverage Ratio in respect of the Relevant Period shall not be greater than the Default Ratio.

Pursuant to the Deed Poll, the Issuer shall ensure that on each Calculation Date, the Total Interest Cover Ratio in respect of the Total Relevant Period shall not be less than the Total Default Ratio (the “**New Financial Covenant**”).

### **Information Covenants**

#### ***Financial statements***

The Security Group Agent undertakes to supply the Security Trustee, each Facility Agent, each Class A PP Noteholder, each Class B PP Noteholder, the Bond Trustee and the Hedge Counterparties (each an “**Information Covenant Agent**”) in sufficient copies for all the Finance Parties:

- (a) at any time no Material Subsidiary or Obligor (other than the Issuer or the Parent) exists, the audited Annual Financial Statements of the Issuer, and, at any time a Material Subsidiary or Obligor (other than the Issuer or the Parent) exists, the audited Annual Financial Statements of the Parent for that Financial Year, as soon as they are available, but in any event within 180 days after the end of each Financial Year; and
- (b) at any time no Material Subsidiary or Obligor (other than the Issuer or the Parent) exists, the unaudited, Semi-Annual Financial Statements of the Issuer and, at any time a Material Subsidiary (other than the Issuer or the Parent) exists, the unaudited consolidated, Semi-Annual Financial Statements of the Parent for that half-year, as soon they are available, but in any event within 90 days of the end of the first financial half-year of each of its Financial Years.

***Requirements as to financial statements***

- (a) The Security Group Agent shall procure that each set of Financial Statements supplied by it includes a cashflow statement, a profit and loss account and a balance sheet. In addition the Security Group Agent shall procure that each set of its Annual Financial Statements shall be audited by the Auditors. Each set of its Annual Financial Statements:
  - (i) shall give a true and fair view of (in the case of Annual Financial Statements for any Financial Year) or, in the any other case, fairly represent its financial condition and operations as at the date they were drawn up;
  - (ii) shall be prepared using the Accounting Principles, accounting practices and financial reference periods consistent with those applied in the preparation of the Financial Statements for the Financial Year ended 31 December 2015 for that Obligor unless, in relation to any other set of Financial Statements, the Security Group Agent notifies each Information Covenant Agent that there has been a change in the Accounting Principles or the Accounting Principles and its Auditors (or, if appropriate, the Auditors of the Obligor) deliver to the Security Trustee:
    - I a description of any change necessary for those financial statements to reflect the Accounting Principles or accounting practices upon which the last Financial Statements was prepared; and
    - II sufficient information, in form and substance as may be reasonably required by the Security Trustee, to enable the Secured Creditors to determine whether the Default Ratios and Lock-Up Tests have been satisfied.
- (b) If the Security Group Agent notifies (among others) the Security Trustee of a change in the Accounting Principles or the accounting practices in relation to any set of financial statements, then the Security Group Agent and the Security Trustee shall enter into negotiations in good faith with a view to agreeing any amendments to the Finance Documents which are necessary as a result of that change. To the extent practicable, those amendments will be such as to ensure that the changes do not result in any material alteration in the commercial effect of the obligations in the Finance Documents.

***Provision and contents of Compliance Certificate***

- (a) With each set of Financial Statements, the Security Group Agent shall supply each Information Covenant Agent with each set of Financial Statements in respect of any period ending on or after the First Calculation Date.
- (b) The Compliance Certificate shall set out (in reasonable detail):
  - (i) the Senior Interest Cover Ratio, the Senior Leverage Ratio, the Total Leverage Ratio and Lock-Up Tests and, in each case, calculations thereof;
  - (ii) a list of all Material Subsidiaries (other than the Obligors) and set out computations which determine the classification of these companies as Material Subsidiaries and computations as to compliance with paragraph 28 (Guarantors) of part 3, Schedule 2 of the CTA;
  - (iii) reasonable detail of any Permitted Acquisition, Permitted Disposal, Permitted Distribution or Permitted Additional Financial Indebtedness made or incurred after the delivery of the immediately preceding Compliance Certificate;
  - (iv) a certification as to compliance with the Hedging Policy;



- (v) the then applicable Rating; and
  - (vi) details of any Certified Storm Event occurring after the delivery of the immediately preceding Compliance Certificate.
- (c) Each Compliance Certificate shall be signed by two directors of the Security Group Agent and certify, to the best of the Security Group Agent's knowledge and belief, that:
- (i) the information contained in the Compliance Certificate is accurate in all material respects; and
  - (ii) no Default or Trigger Event has occurred or is continuing, or, if a Default or Trigger Event has occurred and is continuing, the steps which are taken to remedy such Default or Trigger Event (as the case may be).
- (d) Whilst an Event of Default is continuing, if any Information Covenant Agent wishes to discuss the financial position of any member of the Group with the Auditors, such Information Covenant Agent may notify the Security Group Agent, stating the questions or issues which they wish to discuss with the Auditors. In this event, the Security Group Agent must ensure that the Auditors are authorised (at the expense of the Security Group Agent):
- (i) to discuss the financial position of each member of the Group with the relevant Information Covenant Agent on request from that Information Covenant Agent; and
  - (ii) to disclose to the relevant Information Covenant Agent for the Finance Parties any information which that Information Covenant Agent may reasonably request.

### ***Presentations***

No more than once in each Financial Year the Security Group Agent must give a presentation upon reasonable notice and at a reasonable time to the Secured Creditors about the on-going business and financial performance of the Security Group. A presentation under this paragraph may:

- (a) be delivered by the Security Group Agent in London or Stockholm; and/or
  - (b) be held by way of conference call,
- at the Security Group Agent's sole discretion.

### ***Investor Report***

The Security Group Agent shall, with each set of Financial Statements, supply to each Information Covenant Agent in sufficient copies for all of the Secured Creditors (other than the Bondholders), an Investor Report. Each Investor Report must include:

- (a) Default Ratios and calculations thereof in reasonable detail;
- (b) a general update of the status of the business;
- (c) confirmation of the amount of any Restricted Payment made since the date of the previous Investor Report; and
- (d) confirmation that:
  - (i) the Investor Report is accurate in all material respects; and

- (ii) no Default or Trigger Event has occurred and is continuing, or if a Default or Trigger Event has occurred and is continuing, steps (which shall be specified) are being taken to remedy such Default or Trigger Event.

***Year-end***

No Obligor nor any member of the Security Group may change its Financial Year-end if:

- (a) such change could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect;
- (b) each Information Covenant Agent has not received, at the cost and expense of such member of the Security Group, such information as it reasonably deems necessary or expedient to enable it to make an accurate comparison between any financial statements previously received; and
- (c) following such change:
  - (i) the results of the Lock-Up Tests will be worse than those shown in the Compliance Certificate delivered immediately prior to the date of such change; and
  - (ii) the basis for the calculation of the financial ratios by reference to the Relevant Periods will be amended in such a way as adversely affects the interests of the Secured Creditors.

***Additional Information Covenants added pursuant to the Deed Poll***

Pursuant to the Deed Poll, the following additional information covenants were deemed incorporated into the CTA:

- (a) Each set of financial statements shall be prepared using the Accounting Principles, accounting practices and financial reference periods consistent with those applied in the preparation of the Financial Statements for the Financial Year ended 31 December 2015 for that Obligor unless, in relation to any other set of Financial Statements, the Security Group Agent: (I) notifies each Information Covenant Agent that there has been a change in the Accounting Principles or the accounting practices and its Auditors (or, if appropriate, the Auditors of the Obligor) and (II) delivers to the Security Trustee sufficient information, in form and substance as may be reasonably required by the Security Trustee, to enable the Secured Creditors to determine whether the Total Lock-Up Tests have been satisfied.
- (b) Each Compliance Certificate shall set out (in reasonable detail) the Total Interest Cover Ratio and the Total Lock-Up Tests and, in each case, calculations thereof.
- (c) Each Investor Report must include the Total Default Ratio and calculations thereof in reasonable detail.
- (d) No Obligor nor any member of the Security Group may change its Financial Year if following such change:
  - (i) the results of the Total Lock-Up Tests will be worse than those shown in the Compliance Certificate delivered immediately prior to the date of such change; and
  - (ii) the basis for the calculation of the financial ratios by reference to the Total Relevant Periods will be amended in such a way as adversely affects the interests of the Secured Creditors.

***Information: miscellaneous***

So far as permitted by any applicable law, regulation, order, or any binding confidentiality obligations, the Security Group Agent shall supply to the Information Covenant Agents:

- (a) as soon as reasonably practicable after becoming aware of them, the details of any litigation, arbitration or administrative proceedings which are current, threatened in writing or pending against any Obligor, which are reasonably likely to be adversely determined, and if adversely determined, are reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect;
- (b) promptly on request, such information as the Security Trustee may reasonably require about the Charged Property and compliance of the Obligors with the terms of any Security Documents;
- (c) promptly, details of the loss or modification of any Concession or any material Authorisation which could have a Material Adverse Effect or any formal communication from Ei regarding any potential or threatened loss or modification of a Concession or any material Authorisation which could have a Material Adverse Effect;
- (d) promptly, any formal communication from Ei regarding (i) any change to any Regulatory Consent for any Concession or any material Authorisation or (ii) any corrective actions plan required by Ei to be carried out, which, in each case, is reasonably likely to be made and if made would be reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect;
- (e) details of any violation of any Sanctions, as soon as reasonably practicable following such violation provided that the Issuer (or relevant member of the Group) shall be permitted, prior to notification, to first notify the relevant body, agency, regulatory authority or equivalent organisation (each, a “**Regulator**”) which regulates such relevant Sanctions (such notification to be made as soon as reasonably practicable taking into account any disclosure obligations under applicable law or regulation). To the extent that such Regulator imposes confidentiality restrictions, the Issuer (or the relevant member of the Group) shall not be required to notify the Security Trustee to the extent it would contravene such confidentiality restrictions, provided that the Issuer (or the relevant member of the Group) shall use reasonable endeavours to remove such restrictions;
- (f) promptly upon receipt by the Security Group Agent, details of any Rating or change in any Rating; and/ or
- (g) such material information regarding the financial condition, business and operations of any member of the Security Group as is reasonably requested by the Security Trustee (on the instructions of the Qualifying Secured Creditors holding at least 20 per cent. of the Qualifying Senior Debt, provided that, at any time when no Event of Default has occurred and is subsisting, a maximum of one such request for information may be made in any 12-month period.

The provision of any information under this paragraph is, in each case, subject in each case to any binding duty of confidentiality and any applicable legal or regulatory restrictions or restrictions imposed by any Ei, provided that the relevant Obligor shall use its reasonable endeavours to obtain the consent of Ei to disclose such information on the basis that it shall be kept confidential by any recipient for so long as such information remains confidential or commercially sensitive.

#### ***Notification of default or Trigger Event***

Each Obligor shall notify the Security Trustee of any Default or Trigger Event (and the steps, if any, being taken to remedy it) promptly upon becoming aware of its occurrence (unless that Obligor is aware that a notification has already been provided to the Security Trustee by another Obligor).

#### ***“Know your customer” checks***

- (a) If:

- (i) the introduction of or any change in (or in the interpretation, administration or application of) any law or regulation made after the date of the CTA;
- (ii) any change in the status of an Obligor or the composition of the direct or indirect shareholders of an Obligor after the date of the CTA; or
- (iii) a proposed assignment or transfer by a Secured Creditor of any of its rights and/or obligations under any Finance Document to a party that is not a Secured Creditor prior to such assignment or transfer,

obliges any Authorised Credit Provider or its agent (or in the case of paragraph (iii) above, any prospective new Authorised Credit Provider) to comply with “know your customer” or similar identification procedures in circumstances where the necessary information is not already available to it, each Obligor shall promptly upon the request of any Authorised Credit Provider or its agent supply, or procure the supply of, such documentation and other evidence as is reasonably requested by the relevant Authorised Credit Provider’s agent (for itself or on behalf of any prospective new Authorised Credit Provider) or any Authorised Credit Provider (for itself or, in the case of the event described in paragraph (iii) above, on behalf of any prospective new Authorised Credit Provider) in order for the Authorised Credit Provider’s agent, such Authorised Credit Provider or, in the case of the event described in paragraph (iii) above, any prospective new Authorised Credit Provider to carry out and be satisfied it has complied with all necessary “know your customer” or other similar checks under all applicable laws and regulations pursuant to the transactions contemplated in the Finance Documents.

- (b) Each Secured Creditor shall promptly supply, or procure the supply of, such documentation and other evidence as is reasonably requested by its agent (for itself) in order for such agent to carry out and be satisfied it has complied with all necessary “know your customer” or other similar checks under all applicable laws and regulations pursuant to the transactions contemplated in the Finance Documents.
- (c) The Security Group Agent shall, by not less than 10 Business Days’ prior written notice to the Secured Creditor, notify the Secured Creditor of its intention to request that a member of the Security Group becomes an Additional Obligor pursuant to Clause 1.5 (*Obligors*) of the CTA.
- (d) Following the giving of any notice pursuant to the paragraph (c) above, if the accession of such Additional Obligor obliges any Secured Creditor to comply with “know your customer” or similar identification procedures in circumstances where the necessary information is not already available to it, the Security Group Agent shall promptly upon the request of such Secured Creditor supply, or procure the supply of, such documentation and other evidence as is reasonably requested by such Secured Creditor or any Secured Creditor (for itself or on behalf of any prospective new Secured Creditor) in order for the Secured Creditor or any prospective new Secured Creditor to carry out and be satisfied it has complied with all necessary “know your customer” or other similar checks under all applicable laws and regulations pursuant to the accession of such Subsidiary to the CTA as an Additional Obligor.

### ***No Personal liability***

No director, officer or employee of any Obligor or any of its Subsidiaries shall be personally liable for any statement made by or on behalf of the relevant member of the Security Group in any certificate or document delivered to any Secured Creditors pursuant to the Finance Documents or any misrepresentation by any Obligor, member of the Security Group or any of their Subsidiaries, unless such statement or misrepresentation was attributable to the gross negligence or wilful misconduct of such director, officer or employee. Such director,

officer or employee will be entitled to enforce the provisions of this covenant for the purposes of Clause 21.4 (*Third party rights*) of the CTA.

## **General Covenants**

### **Authorisations and compliance with laws**

#### ***Authorisations***

Each Obligor shall promptly obtain, comply with and do all that is necessary to maintain in full force and effect, and upon request supply certified copies to the Security Trustee of any material Authorisation required under any law or regulation of a Relevant Jurisdiction to:

- (a) enable it to perform its obligations under the Finance Documents;
- (b) subject to the Legal Reservations and, in the case of the Security Documents, the Perfection Requirements, ensure the legality, validity, enforceability or admissibility in evidence of any Finance Document; and
- (c) carry on the Permitted Business,

in each case, where failure to do so has, or is reasonably likely to have, a Material Adverse Effect.

#### ***Compliance with laws***

Each Obligor shall (and the Security Group Agent shall ensure that each member of the Security Group shall) comply in all respects with all laws and regulations to which it may be subject, if failure so to comply has or is reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect.

#### ***Environmental Compliance***

Each Obligor shall (and the Security Group Agent shall ensure that each member of the Security Group will):

- (a) comply with Environmental Laws;
- (b) obtain, maintain and ensure compliance with all requisite Environmental Permits; and
- (c) implement procedures to monitor compliance with and to prevent liability under any Environmental Law,

where failure to do so has, or is reasonably likely to have, a Material Adverse Effect.

#### ***Environmental claims***

Each Obligor shall (and the Security Group Agent shall ensure that each member of the Security Group shall), promptly upon becoming aware of the same, inform the Security Trustee and the Secured Creditor Representative of any Environmental Claim against any member of the Security Group which is current, pending or threatened in writing and any facts or circumstances which are reasonably likely to result in any Environmental Claim being commenced or threatened against any member of the Security Group, where the claim is reasonably likely to be adversely determined and, if adversely determined against that member of the Security Group has, or is reasonably likely to have, a Material Adverse Effect.

#### ***Anti-corruption law***

- (a) No Obligor shall (and the Issuer shall ensure that no other member of the Group will) directly or indirectly use any part of the proceeds of the Authorised Credit Facilities for any purpose which would breach the Bribery Act 2010, the United States Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977 or other similar legislation in other jurisdictions.

- (b) Each Obligor shall (and the Security Group Agent shall ensure that each other member of the Group will) conduct its businesses in compliance with applicable anti-corruption laws, and maintain policies and procedures designed to promote and achieve compliance with such laws.

#### ***Taxation***

- (a) Each Obligor shall (and the Security Group Agent shall ensure that each member of the Security Group will) pay and discharge all Taxes imposed upon it or its assets within the time period allowed without incurring penalties unless and only to the extent that:
  - (i) such payment is being contested in good faith,
  - (ii) adequate reserves are being maintained for those Taxes and the costs required to contest them; and
  - (iii) such payment can be lawfully withheld and failure to pay those Taxes does not have, or is not reasonably likely to have, a Material Adverse Effect.
- (b) No member of the Security Group may change its residence for Tax purposes.
- (c) No Obligor shall enter into arrangements with any other company or person which results in any Obligor becoming a member of any VAT Group.

#### **Restrictions on business focus**

##### ***Merger***

No Obligor shall (and the Security Group Agent shall ensure that no other member of the Security Group will) enter into any amalgamation, demerger, merger, consolidation or corporate reconstruction other than a Permitted Transaction or any disposal permitted pursuant to paragraph 15 (*Disposals*) of Part 3, Schedule 2 of the CTA.

##### ***Change of business***

The Security Group Agent shall procure that no member of the Security Group shall carry on any business other than the Permitted Business.

##### ***Acquisitions***

Except as permitted, no Obligor shall (and the Security Group Agent shall ensure that no other member of the Security Group will):

- (a) acquire a company or any shares or a business or undertaking (or, in each case, any interest in any of them); or
- (b) incorporate a company.

This paragraph does not apply to an acquisition of a company of shares, securities or a business or undertaking (or, in any case, any interest of them) or the incorporation of a company which is a Permitted Acquisition of Permitted Transaction.

##### ***Joint Ventures***

Except as permitted, no Obligor shall (and the Security Group Agent shall ensure that no other member of the Security Group will):

- (a) enter into, invest in or acquire (or agree to acquire) any shares, stocks, securities or other interest in any Joint Venture; or

- (b) transfer any assets or lend to or guarantee or give an indemnity for or give Security for the obligations of a Joint Venture or maintain the solvency of or provide working capital to any Joint Venture (or agree to do any of the foregoing).

This paragraph does not apply to any acquisition of (or agreement to acquire) any interest in a Joint Venture or transfer of assets (or agreement to transfer assets) to a Joint Venture or loan made to or guarantee given in respect of the obligations of a Joint Venture if such transaction is a Permitted Acquisition, a Permitted Disposal, a Permitted Loan or to a Permitted Joint Venture.

### ***Holding Companies***

Except as may arise under or in connection with the Finance Documents, the Parent shall not trade, carry on any business, own any assets or incur any liabilities except for:

- (a) the provision of administrative services to other members of the Security Group of a type customarily provided by a Holding Company to its Subsidiaries and any liabilities incurred in connection therewith and any liabilities under any employment, service or consultancy agreements with any director or senior management or under any insurance agreements for any member of the Security Group;
- (b) ownership of shares in its Subsidiaries;
- (c) intra-Group debit balances, intra-Group credit balances and other credit balances in bank accounts, cash and Cash Equivalent Investments;
- (d) in respect of assets, liabilities and the performance of obligations contemplated under the Finance Documents to which it is a party and Taxes, professional fees and administration costs in the ordinary course of business as a Holding Company and any liabilities arising by operation of law;
- (e) in connection with:
  - (i) the making or receipt of payments in respect of any Permitted Distribution;
  - (ii) the making or receipt of payments in respect of any New Shareholder Injection;
  - (iii) any Permitted Loan; and
- (f) the issuance of any Permitted Share Issue.

### **Restrictions on dealing with assets and Security**

#### ***Preservation of assets***

Each Obligor shall (and the Security Group Agent shall ensure that each other member of the Security Group shall) maintain in good working order and condition (ordinary wear and tear excepted) all of its assets necessary in the conduct of the Permitted Business where failure to do so has, or is reasonably likely to have, a Material Adverse Effect.

#### ***Pari passu ranking***

Subject to the Legal Reservations and, in the case of the Security Documents, the Perfection Requirements each Obligor shall ensure that at all times any unsecured and unsubordinated claims of a Secured Creditor against it under the Finance Documents rank at least *pari passu* with the claims of all its other unsecured and unsubordinated creditors except those creditors whose claims are mandatorily preferred by laws of general application to companies.

### ***Negative pledge***

- (a) Except as permitted, no Obligor shall (and the Security Group Agent shall ensure that no other member of the Security Group shall) create or permit to subsist any Security over any of its assets.
- (b) No Obligor shall (and the Security Group Agent shall ensure that no other member of the Security Group shall):
  - (i) sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any of its assets on terms whereby they are or may be leased to or re-acquired by an Obligor or any other member of the Security Group;
  - (ii) sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any of its receivables on recourse terms;
  - (iii) enter into any arrangement under which money or the benefit of a bank or other account may be applied, set-off or made subject to a combination of accounts; or
  - (iv) enter into any other preferential arrangement having a similar effect,

in circumstances where the arrangement or transaction is entered into primarily as a method of raising Financial Indebtedness or of financing the acquisition of an asset.

This paragraph does not apply to any Security or (as the case may be) Quasi-Security, which is Permitted Security or a Permitted Transaction.

### ***Disposals***

Except as permitted, no Obligor shall (and the Security Group Agent shall ensure that no other member of the Security Group shall) enter into a single transaction or a series of transactions (whether related or not) and whether voluntary or involuntary to sell, lease, transfer or otherwise dispose of any asset. This paragraph does not apply to any sale, lease, transfer or other disposal which is a Permitted Disposal, a Permitted Transaction or a Permitted Distribution.

### ***Arm's length basis***

Except as permitted, no Obligor shall (and the Security Group Agent shall ensure that no other member of the Security Group shall) enter into any transaction with any person except on arm's length terms. This paragraph does not apply to transactions of the following nature:

- (a) any transactions in respect of Subordinated Liabilities or Subordinated Intragroup Liabilities;
- (b) intra-group loans permitted under paragraph 17 (*Loans or credit*) of Part 3 (*General Covenants*) of Schedule 2 of the CTA;
- (c) intra-group acquisitions permitted under paragraph 9 (*Acquisitions*) of Part 3 (*General Covenants*) of Schedule 2 of the CTA;
- (d) intra-group disposals permitted under paragraph 15 (*Disposals*) of Part 3 (*General Covenants*) of Schedule 2 of the CTA;
- (e) fees, costs and expenses payable under the Finance Documents in the amounts set out in the Finance Documents;
- (f) any Permitted Transaction or Permitted Distribution; or
- (g) any Debt Purchase Transaction which is permitted in any Authorised Credit Facility; and
- (h) transactions between members of the Group which are permitted by the terms of the Common Documents.



## **Restrictions on movement of cash**

### ***Loans or credit***

Except as permitted, no Obligor shall (and the Security Group Agent shall ensure that no other member of the Security Group shall) be a creditor in respect of any Financial Indebtedness. This paragraph does not apply to a Permitted Loan or a Permitted Transaction.

### ***No guarantees or indemnities***

Except as permitted, no Obligor shall (and the Security Group Agent shall ensure that no other member of the Security Group shall) incur or allow to remain outstanding any guarantee in respect of any obligation of any person. This paragraph does not apply to a guarantee which is a Permitted Guarantee or Permitted Transaction.

### ***Distributions***

Except as permitted, neither the Parent nor the Security Group Agent shall (and the Security Group Agent shall ensure that no other member of the Security Group shall):

- (a) declare, make or pay any dividend, charge, fee or other distribution (or interest on any unpaid dividend, charge, fee or other distribution) (whether in cash or in kind) on or in respect of its share capital (or any class of its share capital);
- (b) repay or distribute any dividend or share premium reserve;
- (c) redeem, repurchase, defease, retire or repay any of its share capital or resolve to do so;
- (d) repay or prepay any principal amount (or capitalised interest) outstanding in respect of Subordinated Liabilities or Subordinated Intragroup Liabilities;
- (e) pay any interest, fee or charge accrued or any other amounts due or payable in respect of Subordinated Liabilities or Subordinated Intragroup Liabilities;
- (f) purchase, redeem, defease or discharge any amount outstanding in respect of Subordinated Liabilities or Subordinated Intragroup Liabilities;
- (g) make any loan to or to the order of any direct or indirect shareholder of the Parent or any Holding Company of the Parent; or
- (h) pay (or allow any other member of the Security Group to pay) any management, advisory or other fee or payment to or to the order of any of the Investors or any Affiliate of any Investor or any other direct or indirect shareholders (or any of their Affiliates) of the Parent,

This paragraph does not apply to a Permitted Distribution or a Permitted Transaction (other than one referred to in paragraph (c) of the definition of that term).

### ***Maturity concentration***

From the date falling 24 months after the Closing Date, no Obligor may incur (other than in respect of drawings under Class A Capex Facility, Class B Capex Facility or WC Facility) any Financial Indebtedness or change the scheduled maturity date (other than, for the avoidance of doubt, pursuant to any mandatory prepayment covenant or undertaking otherwise permitted) if as a result of doing so there would fall due in any period of 36 months, an aggregate principal amount (including accretions by indexation of the notional amount under any Hedging Agreement and excluding other scheduled payments (other than any mandatory breaks) under any Hedging Agreement which has not crystallised) in excess of 50 per cent. of Class A Net Debt at the relevant time.

### ***Financial Indebtedness***

Except as permitted, no Obligor shall (and the Security Group Agent shall ensure that no other member of the Security Group shall) incur or allow to remain outstanding any Financial Indebtedness. This paragraph does not apply to Financial Indebtedness which is Permitted Financial Indebtedness or a Permitted Transaction.

### ***Share capital***

No Obligor shall (and the Security Group Agent shall ensure that no other member of the Security Group shall) issue any shares except pursuant to a Permitted Share Issue or a Permitted Transaction.

### **Miscellaneous**

#### ***Insurance***

Each Obligor shall (and the Security Group Agent shall ensure that each other member of the Security Group shall) maintain insurances on and in relation to its business and assets with reputable independent insurance companies or underwriters against those risks and to the extent as is usual for companies carrying on the same or substantially similar business.

#### ***Access***

If an Event of Default is continuing, each Obligor shall (and the Security Group Agent shall ensure that each member of the Security Group shall), to the extent it is able to do so under existing contractual arrangements and applicable law, permit the Security Trustee and/or accountants or other professional advisers and contractors of the Security Trustee access during normal business hours and on reasonable notice to:

- (a) the premises, assets, books, accounts and records of each member of the Security Group; and
- (b) meet and discuss matters with senior management of the Security Group and its Auditors.

#### ***Intellectual Property***

Each Obligor shall (and the Security Group Agent shall ensure that each member of the Security Group shall):

- (a) preserve and maintain the subsistence and validity of the Intellectual Property necessary for the business of the relevant member of the Security Group;
- (b) use reasonable endeavours to prevent any infringement in any material respect of such Intellectual Property;
- (c) make registrations and pay all registration fees and taxes necessary to maintain such Intellectual Property in full force and effect and record its interest in that Intellectual Property;
- (d) not use or permit such Intellectual Property to be used in a way or take any step or omit to take any step in respect of that Intellectual Property which may materially and adversely affect the existence or value of the Intellectual Property or imperil the right of the relevant member of the Security Group to use such property; and
- (e) not discontinue the use of such Intellectual Property,

where failure to do so, in the case of paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) above, or, in the case of paragraphs (iv) and (v) above, such use, permission to use, omission or discontinuation, is reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect.

Failure to comply with any part of this covenant will not result in a breach to the extent that any dealing with Intellectual Property which would otherwise be a breach is contemplated by the definition of “Permitted Transaction”.

### ***Amendments***

No Obligor shall and the Security Group Agent shall ensure that no other member of the Security Group shall amend, vary, novate, supplement, supersede, waive or terminate any term of a Finance Document other than in accordance with the provisions of the STID and its own terms.

### ***Treasury Transactions***

- (a) No Obligor shall (and the Security Group Agent shall procure that no other member of the Security Group shall) enter into any Treasury Transaction, other than any hedging arrangements entered into in accordance with the Hedging Policy.
- (b) Each member of the Security Group shall comply with the Hedging Policy.

### ***Guarantors***

Subject to the Agreed Security Principles, the Issuer shall ensure that within 30 days of the date of delivery of each Compliance Certificate in accordance with Clause 3 (*Provision and contents of Compliance Certificate*) of Part 2 (*Information Covenants*) of Schedule 2 (*Security Group Covenants*) of the CTA (or, if earlier, the latest date for delivery of the relevant Compliance Certificate under such provision), the aggregate of earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation (calculated on the same basis as Consolidated EBITDA) of the Guarantors and the Issuer, the aggregate gross assets and the aggregate turnover of the Guarantors and the Issuer (in each case calculated on an unconsolidated basis and excluding all intra-group items and investments in Subsidiaries of any member of the Security Group) represent not less than 85 per cent. of Consolidated EBITDA, consolidated gross assets and consolidated turnover of the Security Group (tested by reference to the most recent Financial Statements delivered pursuant to paragraph 1 (*Financial statements*) of Part 2 (*Information Covenants*) of Schedule 2 (*Security Group Covenants*) of the CTA.

Subject to the Agreed Security Principles, the Issuer shall accede to the Common Documents as a Guarantor in accordance with the STID on or prior to the date on which any company (other than the Issuer but including an Additional Holdco or Finco) first becomes a borrower, issuer or an additional borrower entitled to borrow any Secured Debt in accordance with the relevant terms of one or more Authorised Credit Facilities and accedes to the STID as an Additional Obligor.

### ***Centre of main interests and establishments***

Each Obligor shall procure that, for the purposes of The Council of the European Union Regulation No. 1346/2000 on Insolvency Proceedings (the “**Regulation**”), its centre of main interest (as that term is used in Article 3(1) of the Regulation) is situated in its jurisdiction of incorporation and it has no “establishment” as that term is used in Article 2(h) of the Regulation in any other jurisdiction.

### ***Further assurance***

- (a) Subject to the Agreed Security Principles, each Obligor shall (and the Security Group Agent shall ensure that each other member of the Security Group shall) promptly do all such acts or execute all such documents (including assignments, transfers, mortgages, charges, notices and instructions) as the Security Trustee may reasonably specify (and in such form as the Security Trustee may reasonably require in favour of the Security Trustee or its nominee(s)):
  - (i) to perfect the Security created or intended to be created under or evidenced by the Security Documents (which may include the execution of a mortgage, pledge, assignment or other Security over all or any of the assets which are, or are intended to be, the subject of the Borrower Security) or for the exercise of any rights, powers and remedies of the Security Trustee or the Secured Creditors provided by or pursuant to the Finance Documents or by law;

- (ii) to confer on the Security Trustee or the Secured Creditors, Security over any property and assets of that Obligor located in any jurisdiction equivalent or similar to the Security intended to be conferred by or pursuant to the Security Documents; and/or
  - (iii) following the occurrence of an Event of Default to facilitate the realisation of the assets which are, or are intended to be, the subject of the Borrower Security.
- (b) Subject to the Agreed Security Principles, each Obligor shall (and the Security Group Agent shall ensure that each other member of the Security Group shall) take all such action as is available to it (including making all filings and registrations) as may be necessary for the purpose of the creation, perfection, protection or maintenance of any Security conferred or intended to be conferred on the Security Trustee or the Secured Creditors by or pursuant to the Secured Creditors.

### ***Transfers of Concessions***

Notwithstanding any other term of the CTA, no Obligor shall sell, lease, transfer or otherwise dispose of any Concession, except for: (i) any Permitted Disposal, (ii) any sale, lease, transfer or disposal to another Obligor, (iii) any merger of a Concession with another Concession held by an Obligor; or (iv) any disposal (including a termination) of a Concession in the ordinary course of business of the relevant Obligor.

### ***Sanctions***

In relation to Sanctions:

- (a) The Issuer and the Parent shall maintain in effect and enforce policies and procedures designed to ensure compliance by it and its Subsidiaries with applicable Sanctions.
- (b) The Issuer shall not request a Utilisation, nor use, and shall procure that no member of the Group and its or their respective directors, officers, employees and agents shall use, the proceeds of any Utilisation:
  - (i) for the purpose of funding, financing or facilitating any activities, business or transaction of or with any Sanctioned Person, or in any Sanctioned Country, to the extent such action is prohibited by, or would itself cause any member of the Security Group to be in breach of Sanctions; or
  - (ii) in any manner that would result in the violation of any Sanctions applicable to any Party hereto.
- (c) The Security Group Agent shall, and shall procure that each other member of the Group shall, ensure that:
  - (i) no person that is a Sanctioned Person shall have any legal or beneficial interest in any funds repaid or remitted by the Issuer to any Authorised Credit Provider in connection with the Authorised Credit Facilities; and
  - (ii) it shall not use any funds paid to it by a Sanctioned Person (other than deriving from such person prior to it being a Sanctioned Person) for the purpose of discharging amounts owing to an Authorised Credit Provider in respect of the Authorised Credit Facilities.
- (d) The Security Group Agent shall, and shall procure that each member of the Group shall, implement and maintain appropriate safeguards designed to prevent any action that would be contrary to this covenant.

- (e) The Security Group Agent shall, and shall procure that each other member of the Group shall, promptly upon becoming aware of the same, supply to the Security Trustee details of any claim, action, suit, proceedings or investigation against it with respect to Sanctions.
- (f) The undertakings contained in this covenant shall only be complied with by a Person (as such term is defined in paragraph 28.1 (*Sanctions*) of Part 1 (*General*) of Schedule 1 (*Security Group Representations*) of the CTA) or (as applicable) be applied for the benefit of a Restricted Secured Creditor to the extent that they do not result in (i) any violation of or conflict with or liability under EU Regulation (EC) 2271/96; (ii) violation of or conflict with or liability under section 7 of the German Foreign Trade Regulation (*Außenwirtschaftsverordnung*) (in conjunction with section 4 and sections 19 paragraph 3 no.1 a) of the German Foreign Trade and Payments Act (*Außenwirtschaftsgesetz*) or a similar anti-boycott statute by that Person (as such term is defined in paragraph 28.1 (*Sanctions*) of Part 1 (*General*) of Schedule 1 (*Security Group Representations*) of the CTA) or that Restricted Secured Creditor (as applicable). In connection with any amendment, waiver, determination or direction relating to any part of this paragraph of which a Restricted Secured Creditor does not have the benefit, the Outstanding Principal Amount of Qualifying Senior Debt owed to that Restricted Secured Creditor will be excluded for the purpose of determining whether the consent of the Majority Secured Creditors has been obtained or whether the determination or direction by the Majority Secured Creditors has been made.

### ***Independent director***

Each of the Issuer and the Parent shall have at least one independent director at all times.

### ***Secured Debt***

If, in respect of any Relevant Period,

- (a) Consolidated EBITDA is increased as a result of any Debt Purchase Transaction under any Authorised Credit Facility Agreement by a member of the Security Group; or
- (b) Net Finance Charges are decreased as a result of any Debt Purchase Transaction under any Authorised Credit Facility Agreement by a member of the Security Group,

then the relevant member of the Security Group to whom Secured Debt is owed as a result of the Debt Purchase Transaction may not dispose of such Secured Debt until the date falling 12 months after the Calculation Date in respect of which the increase in Consolidated EBITDA and/or decrease in Net Finance Charges (as applicable) was calculated.

### ***Amendments to constitutional documents***

No Obligor may change its constitutional documents without the Security Trustee's consent if such change would be reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect or otherwise materially prejudice the security interests created by the Security Documents (provided that any amendment to increase the authorised share capital of an Obligor shall be deemed not to have a Material Adverse Effect or to be otherwise materially prejudicial to the security interests created by the Security Documents).

### ***Additional General Covenants added pursuant to the Deed Poll***

Pursuant to the Deed Poll, the following additional general covenants were deemed incorporated into the CTA:

- (a) The Issuer and the Parent shall not incur any Class B LF Permitted Additional Financial Indebtedness (other than in respect of Permitted Refinancing Debt and/or where the Financial Indebtedness is to be used to fund Capital Expenditure) unless it has delivered to the Security Trustee a certificate signed by a director of the Issuer confirming that no Total Lock-Up Event

would occur as a result of the incurrence of such Class B LF Permitted Additional Financial Indebtedness.

- (b) The Issuer and the Parent shall not incur any Class B Permitted Additional Financial Indebtedness (other than in respect of Permitted Refinancing Debt and/or where the Financial Indebtedness is to be used to fund Capital Expenditure) unless it has delivered to the Security Trustee a certificate signed by a director of the Issuer confirming that no Total Lock-Up Event would occur as a result of the incurrence of such Class B Permitted Additional Financial Indebtedness.
- (c) The Issuer and the Parent shall not acquire any company or shares in any company or Joint Venture, the principal business of which falls within paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of the definition of “Permitted Business” if a Total Lock-Up Event is continuing on the closing date for the acquisition or would occur as a result of the acquisition.

### **Trigger Events**

The CTA also sets out certain Trigger Events. The specific Trigger Events and the consequences which flow from the occurrence of those events are set out below.

(a) *Class A Liquidity Required Amount*

The sum of the amount available under a Class A Liquidity Facility Agreement at any time and any amount credited to a Class A Debt Service Reserve Account is, in aggregate, less than the Class A Liquidity Required Amount.

(b) *Class B Liquidity Required Amount*

The sum of the amount available under a Class B Liquidity Facility Agreement at any time and any amount credited to the Class B Debt Service Reserve Account is, in aggregate, less than the Class B Liquidity Required Amount.

(c) *Financial ratios*

- (i) A Compliance Certificate, delivered in accordance with the terms of the Finance Documents, certifies that the Lock-Up Tests have not been satisfied in respect of the most recent Calculation Date.
- (ii) Pursuant to the Deed Poll and its incorporation into the CTA, a Compliance Certificate, delivered in accordance with the terms of the Finance Documents, certifies that the Total Lock-Up Tests have not been satisfied in respect of the most recent Calculation Date.

(d) *Liquidity for Capital Expenditure and Working Capital*

If, as at any Calculation Date, the aggregate of the Issuer’s operating cashflows available or forecast to be available to meet its Capital Expenditure and working capital requirements for the next 12 months; and

- (iii) amounts available to be drawn in the next 12 month period under the relevant Class A Capex Facility, Class B Capex Facility and the WC Facility,

is less than the aggregate of the forecast Capital Expenditure and working capital requirements projected for the next 12 months.

(e) *Amendment of Concession*

Ei gives the Issuer notice of any actual modification of a Concession which has, or would reasonably be expected to have, a Material Adverse Effect or result in:

- (i) the Senior Interest Cover Ratio being less than the Default Ratio;
- (ii) the Senior Leverage Ratio being greater than the Default Ratio; or
- (iii) the Total Leverage Ratio being greater than the Default Ratio.

(f) *Redemption of electricity system*

The Issuer receives written notice from Ei or a competent court of law, pursuant to which the Swedish government shall be entitled to redeem (Sw. *inlösen*) the entire electricity system of the Issuer in accordance with the Swedish Act on the Special Administration of Certain Electrical Facilities (Sw. *lag (2004:875) om särskild förvaltning av vissa elektriska anläggningar*) and where such redemption is reasonably likely to occur and would have, or would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, until such time as the compensation received from such redemption is sufficient to fully repay the Secured Debt and will be applied by the Issuer in prepayment of the Secured Debt promptly upon receipt.

(g) *Adverse Legislation*

Any government bill (Sw. *proposition*) is presented to the Swedish Parliament (Sw. *Riksdagen*) which is likely to be approved by the Swedish Parliament and, if approved and enacted or otherwise brought into force as law or regulation, would or would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect or result in:

- (i) the Senior Interest Cover Ratio being less than the Default Ratio;
- (ii) the Senior Leverage Ratio being greater than the Default Ratio; or
- (iii) the Total Leverage Ratio being greater than the Default Ratio.

(h) *Drawdown on Class A Liquidity Facility*

There is a drawdown (other than a Standby Drawing) under a Class A Liquidity Facility or drawing from a Class A Debt Service Reserve Account, respectively, or a Class A Liquidity Standby Account, if the withdrawal of such amount is for the purposes of making scheduled debt service payments on the Class A Debt.

(i) *Drawdown on Class B Liquidity Facility*

There is a drawdown (other than a Standby Drawing) under a Class B Liquidity Facility or drawing from a Class B Debt Service Reserve Account, respectively, or a Class B Liquidity Standby Account, if the withdrawal of such amount is for the purposes of making scheduled debt service payments on the Class B Debt.

(j) *Event of Default*

The occurrence of an Event of Default which is continuing.

(k) *Rating downgrade*

The Issuer (or the Class A Rated Debt issued by the Issuer) no longer retain(s) an Investment Grade rating or there is no Rating.

(l) *Super Senior Hedging Agreements*

- (i) on any Calculation Date, the aggregate original notional amount of any Super Senior Hedging Agreements is greater than 10 per cent. of the aggregate principal amount of Secured Debt outstanding as at the most recent Calculation Date;
- (ii) on any Calculation Date, the aggregate mark to market value of any Super Senior Hedging Agreements is greater than 8 per cent. of the aggregate principal amount of Secured Debt outstanding as at the most recent Calculation Date; or
- (iii) on any Calculation Date, the aggregate amount of all accretions by indexation to the aggregate original notional amount of any Super Senior Hedging Agreements the hedge payments of which are made by reference to inflation is greater than 6 per cent. of the aggregate principal amount of Secured Debt outstanding as at the most recent Calculation Date.

(m) *Auditor qualification*

The Auditors qualify the audited annual consolidated financial statements of the Issuer or (if the consolidated annual financial statements of the Parent are to be provided in accordance with paragraph 1.1(ii) of Part 2 (*Information Covenants*) of Schedule 2 (*Security Group Covenants*) of the CTA) the Parent, and such qualification has, or is reasonably likely to have, a Material Adverse Effect.

The occurrence of a Trigger Event gives rise to consequences including: a block on Restricted Payments, requirements for the Security Group to provide the Security Trustee with written proposals (including any proposed communication with Ei if related to the amendment of Concessions) for a remedy and a specified timeframe and, in any event, requirements for meetings to be held between the Security Trustee and the Security Group and representatives of the Secured Creditors if requested by the Security Trustee (acting reasonably) in order to discuss the ramifications of the Trigger Event and plan for a remedy and an obligation on the Security Group to provide further information to the Security Trustee as reasonably requested regarding a Trigger Event provided that the relevant Obligor shall use its reasonable obligations to obtain the consent of any Ei to disclosure such information if no longer confidential or commercially sensitive.

**Trigger Event Remedies**

At any time when an Obligor believes that a Trigger Event has been remedied by virtue of the events or actions as set out in Part 3 (*Trigger Event Remedies*) Schedule 3 (*Trigger Events*) of the CTA, it must serve notice on the Security Trustee (signed by two directors) to that effect. The Security Trustee must, provided the notice requests the same, respond within 10 days (or such longer period as it may reasonably agree with the relevant Obligor (as the case may be)) confirming that the relevant Trigger Event has, in its reasonable opinion, been remedied or setting out its reasons for believing that such Trigger Event has not been remedied (in which case, such event will continue to be a Trigger Event until such time as the Security Trustee is reasonably satisfied that the Trigger Event has been remedied).

**Events of Default**

The CTA contains (including but not limited to) the following events of default (other than paragraph (p) (*Equity Cure*)) which together constitute the “**Events of Default**” under each Finance Document other than any Liquidity Facility Agreement and any Hedging Agreement (subject, in some cases, to agreed exceptions, materiality qualifications, reservations of law and grace periods), each one being an “**Event of Default**”:



(a) *Non Payment*

An Obligor does not pay on the due date any amount payable by it under the Finance Documents at the place at and in the currency in which it is expressed to be payable unless: (a) its failure to pay is caused by administrative or technical error or a Disruption Event; and (b) payment is made within three Business Days of the due date.

(b) *Breach of Financial Covenant*

Any requirement of Part 1 (*Financial condition*) of Schedule 2 (*Security Group Covenants*) of the CTA is not satisfied, provided that no Event of Default under this paragraph will occur if the breach is remedied in the manner and within the time periods specified in paragraph 16 (*Equity Cure*) of Schedule 4 (*Events of Default*) of the CTA.

(c) *Other Obligations*

An Obligor does not comply with any provision of the Finance Documents (other than those referred to in: (i) paragraph 1 (*Non-payment*) of Schedule 4 of the CTA; and (ii) Part 1 (*Financial Covenants*) of Schedule 2 (*Security Group Covenants*) of the CTA).

No Event of Default under paragraph 3.1 of Schedule 4 (*Events of Default*) of the CTA will occur if the failure to comply is capable of remedy and is remedied within 20 Business Days of the earlier of (i) the Security Trustee giving notice to the Security Group Agent or relevant Obligor and (ii) the Security Group Agent or an Obligor becoming aware of the failure to comply.

(d) *Misrepresentation*

Any representation or statement made or deemed to be made by an Obligor in the Finance Documents or any other document delivered by or on behalf of any Obligor under or in connection with any Finance Document is or proves to have been incorrect or misleading in any material respect when made or deemed to be made.

Other than in respect of a breach of paragraphs 17 (*Anti-corruption law*) and 28 (*Sanctions*) of 1 (*General*) of Schedule 1 (*Security Group Representations*) of the CTA, no Event of Default under paragraph 4.1 of Schedule 4 (*Events of Default*) of the CTA will occur if the event or circumstance giving rise to the breach is capable of remedy and is remedied within 20 Business Days of the earlier of (i) the Security Trustee giving notice to the Security Group Agent or relevant Obligor and (ii) the Security Group Agent or an Obligor becoming aware of the event or circumstance.

(e) *Cross default*

Any Financial Indebtedness (other than any financial accommodation pursuant to a Finance Document) of any member of the Security Group is not paid when due nor within any originally applicable grace period.

Any Financial Indebtedness of any member of the Security Group is declared to be or otherwise becomes due and payable prior to its specified maturity as a result of an event of default (however described).

Any creditor of any member of the Security Group becomes entitled to declare any Financial Indebtedness of any member of the Security Group due and payable prior to its specified maturity as a result of an event of default (however described).

No Event of Default will occur under this paragraph if the aggregate amount of Financial Indebtedness or commitment for Financial Indebtedness falling within paragraphs 5.1 to 5.3 of Schedule 4 (*Event of Default*) of the CTA is less than SEK400,000,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency or currencies).

For the purpose of this paragraph, “Financial Indebtedness” does not include any Subordinated Liabilities or Subordinated Intragroup Liabilities of any member of the Security Group.

(f) *Insolvency*

Any Obligor or member of the Security Group is unable or admits inability to pay its debts as they fall due, suspends or threatens to suspend making payments on any of its debts or, by reason of actual or anticipated financial difficulties, commences negotiations with one or more classes of its creditors (excluding any Finance Party in its capacity as such) with a view to rescheduling any of its indebtedness.

The paragraph above shall not apply if the relevant indebtedness arises in connection with any Subordinated Liabilities (as defined in the STID) or Subordinated Intragroup Liabilities (as defined in the STID).

A moratorium is declared in respect of any indebtedness of any Obligor or member of the Security Group.

(g) *Insolvency Proceedings*

Any corporate action, legal proceedings or other formal procedure or formal step is taken in relation to:

- (i) the suspension of payments, a moratorium of any indebtedness, winding-up, dissolution, administration or reorganisation (by way of voluntary arrangement, scheme of arrangement or otherwise) of any Obligor or member of the Security Group;
- (ii) a composition, compromise, assignment or arrangement with any creditor of any Obligor or member of the Security Group other than a composition, compromise, assignment or arrangement with respect to any Subordinated Liabilities or Subordinated Intragroup Liabilities;
- (iii) the appointment of a liquidator, receiver, administrative receiver, administrator, compulsory manager or other similar officer in respect of any Obligor or member of the Security Group; or
- (iv) enforcement of any Security over any assets of any Obligor or member of the Security Group having an aggregate value of SEK200,000,000 (or its equivalent in other currency) or more,

or any analogous procedure is taken in any jurisdiction.

The above shall not apply:

- any winding-up petition which is: (A) being contested in good faith by any Obligor or (B) frivolous or vexatious and is discharged, stayed or dismissed within 30 days of commencement;
- any step or procedure contemplated by paragraph (b) of the definition of “Permitted Transaction”; or
- in respect of any such action, legal proceedings or step over or relating to assets, the aggregate value of which does not exceed SEK250,000,000.

(h) *Creditors' process*

Any expropriation, attachment, sequestration, distress or execution or any analogous process in any jurisdiction affects any asset or assets of any Obligor having an aggregate value of SEK200,000,000 (or its equivalent in any currency) or more and is not discharged within 30 days.

(i) *Unlawfulness and Invalidity*

It is or becomes unlawful for an Obligor to perform any of its obligations under the Finance Documents or (subject to the Legal Reservations and the Perfection Requirements) any Borrower Security created or expressed to be created or evidenced by the Security Documents ceases to be effective or any subordination created under the STID is or becomes unlawful, in each case, in any respect which is material and adverse to the interests of the Secured Creditors under the Finance Documents (and, in relation to an obligation under a Common Document, which is material and adverse to the interests of the Secured Creditors taken as a whole).

Any Finance Document ceases to be in full force and effect (other than in accordance with its terms) or any Borrower Security or any subordination created under the STID ceases to be legal, valid, binding, enforceable or effective or is alleged by a party to it (other than a Finance Party) to be ineffective in any respect which is adverse to the interests of the Secured Creditors under the Finance Documents.

Any material obligation or obligations of any Obligor under any Finance Documents are not (subject to the Legal Reservations and, in the case of the Security Documents, the Perfection Requirements) or cease to be legal, valid, binding or enforceable and the cessation, individually or cumulatively, materially adversely affects the interests of the Secured Creditors under the Finance Documents (and, in relation to an obligation under a Common Document, which is material and adverse to the interests of the Secured Creditors taken as a whole).

No Event of Default under paragraph 9.1 or 9.3 of Schedule 4 (*Events of Default*) of the CTA will occur if the failure to comply is capable of remedy and is remedied within 20 Business Days of the earlier of: (i) the Security Trustee giving notice to the relevant party and (ii) the relevant party becoming aware of the failure to comply.

(j) *Cessation of Business*

Any Obligor or member of the Security Group suspends or ceases to carry on (or threatens to suspend or cease to carry on) all or a material part of its business except as a result of a Permitted Disposal or a Permitted Transaction.

(k) *Change of ownership*

After the Closing Date, the Parent ceases to own at least the same percentage of shares in the Issuer as on the Closing Date, except as a result of a disposal which is a Permitted Transaction.

(l) *Expropriation*

The authority or ability of any Obligor to conduct its business is limited or wholly or substantially curtailed by any seizure, expropriation, nationalisation, intervention, restriction or other action by or on behalf of any governmental, regulatory or other authority or other person in relation to any Obligor or any of its assets where such action has a Material Adverse Effect.

The paragraph above shall not apply to any expropriation or attachment which is discharged within 30 days.

(m) *Repudiation and Rescission of Agreements*

An Obligor rescinds or purports to rescind or repudiates or purports to repudiate a Finance Document or any of the Borrower Security or evidences an intention to rescind or repudiate a Common Document or any Borrower Security which is material and adverse to the interests of the Secured Creditors under the

Finance Documents (and, in relation to an obligation under a Finance Document, which is material and adverse to the interests of the Secured Creditors taken as a whole).

Any party to the STID (other than a Finance Party or an Obligor):

- (i) rescinds or purports to rescind or repudiates or purports to repudiate any of those agreements or instruments in whole or in part; or
- (ii) fails to comply with the provisions of, or does not perform its obligations under, the STID,

where such rescission, repudiation, non-compliance or non-performance, as the case may be, has or is likely to have a material adverse effect on the interests of the Authorised Credit Providers under the Finance Documents.

Any representation or warranty given by any party to the STID (other than a Finance Party or an Obligor) is incorrect in any material aspect.

It shall not be an Event of Default under paragraphs 13.2 and 13.3 of Schedule 4 (*Events of Default*) of the CTA if the non-compliance or circumstances giving rise to the misrepresentation are capable of remedy and are remedied within 20 Business Days of the earlier of the Security Trustee giving notice to that party or that party becoming aware of the non-compliance or misrepresentation.

(n) *Litigation*

Any litigation, arbitration, administrative, governmental, regulatory or other proceedings are commenced in relation to the Finance Documents or the transactions contemplated in the Finance Documents or against any Obligor which is reasonably likely to be adversely determined and, if so determined, is reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(o) *Authorisations*

Any Authorisation required for the Permitted Business is breached, cancelled, revoked or terminated without being replaced (if replacement is required) on comparable or more favourable terms (taking into account changes in the applicable regulatory regime since the Closing Date) or on terms which are not materially prejudicial to the Authorised Credit Providers and (other than in respect of the termination, cancellation or revocation of a Concession, unless in the ordinary course of business), such breach, termination, cancellation or revocation is reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(p) *Equity Cure*

The Common Terms Agreement also provides the right to Ellevio to provide or procure additional equity in order to remedy or prevent a breach of the ratios outlined in paragraph (b) above (the “**Equity Cure Right**”). The Obligors may not elect to exercise the Equity Cure Right: (a) more than three times over any period of five calendar years; and (b) in respect of consecutive Calculation Dates. The application of any additional equity shall:

- (a) in relation to the Senior Interest Cover Ratio, be:
  - (i) added to the Funds from Operations for that Relevant Period; and
  - (ii) included in the calculation of Funds from Operations on the subsequent Calculation Date;
- (b) in relation to the Senior Leverage Ratio and the Total Leverage Ratio, be subtracted from Class A Net Debt and Total Net Debt for that Relevant Period; and

in each case, shall be applied in prepayment or redemption to reduce outstanding amounts including accrued interest under any Class A Debt (excluding in each case make-whole amounts) and to meet any swap break costs which may become due to the Hedge Counterparties should one or more Hedging Transactions be terminated in accordance with paragraph 24 of Schedule 7 (*Hedging Policy*) of the CTA in connection with the exercise by the Obligors of an Equity Cure Right, and shall be applied, in each case, in the order of application determined by the Issuer in its sole discretion. The Obligors may not elect to exercise the Equity Cure Right:

- (a) more than three times over any period of five calendar years; or
- (b) in respect of consecutive Calculation Dates.

(q) *New Financial Covenant*

Any requirement of the New Financial Covenant is not satisfied *provided that* no Event of Default under this paragraph will occur if the breach is remedied in the manner and within the periods specified in the following paragraph (r) (*Total Equity Cure*).

(r) *Total Equity Cure*

Pursuant to the Deed Poll and its incorporation into the CTA, the Issuer has a right (the “**Total Equity Cure Right**”) to prevent or cure the breach in paragraph (q) (*New Financial Covenant*) above by providing or procuring additional equity in an amount sufficient to cure or prevent such a breach less any equity cure amount applied pursuant to paragraph (p) (*Equity Cure*) above (the “**Total Equity Cure Amount**”). The Obligors may elect to exercise the Total Equity Cure Right no more than three times over a period of five years. The Obligors are not permitted to exercise the Total Equity Cure Right in respect of consecutive Calculation Dates.

The application of the Total Equity Cure Amount shall, in relation to the Total Interest Cover Ratio, be:

- (a) (added to the Total Funds from Operations for that Total Relevant Period; and
- (b) included in the calculation of Total Funds from Operations on the subsequent Calculation Date;

and in each case, shall be applied in prepayment or redemption to reduce outstanding amounts including accrued interest under any Class A Debt or any Class B Debt (excluding in each case make-whole amounts) and to meet any swap break costs which may become due to the Hedge Counterparties should one or more Hedging Transactions be terminated in accordance with paragraph 24 of Schedule 7 (*Hedging Policy*) to the CTA in connection with the exercise by the Obligors of an Total Equity Cure Right, and shall be applied, in each case, in the order of application determined by the Issuer in its sole discretion provided that the Issuer may not prepay or redeem any outstanding amounts under any Class B Debt before the prepayment or redemption of Class A Debt.

Upon the exercise of the Total Equity Cure Right, the Issuer is required to re-calculate the Total Interest Cover Ratio. If it is found that due to the application of the Total Equity Cure Amount, the breach has been prevented or cured, it is deemed that New Financial Covenant was complied with from the date of the Compliance Certificate that demonstrated such breach for that period.

## **Hedging Policy**

The Obligors and members of the Security Group agree to be bound by a hedging policy set out in Schedule 7 to the CTA (the “**Hedging Policy**”) the purpose of which is to limit the exposure of the Security Group to fluctuations in interest rates, currencies and inflation. The Hedging Policy is broadly divided into principles of

general application, principles applying to currency hedges, principles relating to interest rate hedging, principles relating to pre-hedges, underhedged positions and overhedged positions, principles relating to Hedge Counterparties and individual Hedging Agreements.

### ***General Principles***

The Hedging Policy allows any Obligor or member of the Security Group to enter into Treasury Transactions to which the Hedging Policy will not apply in order to manage risk inherent in its business or funding on a prudent basis. Where such Treasury Transaction(s) is not entered into by way of a Hedging Agreement, it is unsecured and the hedge counterparty does not accede to the STID, provided that:

- (a) the aggregate notional amount of such Treasury Transactions does not exceed SEK1 billion (Indexed); and
- (b) no such Treasury Transaction shall have a tenor of more than 4 years.

The Hedging Policy will be reviewed from time to time by the Obligors and Security Group and may be amended as appropriate, including in order to meet the requirements of the Rating Agencies from time to time or to reflect derivatives-related regulatory requirements in accordance with the provisions of the STID.

Additionally, no amendment, waiver, modification or termination (in whole or part) of any Hedging Agreement requires the consent of any party other than the affected Hedge Counterparty, provided that: (a) such amendment, waiver, modification or termination (as the case may be) does not result in any Obligor or member of the Security Group breaching the Hedging Policy; and (b) no additional consent would be required under the STID.

Subject to the Entrenched Rights, no amendment, waiver, modification or termination (in whole or in part) of the Hedging Policy necessary to meet the requirements of the Rating Agencies from time to time or to reflect derivatives-related regulatory requirements (but for the avoidance of doubt, not including amendments, waivers, modifications or terminations of hedging limits, termination events and events of default, howsoever described), requires the consent of any party other than the relevant Borrower. In the event that the relevant Borrower is required to make any such change to the Hedging Policy, the Security Trustee shall be required (at the cost of the relevant Borrower) to execute such documents as are reasonably necessary to give effect to such change to the Hedging Policy.

### ***Currency risk principles***

The Hedging Policy prohibits Obligors or members of the Security Group from bearing unhedged currency risk in respect of interest payable to expected legal maturity and the repayment of principle under any foreign currency denominated debt instrument, provided that at any time up to 5 per cent. of the Relevant Debt may not be currency hedged for a period not exceeding 45 days

If, at any time, (i) the aggregate notional amount of Class A Hedging Transactions that are foreign exchange transactions exceeds 100 per cent. of the total outstanding principal amount of foreign currency denominated Relevant Debt which is Class A Debt; or (ii) the aggregate notional amount of Class B Hedging Transactions that are foreign exchange transactions exceeds 100 per cent. of the total outstanding principal amount of such foreign currency denominated Relevant Debt which is Class B Debt (each a “**Currency Overhedged Position**”), then the relevant Obligor or member of the Security Group must, within 30 days of becoming aware of such Currency Overhedged Position, reduce and/or procure the reduction of the notional amount of such Hedging Transactions (which may be achieved by terminating one or more of such Hedging Transactions (in whole or in part) so that it is in compliance with the parameters in this paragraph. For the avoidance of doubt, a Currency Overhedged Position may not be reduced by entering into one or more Offsetting Transactions.

### ***Interest rate risk principles***

The Hedging Policy places an obligation on Ellevio to hedge the interest rate risk in relation to all outstanding Relevant Debt, ensuring that:

- (a) where less than 75 per cent. of (X) the Relevant Debt which is Class A Debt: (i) is fixed rate; (ii) is index-linked; or (iii) effectively bears a fixed or index-linked rate pursuant to a Class A Hedging Agreement (after taking into account any Offsetting Transactions) or (Y) all Relevant Debt is fixed rate, index-linked or effectively fixed rate or index-linked pursuant to a Hedging Agreement (an “**Underhedged Position**”), then the relevant Obligor or member of the Security Group shall increase or procure the increase of the notional amount of the Hedging Transactions so that it is over 75 per cent. within 45 days of becoming aware of the Underhedged Position; and
- (b) at all times, the aggregate notional amount of (i) Class A Hedging Transactions that are interest rate or inflation-linked transactions exceeds 110 per cent. of the total outstanding principal amount of the Relevant Debt which is Class A Debt (after taking into account any Offsetting Transactions); or (ii) all Hedging Transactions that are interest rate or inflation-linked transactions exceeds 110 per cent. of the total outstanding principal amount of all Relevant Debt (each an “**Overhedged Position**”), the relevant Obligor or member of the Security Group must reduce and/or procure the reduction of the notional amount of Hedging Transactions below the 110 per cent. threshold within 30 days of becoming aware of the Overhedged Position.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Security Group is not obliged to enter into interest rate or inflation-linked Hedging Transactions in respect of Class B Debt.

### ***Principles relating to Overhedged Positions, Underhedged Positions and Pre-hedges***

Subject to the terms of each individual Hedging Agreement, each Obligor and member of the Security Group will manage the Underhedged Position, Overhedged Position or Currency Overhedged Position (as applicable) in its absolute discretion provided that, prior to the date on which any Overhedged Position or Currency Overhedged Position is remedied, the relevant Obligor or member of the Security Group will ensure that it has sufficient funds to meet any swap termination amounts or break costs which may become due to the Hedge Counterparties should one or more Hedging Transactions be terminated.

Each Obligor and member of the Security Group will, in addition, be permitted to enter into derivative instruments such as forward starting interest rate swap transactions and/or inflation rate swap transactions with an effective date no later than 24 months from the date of entry into such Treasury Transactions, in respect of Financial Indebtedness which is projected to be incurred within 24 months from the date of entry into such Treasury Transactions (the “**Pre-hedges**”). Subject to no Event of Default having occurred, the notional amount in respect of any Pre-hedge shall only count towards the determination of an Overhedged Position or Underhedged Position in respect of any day to the extent such day occurs on or after the effective date in respect of the relevant Pre-hedge. The Hedge Counterparties’ termination rights shall apply equally to Pre-hedges. In addition, such Pre-hedges will contain provisions to the effect that such Pre-hedges must be terminated if the projected Financial Indebtedness is either not incurred or is incurred and the pre-hedging is no longer required.

### ***Principles relating to Hedge Counterparties***

The Hedging Policy restricts Hedge Counterparties, or institutions giving parent guarantees, to those that have a rating of no less than BBB or higher by S&P or Fitch or Baa2 or higher by Moody’s at the time of entering into a Hedging Agreement. No party shall have any obligation to take any action (or to cease to take any action) if a Hedge Counterparty subsequently ceases to satisfy the criteria set out in the Hedging Policy with respect to any Rating.

Hedge Counterparties may transfer their obligations to an Affiliate, provided that such Affiliate complies with the above ratings criteria and accedes to the Finance Documents in accordance with the STID.

### ***Principles relating to Hedging Agreements***

All Hedging Agreements entered into pursuant to the Hedging Policy must be entered into in the form of a 2002 ISDA Master Agreement unless otherwise agreed by the Security Trustee.

Hedging Transactions in respect of Super Senior Hedging Transactions, Class A Hedging Transactions and Class B Hedging Transactions will be entered into under separate ISDA Master Agreements between any relevant Obligor and the relevant Hedge Counterparties

An Early Termination Date may only be designated by a Hedge Counterparty where certain events occur and continue, including various Events of Default, the exercise of rights under a break clause or breaches of certain obligations under a Hedging Agreement itself. No Event of Default (as defined in the ISDA Master Agreement) shall apply in relation to Ellevio and no Termination Event (as defined in the ISDA Master Agreement) in respect of which the Hedge Counterparty would have a right to terminate the relevant Hedging Agreement shall apply.

Each Hedge Counterparty has been required to acknowledge in the relevant Hedging Agreement that the relevant Hedging Agreement will be subject to the provisions of the Common Terms Agreement and the STID and that all amounts payable or expressed to be payable by the relevant Obligor or member of the Security Group under or in connection with such Hedging Agreement shall only be recoverable (and all rights of the relevant Hedge Counterparty under such Hedging Agreement shall only be exercisable) subject to and in accordance with the STID or the Common Documents, as applicable.

Any Obligor or member of the Security Group will be entitled to enter into Treasury Transactions with Hedge Counterparties that contain break clauses or that grant the relevant Obligor or member of the Security Group and/or the relevant Hedge Counterparty a break clause or right of optional early termination (other than any optional early termination rights governed by the Hedging Policy), if as at the date on which it enters into such Treasury Transactions:

- (a) the aggregate notional amount of all such Treasury Transactions with break clauses or optional early termination does not exceed 10 per cent. of the outstanding principal amount of the Secured Debt; and
- (b) the aggregate notional amount of such Treasury Transactions with break clauses or optional early termination coming due within a rolling two-year period does not exceed 5 per cent. of the outstanding principal amount of the Secured Debt.

Any Obligor or member of the Security Group will be entitled to enter into Super Senior Hedging Agreements with Hedge Counterparties that rank super senior to the Relevant Debt.

### **Cash Management**

#### ***Operating Accounts***

The CTA requires the Obligors to open and maintain one or more Operating Accounts with the Account Bank which will be subject to the Security.

At all times prior to any Standstill Period, the Cash Manager for the Security Group shall be the Issuer or the respective holder of the Operating Account.

During and following any Standstill Period, the Cash Manager shall be the Standstill Cash Manager.



The Cash Manager will act as such in respect of the accounts held by any of the relevant Obligor, and shall be authorised by such Obligor and the Security Trustee to operate all such accounts pending (other than with respect to the Standstill Cash Manager) the removal of the Cash Manager by reason of the occurrence of an Event of Default or any other agreed trigger for removal.

The Cash Manager (other than the Standstill Cash Manager) shall ensure that all of its revenues (other than a Class A Standby Drawing or Class B Standby Drawing, as applicable) will be paid into an Operating Account in its name or into the Class A Debt Service Reserve Account or Class B Debt Service Reserve Account, as applicable, and will use the funds standing to the credit of such relevant Operating Account and the relevant Class A Debt Service Reserve Account or Class B Debt Service Reserve Account to make payments permitted pursuant to the Finance Documents.

Each Operating Account shall be the sole current account of the relevant Obligor through which (subject to the terms of the Finance Documents) all operating expenditure, Capital Expenditure, payments in respect of Financial Indebtedness or any Taxes incurred by it shall be cleared.

Prior to the termination of a Standstill, payments to Secured Creditors will be made out of moneys standing to the credit of the Operating Accounts (subject to certain exceptions), in accordance with the Pre-Enforcement Priority of Payments as set out below.

### ***Liquidity Facility***

The Cash Manager shall determine the amount of any anticipated Class A Liquidity Shortfall on the next Determination Date after taking into account the balance standing to the credit of the Operating Accounts and relevant Class A Debt Service Reserve Accounts which will be available to the Obligor on the next Interest Payment Date.

If, after application of the balance standing to the credit of the Operating Accounts and Class A Debt Service Reserve Accounts (if any), there will be a positive Class A Liquidity Shortfall, the relevant Obligor (or the Cash Manager on its behalf) shall deliver a Class A LF Notice of Drawing to the Class A LF Agent in accordance with the Class A Liquidity Facility Agreement in respect of such Class A Liquidity Shortfall.

At the time any Class A LF Notice of Drawing is delivered by the relevant Obligor (or the Cash Manager on its behalf) to the Class A LF Agent in respect of an Interest Payment Date, that Obligor shall notify the Security Trustee of the amount of any applicable Class A Liquidity Shortfall in respect of such Interest Payment Date.

The amount of the Liquidity Loan Drawing (as defined in the relevant Liquidity Facility Agreement) shall immediately be credited to the relevant Operating Accounts and applied towards payment of the relevant items listed in sub-paragraphs (a) to (g) of the Pre-Enforcement Priority of Payments (excluding in respect of paragraph (d) therein)(excluding any termination payments, principal exchange amounts or other pay-as-you-go payments and all other unscheduled amounts payable to any Hedge Counterparty).

During a Standstill, the Standstill Cash Manager shall exercise those rights and perform those obligations of the Cash Manager under the Class A Liquidity Facility Agreement.

### ***Pre-Enforcement Priority of Payments***

Prior to the delivery of an Acceleration Notice, payments owed by an Obligor to Secured Creditors will be made, on each Payment Date (or in the case of paragraphs (a) and (b) below, on any day on which such amounts are due and payable), out of moneys standing to the credit of the Operating Account of that Obligor in the following order, without double counting:

- (a) *first, pro rata and pari passu*, according to the respective amounts thereof in or towards satisfaction of the costs, fees, expenses and any other amounts (including by way of indemnities) payable by any Obligor to:
  - (i) the Security Trustee or any Receiver under any Finance Document; and
  - (ii) the Bond Trustee under any Finance Document;
- (b) *second, pro rata and pari passu*, according to the respective amounts thereof in or towards satisfaction of the fees, costs, charges, liabilities, expenses and other remuneration and indemnity payments (if any) and any other amounts payable by any Obligor to:
  - (i) the Agents under the Agency Agreement;
  - (ii) the other Facility Agents;
  - (iii) the Account Bank under the Account Bank Agreement;
  - (iv) the Standstill Cash Manager; and
  - (v) each Secured Creditor Representative;
- (c) *third, pro rata and pari passu*, in or towards satisfaction of all amounts due by an Obligor to any Class A LF Provider and a Class A LF Agent and arranger under each Class A Liquidity Facility Agreement (other than in respect of any Class A Subordinated Liquidity Payments and any amounts payable in accordance with the foregoing provisions);
- (d) *fourth, pro rata and pari passu*, in or towards satisfaction of all amounts due by an Obligor to any Class B LF Provider and a Class B LF Agent and arranger under each Class B Liquidity Facility Agreement (other than in respect of any Class B Subordinated Liquidity Payments and any amounts payable in accordance with the foregoing provisions);
- (e) *fifth, pro rata and pari passu*, according to the respective amounts thereof all scheduled amounts, scheduled termination payments, accretion or other pay-as-you-go payments payable to each Super Senior Hedge Counterparty under any Super Senior Hedging Agreements (other than in respect of Subordinated Hedge Amounts);
- (f) *sixth, pro rata and pari passu*, according to the respective amounts thereof, in or towards satisfaction of:
  - (i) all amounts of interest, underwriting and commitment commissions payable under any Initial Authorised Credit Facilities;
  - (ii) all amounts of interest payable under any Class A Bonds;
  - (iii) all unscheduled amounts which are payable to each Super Senior Hedge Counterparty under any Super Senior Hedging Agreement (other than in respect of Subordinated Hedge Amounts and any amounts payable in accordance with the foregoing provisions);
  - (iv) all scheduled amounts (other than principal exchange amounts, termination payments, final payments on cross-currency swaps, accretion and other pay-as-you-go payments) payable to each Class A Hedge Counterparty under any Class A Hedging Agreement (other than Subordinated Hedge Amounts);
  - (v) all amounts of interest payable under any Class A Institutional Loan;
  - (vi) all amounts of interest payable under any Class A PP Notes; and

- (vii) all amounts of interest payable under any Class A Permitted Additional Financial Indebtedness other than amounts payable in accordance with the foregoing provisions;
- (g) *seventh, pro rata and pari passu*, in or towards satisfaction of:
  - (i) all amounts of principal due or overdue in respect of Class A Debt outstanding under any Initial Authorised Credit Facilities;
  - (ii) all amounts of principal due or overdue in respect of Class A Debt outstanding under any Class A Bonds;
  - (iii) all scheduled principal exchange amounts, termination payments, final payments on cross-currency swaps, accretion and other pay-as-you-go payments or any unscheduled sums due and payable by the Issuer to each Class A Hedge Counterparty under, and any other amounts due to a Class A Hedge Counterparty under or in connection with, any Class A Hedging Agreement (other than Subordinated Hedge Amounts);
  - (iv) all amounts of principal due or overdue in respect of Class A Debt outstanding under any Class A Institutional Loan;
  - (v) all amounts of principal due or overdue in respect of Class A Debt outstanding under any Class A PP Notes (including any amounts due or overdue in respect of any swap breakage amounts due under each Class A PP Note Purchase Agreement) and any amounts due or overdue pursuant to a Class A PP Note Swap Indemnity Letter; and
  - (vi) all amounts of principal due or overdue in respect of Class A Debt outstanding under any Class A Permitted Additional Financial Indebtedness other than amounts payable in accordance with the foregoing provisions;
- (h) *eighth*, in or towards satisfaction of all amounts in respect of any Make-Whole Amount under any Class A Debt;
- (i) *ninth, pro rata and pari passu*, in or towards satisfaction of:
  - (i) all amounts of interest, underwriting and commitment commissions payable under any Class B Senior Term Facilities and any amounts payable in accordance with the foregoing provisions;
  - (ii) all amounts of interest payable under any Class B Capex Facility;
  - (iii) all amounts of interest payable under any Class B Bonds;
  - (iv) all scheduled amounts (other than principal exchange amounts, termination payments, final payments on cross-currency swaps, accretion and other pay-as-you-go payments) payable to each Class B Hedge Counterparty under any Class B Hedging Agreement (other than Subordinated Hedge Amounts and any amounts payable in accordance with the foregoing provisions);
  - (v) all amounts of interest payable under any Class B Institutional Loan;
  - (vi) all amounts of interest payable under any Class B PP Notes; and
  - (vii) all amounts of interest payable under any Class B Permitted Additional Financial Indebtedness other than amounts payable in accordance with the foregoing provisions;
- (j) *tenth, pro rata and pari passu*, in or towards satisfaction of:

- (i) all amounts of principal due or overdue in respect of Class B Debt outstanding under any Class B Senior Term Facilities;
- (ii) all amounts of principal due or overdue in respect of Class B Debt outstanding under any Class B Capex Facility;
- (iii) all amounts of principal due or overdue in respect of Class B Debt outstanding under any Class B Bonds;
- (iv) all scheduled principal exchange amounts, termination payments, final payments on cross-currency swaps, accretion and other pay-as-you-go payments or any unscheduled sums due and payable by the Issuer to each Class B Hedge Counterparty under, and any other amounts due to a Class B Hedge Counterparty under or in connection with, any Class B Hedging Agreement (other than Subordinated Hedge Amounts);
- (v) all amounts of principal due or overdue in respect of Class B Debt outstanding under any Class B Institutional Loan;
- (vi) all amounts of principal due or overdue in respect of Class B Debt outstanding under any Class B PP Notes (including any amounts due or overdue in respect of any swap breakage amounts due under each Class B PP Note Purchase Agreement) and any amounts due or overdue pursuant to a Class B PP Note Swap Indemnity Letter; and
- (vii) all amounts of principal due or overdue in respect of Class B Debt outstanding under any Class B Permitted Additional Financial Indebtedness other than amounts payable in accordance with the foregoing provisions; and
- (k) *eleventh*, in or towards satisfaction of all amounts in respect of any Make-Whole Amount *under* any Class B Debt; and
- (l) *twelfth, pro rata and pari passu*, in or towards satisfaction of all Class A Subordinated Liquidity Payments due under each Class A Liquidity Facility Agreement and all Class B Subordinated Liquidity Payments due under each Class B Liquidity Facility Agreement;
- (m) *thirteenth, pro rata and pari passu*, in or towards satisfaction of any Subordinated Hedge Amounts due or overdue to a Hedge Counterparty; and
- (n) *fourteenth*, any surplus shall be available to each Obligor entitled thereto to deal with as it sees fit.

### **Standstill Cash Manager**

The CTA sets out provisions relating to the appointment of a Standstill Cash Manager to replace the Cash Manager following the commencement of a Standstill Period and for so long as such Standstill Period continues, provided that no Enforcement Action (other than a Permitted Share Pledge Acceleration) has occurred.

The Standstill Cash Manager will act as Standstill Cash Manager in accordance with the CTA, the STID, the Liquidity Facility Agreement and the Account Bank Agreement.

### **Governing law**

The CTA and all non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with it are governed by English law.

## Security Trust and Intercreditor Deed

### General

The intercreditor arrangements among the members of the Security Group (the “**Intercreditor Arrangements**”) are contained in the STID. Other than in respect of intra-group and shareholder loans, unsecured creditors are not and will not become parties to the intercreditor arrangements and will have unfettered, independent rights of action in respect of their debts. However, the aggregate amount of certain unsecured Financial Indebtedness is restricted under the CTA. Subject to accession to the STID, MDA and the CTA, other Authorised Credit Providers may, in the future, become Secured Creditors.

The purpose of the Intercreditor Arrangements is to regulate, among other things: (i) the claims of the Secured Creditors and their ranking in point of payment after the delivery of an Acceleration Notice; (ii) the exercise, acceleration and enforcement of rights by the Secured Creditors; (iii) the rights of the Secured Creditors to instruct the Security Trustee; and (iv) the giving of consents and waivers and the making of modifications to, among others, the Common Terms Agreement, the Security Documents, the Account Bank Agreement and the Master Definitions Agreement (the “**Common Documents**”). The Intercreditor Arrangements provide for the subordination and postponement of all claims relating to Financial Indebtedness of: (i) any member of the Security Group owed to another member of the Security Group; and (ii) certain other Financial Indebtedness of members of the Security Group.

### Guarantee

The STID contains provisions through which any present or future members of the Security Group jointly and severally guarantee the obligations of each other member of the Security Group. The Guarantee extends to, among other things, the obligation to make any payment due under the Common Documents punctually and for the full amount. It also requires the Security Group to indemnify the Security Trustee (and the Secured Creditors for whom it acts) for any loss suffered if any guaranteed obligations become unenforceable, invalid, illegal or ineffective. The Guarantee extends for so long as there are any sums outstanding under the Common Documents.

As more fully set out in the STID, each Guarantor (which includes the Parent and the Issuer or any other entity which subsequently grants a Guarantee) jointly, severally, irrevocably and unconditionally guarantees the performance of the obligations of each Obligor until such time as all of the Obligors’ obligations in respect of the Secured Liabilities have been discharged in full.

### Modifications, Consents, Waivers and Voting Procedures

The STID contains provisions which enable the Security Trustee to exercise its discretion, without the consent of the Secured Creditors, to concur in making any modification, or giving any consent or granting any waiver under or in respect of any Common Document if: (i) in the opinion of the Security Trustee, it is required to correct a manifest error, or it is of a formal, minor, administrative or technical nature; or (ii) such modification, consent or waiver is not, in the opinion of the Security Trustee, materially prejudicial to the interests of any of the Qualifying Secured Creditors (where “**materially prejudicial**” means that such modification, consent or waiver could have a material adverse effect on the ability of the Obligors to repay the Secured Liabilities) referred to in the STID as “**Discretion Matters**”. Where the Security Trustee is not willing or able to exercise its discretion, approval from relevant Qualifying Secured Creditors is required. Consents, waivers or modifications may, depending on their nature, constitute Ordinary Voting Matters (which require a simple majority to pass a resolution) or Extraordinary Voting Matters (which require not less than 66.67 per cent. of votes cast to pass a resolution). In addition, it may constitute an Entrenched Right in respect of one or more Secured Creditors with the result that the consent of such Secured Creditors will need to be obtained. The STID contains the detailed provisions regarding the quorum required for the approval of such matters (which, for example, in relation to an Ordinary Voting Matter, is one or more Participating Qualifying Secured Creditors representing not less than 20 per cent. of the Outstanding Principal Amount of all Qualifying Senior Debt), the

time periods in which approvals need to be given (which, for example, in relation to an Ordinary Voting Matter, is 15 Business Days) and the percentage thresholds required to approve the different matters (which, for example, in relation to an Ordinary Voting Matter, is a simple majority of the Voted Qualifying Debt). Such quorums, time periods and percentage thresholds vary depending on the nature of the different matters. Other than in the case of the Hedge Counterparties, where the minimum quorum and voting majorities under any Authorised Credit Facility (other than the Hedging Agreements) are met, the entire Outstanding Principal Amount of such Authorised Credit Facility shall be aggregated by the Security Trustee with the votes cast for or against (as applicable) by the other Qualifying Secured Creditors. Where the minimum quorum and voting majorities specified in the relevant Authorised Credit Facility are not met, votes in respect of the relevant Authorised Credit Facility will be divided between votes cast in favour and votes cast against, on a “euro-for-euro” basis in respect of the Qualifying Senior Debt then owed to the Participating Qualifying Secured Creditors that vote on a proposed resolution within the Decision Period.

In the case of Bondholders voting on an STID Proposal, votes will be counted on a euro-for-euro basis either for or against the STID Proposal according to the vote unless holders of 25 per cent. or more of the Outstanding Principal Amount of such Sub-Class of Bonds cast a vote and 75 per cent. of the Outstanding Principal Amount of the Bonds of such Sub-Class which so voted, voted the same way then the entire Outstanding Principal Amount of such Sub-Class of Bonds will count as having voted in such way in respect of Quorum Requirements and the requisite majority. Where 25 per cent. or more of the Outstanding Principal Amount of such Sub-Class of Bonds cast a vote but less than 75 per cent. of the Outstanding Principal Amount of the Bonds of such Sub-Class which so voted vote the same way, the entire Outstanding Principal Amount of such Series of Bonds will count as having voted in such way in respect of Quorum Requirements but not the requisite majority. Bondholders will be able to participate in such approval processes by means of an electronic voting procedure, details of which are set out in the Trust Deed (and is briefly described in “– Trust Deed” below).

In the case of Qualifying Authorised Credit Facilities (other than Qualifying Hedging Transactions, the Qualifying Bonds and the Qualifying PP Notes), if the minimum quorum and voting majorities under any Qualifying Authorised Credit Facility (other than Qualifying Hedging Transactions, the Qualifying Bonds and the Qualifying PP Notes) are met, the entire Outstanding Principal Amount of such Qualifying Authorised Credit Facility shall be aggregated by the Security Trustee with the votes cast for or against (as applicable) by the relevant Qualifying Secured Creditors (including the Bondholders). Where the minimum quorum and voting majorities specified in the relevant Qualifying Authorised Credit Facility (other than Qualifying Hedging Transactions, the Qualifying Bonds and the Qualifying PP Notes) are not met, votes in respect of the relevant Qualified Authorised Credit Facility will be divided between votes cast in favour and votes cast against, on a Krona-for-Krona basis in respect of the Qualifying Senior Debt then owed to the Participating Qualifying Secured Creditors that vote on a proposed resolution within the Decision Period. Votes cast in favour and votes cast against will then be aggregated by the Security Trustee with the votes cast for and against by the other Qualifying Secured Creditors.

In the case of PP Noteholders, if the minimum quorum and voting majorities specified in the relevant PP Note Purchase Agreement are met, only a single vote by reference to the entire Outstanding Principal Amount of such Series of PP Notes will be counted for the applicable proposal (and for the applicable Quorum Requirement). If the minimum quorum and voting majorities are not met, votes in respect of the relevant Series of PP Notes will be divided between votes cast in favour and votes cast against, on a Krona-for-Krona basis in respect of such PP Notes that vote on a proposed resolution within the Decision Period. Votes cast in favour and votes cast against will then be aggregated by the Security Trustee with the votes cast for and against by the other Qualifying Secured Creditors (and will be counted for the applicable Quorum Requirement).

In the case of Hedge Counterparties, voting in respect of any Qualifying Hedging Transaction will be made by each Qualifying Hedge Counterparty in respect of:

- (A) in relation to any Qualifying Hedging Transaction in respect of which an Early Termination Date (as defined in the relevant Hedging Agreement) has been designated, the Equivalent Amount in respect of the amount (if any) outstanding to the relevant Qualifying Hedge Counterparty following such termination (as calculated in accordance with the terms of the relevant Hedging Agreement);
- (B) if the Qualifying Hedge Counterparty is otherwise entitled under the relevant Hedging Agreement and the STID to designate an Early Termination Date (as defined in the relevant Hedging Agreement), the Equivalent Amount as calculated by the Qualifying Hedge Counterparty and notified in writing by the Qualifying Hedge Counterparty to the Security Trustee (representing the mark to market value of any Qualifying Hedging Transactions) of the amount (if any) which would be payable to the relevant Qualifying Hedge Counterparty if any Early Termination Date (as defined in the relevant Hedging Agreement) was designated on the date falling two Business Days after the commencement of the relevant Decision Period. Only such mark to market value will be counted towards the Quorum Requirement. In respect of each Qualifying Hedge Counterparty, a single vote by reference to the aggregate of the mark to market value of all such Qualifying Hedging Transactions arising under the Hedging Agreements of such Qualifying Hedge Counterparty will be counted for or against the applicable STID Proposal or Direction Notice; or
- (C) prior to the taking of any Enforcement Action in relation to any vote:
  - (A) on whether to take any Enforcement Action; or
  - (B) to terminate any Standstill,

the Equivalent Amount as calculated by the Qualifying Hedge Counterparty and notified in writing by the Qualifying Hedge Counterparty to the Security Trustee (representing the mark to market value of any Qualifying Hedging Transactions) of the amount (if any) which would be payable to the relevant Qualifying Hedge Counterparty if any Early Termination Date (as defined in the relevant Hedging Agreement) was designated on the date falling two Business Days after the commencement of the relevant Decision Period. Only such mark to market value will be counted towards the Quorum Requirement. In respect of each Qualifying Hedge Counterparty, a single vote by reference to the aggregate of the mark to market value of all such Qualifying Hedging Transactions arising under the Hedging Agreements of such Qualifying Hedge Counterparty will be counted for or against the applicable STID Proposal or Direction Notice. There are also provisions which enable instructions to be given to the Security Trustee by the required percentage of Qualifying Secured Creditors in relation to a number of matters, including whether to enforce the security following an Event of Default and whether to deliver an Acceleration Notice. The required percentage of Participating Qualifying Secured Creditors differs depending on the nature of the instruction and also may vary over time. For example, the initial quorum in relation to a decision on whether to enforce the security would be Participating Qualifying Secured Creditors representing not less than 20 per cent. of the Outstanding Principal Amount of all Qualifying Senior Debt and a simple majority of the Voted Qualifying Debt will be required to pass the resolution.

### **Standstill and Enforcement Action**

If any Secured Debt is outstanding, then immediately upon notification to the Security Trustee of an Event of Default, a Standstill Period will commence. During such a period, none of the Secured Creditors will be entitled to give any instructions to the Security Trustee to take any Enforcement Action (but without prejudice to the ability of the Secured Creditors to demand scheduled payments). Any money received by the Issuer or credited to the Accounts will be applied in accordance with Schedule 8 (*Cash Management*) to the CTA and, upon application in the discharge of the Secured Liabilities, in accordance with the Pre-Enforcement Priority of Payments.

A Standstill Period shall terminate on:

- (a) the date on which any steps are taken to commence Insolvency Proceedings in relation to any Obligor other than proceedings that are commenced by the Security Trustee or which are frivolous or vexatious and are discharged, stayed or dismissed within 20 Business Days of commencement or, if earlier, the date on which such Insolvency Proceedings are advertised;
- (b) the date which Participating Qualifying Secured Creditors in respect of 66.67 per cent. or more of the aggregate Outstanding Principal Amount of the Qualifying Senior Debt vote to terminate the Standstill Period; or
- (c) the date of any waiver granted in accordance with the STID or the date of remedy of the Event of Default giving rise to the Standstill.

If a Standstill Period has not been terminated within 12 months, the Standstill Period will be automatically extended for a further 120 days unless terminated in accordance with paragraphs (a) to (c) above or by a vote in favour of termination by the Participating Qualifying Secured Creditors holding 50 per cent. or more of the aggregate Outstanding Principal Amount of Qualifying Senior Debt. If no termination occurs, the Standstill Period will be automatically extended for a further 60 days and can be terminated in accordance with paragraphs (a) to (c) above, or by a vote in favour of termination by the Participating Qualifying Secured Creditors holding 33.33 per cent. or more of the aggregate Outstanding Principal Amount of Qualifying Senior Debt. If no termination occurs following the automatic 60-day extension above, it can be terminated in accordance with paragraphs (a) to (c) above, or by a vote in favour of termination by the Participating Qualifying Secured Creditors holding 10 per cent. or more of the aggregate Outstanding Principal Amount of Qualifying Senior Debt.

Upon termination of a Standstill Period, an Enforcement Period will begin. During an Enforcement Period, any Secured Creditor will be entitled to direct the Issuer Security Trustee to take Enforcement Action, deliver an Acceleration Notice and exercise all rights which may be available to it under any Finance Document. Any proceeds raised during this process will be applied according to the Issuer Post-Enforcement Priority of Payments, described below.

### **Distressed Disposals**

On the occurrence of a Distressed Disposal, the Security Trustee may, without any consent from any Secured Creditor or Obligor, release any Security as is required to effect the disposal in accordance with the STID. The net proceeds of disposal are to be paid to the Security Trustee for application in accordance with the Post-Enforcement Priority of Payments.

### **Post-Enforcement Priority of Payments**

Following the delivery of an Acceleration Notice the Secured Creditors claims will rank according to the Post-Enforcement Priority of Payments. Obligations appearing in any one item are to rank *pari passu* and pro rata with each other. All Available Enforcement Proceeds shall be applied by or on behalf of the Security Trustee or, as the case may be, any Receiver, in or towards satisfaction of any amounts due according to Post-Enforcement Priority of Payments contained in the STID.

If there are insufficient funds to discharge in full amounts due and payable all items which rank *pari passu* with each other shall be discharged to the extent there are sufficient funds to do so and on a pro rata basis, according to the respective amounts.

Any amount referred to in the Post-Enforcement Priority of Payments which constitutes Secured Liabilities includes any amount payable to any other Obligor under the Guarantees.

The Post-Enforcement Priority of Payments is as follows:



- (a) *first, pro rata and pari passu*, according to the respective amounts thereof in or towards satisfaction of the costs, fees, expenses and any other amounts (including by way of indemnities) payable by any Obligor to:
  - (viii) the Security Trustee or any Receiver under any Finance Document; and
  - (ix) the Bond Trustee under any Finance Document;
- (b) *second, pro rata and pari passu*, according to the respective amounts thereof in or towards satisfaction of the fees, costs, charges, liabilities, expenses and other remuneration and indemnity payments (if any) and any other amounts payable by any Obligor to:
  - (i) the Agents under the Agency Agreement;
  - (ii) the other Facility Agents;
  - (iii) the Account Bank under the Account Bank Agreement;
  - (iv) the Standstill Cash Manager; and
  - (v) each Secured Creditor Representative;
- (c) *third, pro rata and pari passu*, in or towards satisfaction of, all amounts due by an Obligor to any Class A LF Provider and a Class A LF Agent and arranger under each Class A Liquidity Facility Agreement (other than in respect of any Class A Subordinated Liquidity Payments and any amounts payable in accordance with the foregoing provisions);
- (d) *fourth, pro rata and pari passu*, in or towards satisfaction of all amounts due by an Obligor to any Class B LF Provider and a Class B LF Agent and arranger under each Class B Liquidity Facility Agreement (other than in respect of any Class B Subordinated Liquidity Payments and any amounts payable in accordance with the foregoing provisions);
- (e) *fifth, pro rata and pari passu*, according to the respective amounts thereof all scheduled amounts, scheduled termination payments, accretion or other pay-as-you-go payments payable to each Super Senior Hedge Counterparty under any Super Senior Hedging Agreements (other than in respect of Subordinated Hedge Amounts);
- (f) *sixth, pro rata and pari passu*, according to the respective amounts thereof, in or towards satisfaction of:
  - (i) all amounts of interest, underwriting and commitment commissions payable under any Initial Authorised Credit Facilities;
  - (ii) all amounts of interest payable under any Class A Bonds;
  - (iii) all unscheduled amounts which are payable to each Super Senior Hedge Counterparty under any Super Senior Hedging Agreement (other than in respect of Subordinated Hedge Amounts and any amounts payable in accordance with the foregoing provisions);
  - (iv) all scheduled amounts (other than principal exchange amounts, termination payments, final payments on cross-currency swaps, accretion and other pay-as-you-go payments) payable to each Class A Hedge Counterparty under any Class A Hedging Agreement (other than Subordinated Hedge Amounts);
  - (v) all amounts of interest payable under any Class A Institutional Loan;
  - (vi) all amounts of interest payable under any Class A PP Notes; and

- (vii) all amounts of interest payable under any Class A Permitted Additional Financial Indebtedness other than amounts payable in accordance with the foregoing provisions;
- (g) *seventh, pro rata and pari passu*, in or towards satisfaction of:
  - (i) all amounts of principal due or overdue in respect of Class A Debt outstanding under any Initial Authorised Credit Facilities;
  - (ii) all amounts of principal due or overdue in respect of Class A Debt outstanding under any Class A Bonds;
  - (iii) all scheduled principal exchange amounts, termination payments, final payments on cross-currency swaps, accretion and other pay-as-you-go payments or any unscheduled sums due and payable by the Issuer to each Class A Hedge Counterparty under, and any other amounts due to a Class A Hedge Counterparty under or in connection with, any Class A Hedging Agreement (other than Subordinated Hedge Amounts);
  - (iv) all amounts of principal due or overdue in respect of Class A Debt outstanding under any Class A Institutional Loan;
  - (v) all amounts of principal due or overdue in respect of Class A Debt outstanding under any Class A PP Notes (including any amounts due or overdue in respect of any swap breakage amounts due under each Class A PP Note Purchase Agreement) and any amounts due or overdue pursuant to a Class A PP Note Swap Indemnity Letter; and
  - (vi) all amounts of principal due or overdue in respect of Class A Debt outstanding under any Class A Permitted Additional Financial Indebtedness other than amounts payable in accordance with the foregoing provisions;
- (h) *eighth*, in or towards satisfaction of all amounts in respect of any Make-Whole Amount under any Class A Debt;
- (i) *ninth, pro rata and pari passu*, in or towards satisfaction of:
  - (i) all amounts of interest, underwriting and commitment commissions payable under any Class B Senior Term Facilities and any amounts payable in accordance with the foregoing provisions;
  - (ii) all amounts of interest payable under any Class B Capex Facility;
  - (iii) all amounts of interest payable under any Class B Bonds;
  - (iv) all scheduled amounts (other than principal exchange amounts, termination payments, final payments on cross-currency swaps, accretion and other pay-as-you-go payments) payable to each Class B Hedge Counterparty under any Class B Hedging Agreement (other than Subordinated Hedge Amounts and any amounts payable in accordance with the foregoing provisions);
  - (v) all amounts of interest payable under any Class B Institutional Loan;
  - (vi) all amounts of interest payable under any Class B PP Notes; and
  - (vii) all amounts of interest payable under any Class B Permitted Additional Financial Indebtedness other than amounts payable in accordance with the foregoing provisions;
- (j) *tenth, pro rata and pari passu*, in or towards satisfaction of:

- (i) all amounts of principal due or overdue in respect of Class B Debt outstanding under any Class B Senior Term Facilities;
- (ii) all amounts of principal due or overdue in respect of Class B Debt outstanding under any Class B Capex Facility;
- (iii) all amounts of principal due or overdue in respect of Class B Debt outstanding under any Class B Bonds;
- (iv) all scheduled principal exchange amounts, termination payments, final payments on cross-currency swaps, accretion and other pay-as-you-go payments or any unscheduled sums due and payable by the Issuer to each Class B Hedge Counterparty under, and any other amounts due to a Class B Hedge Counterparty under or in connection with, any Class B Hedging Agreement (other than Subordinated Hedge Amounts);
- (v) all amounts of principal due or overdue in respect of Class B Debt outstanding under any Class B Institutional Loan;
- (vi) all amounts of principal due or overdue in respect of Class B Debt outstanding under any Class B PP Notes (including any amounts due or overdue in respect of any swap breakage amounts due under each Class B PP Note Purchase Agreement) and any amounts due or overdue pursuant to a Class B PP Note Swap Indemnity Letter; and
- (vii) all amounts of principal due or overdue in respect of Class B Debt outstanding under any Class B Permitted Additional Financial Indebtedness other than amounts payable in accordance with the foregoing provisions; and
- (k) *eleventh*, in or towards satisfaction of all amounts in respect of any Make-Whole Amount under any Class B Debt; and
- (l) *twelfth, pro rata and pari passu*, in or towards satisfaction of all Class A Subordinated Liquidity Payments due under each Class A Liquidity Facility Agreement and all Class B Subordinated Liquidity Payments due under each Class B Liquidity Facility Agreement;
- (m) *thirteenth, pro rata and pari passu*, in or towards satisfaction of any Subordinated Hedge Amounts due or overdue to a Hedge Counterparty; and
- (n) *fourteenth*, any surplus shall be available to each Obligor entitled thereto to deal with as it sees fit.

### **Governing law**

The STID and all non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with it are governed by English law.

### **Trust Deed**

Ellevio and the Bond Trustee have entered into a Trust Deed (the “**Trust Deed**”) pursuant to which the Bonds are constituted. The Trust Deed includes the form of the Bonds and contains a covenant from Ellevio to the Bond Trustee to pay all amounts due under the Bonds. The Bond Trustee holds the benefit of that covenant on trust for itself and the Bondholders in accordance with their respective interests. The Trust Deed contains a number of covenants given by Ellevio including being obliged to use its reasonable endeavours to maintain a listing for listed Bonds while they remain outstanding.

## **Electronic Consent**

Where the terms of the resolution proposed by Ellevio or the Bond Trustee (as the case may be) have been notified to the Bondholders through the relevant clearing system(s), each of Ellevio and the Bond Trustee shall be entitled to rely upon approval of such resolution given by way of electronic consents. Such consents shall be communicated through the electronic communications systems of the relevant clearing system(s) to the Issuing and Paying Agent or another specified agent in accordance with their operating rules and procedures by or on behalf of the holders of not less than 75 per cent. in nominal amount of the Bonds outstanding.

Electronic Consent may only be used in relation to a resolution proposed by Ellevio or the Bond Trustee which is not then the subject of a meeting that has been validly convened in accordance with the Trust Deed, unless that meeting is or shall be cancelled or dissolved.

For a description of Bondholder voting mechanics in other circumstances including in respect of a STID Proposal, see Condition 13 (*Meetings of Bondholders, Modification, Waiver and Substitution*) in this Prospectus.

## **Governing law**

The Trust Deed and all non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with it are governed by English law.

## **Security Documents**

### **Swedish Law Security Agreements**

#### ***Ellevio – security over real property mortgage certificates***

Ellevio has entered into a Swedish law governed security agreement regarding real property mortgage certificates with the Security Trustee, with the obligations set forth thereunder which became effective on 31 August 2016. Under this security agreement, Ellevio granted security over real property mortgage certificates in a total aggregate amount of SEK460,534,000 issued in certain properties owned by it in favour of the Security Trustee (for itself and for the Secured Creditors). This security agreement secures all present and future obligations and liabilities (whether actual or contingent or in any other capacity whatsoever) of each Obligor to any Secured Creditor under each Finance Document to which such Obligor is a party.

#### ***Ellevio – security over business mortgage certificates***

Ellevio has entered into a Swedish law governed security agreement regarding business mortgage certificates with the Security Trustee. The obligations set forth thereunder became effective on 31 August 2016. Under this security agreement, Ellevio granted security over business mortgage certificates in a total aggregate amount of SEK136,300,000 issued by it in favour of the Security Trustee (for itself and for the Secured Creditors). This security agreement secures all present and future obligations and liabilities (whether actual or contingent or in any other capacity whatsoever) of each Obligor to any Secured Creditor under each Finance Document to which such Obligor is a party.

#### ***The Parent – security over shares in the Issuer***

The Parent has entered into a Swedish law governed security agreement regarding the shares in Ellevio with the Security Trustee. The obligations set forth thereunder became effective on 31 August 2016. Under this security agreement, the Parent has granted security over all shares in its wholly owned subsidiary, Ellevio, in favour of the Security Trustee (for itself and for the Secured Creditors). This security agreement secures the Parent's obligations all present and future obligations and liabilities (whether actual or contingent or in any other capacity whatsoever) of each Obligor to any Secured Creditor under each Finance Document to which such Obligor is a party.

### ***The Parent – security over intragroup loans owing by Ellevio***

The Parent has entered into a Swedish law governed security agreement regarding certain intragroup loans with the Security Trustee. The obligations set forth thereunder became effective on 31 August 2016. Under this security agreement, the Parent has granted security with delayed perfection over certain intragroup loans granted by the Parent to the Issuer, in favour of the Security Trustee (for itself and for the Secured Creditors). This security agreement secures all present and future obligations and liabilities (whether actual or contingent or in any other capacity whatsoever) of each Obligor to any Secured Creditor under each Finance Document to which such Obligor is a party.

### ***The Parent – security over shares in Markbygden Net AB***

The Parent has entered into a Swedish law governed security agreement regarding the shares in Markbygden Net AB with the Security Trustee. The obligations set forth thereunder became effective on 20 September 2023. Under this security agreement, the Parent has granted security over all shares in its wholly owned subsidiary, Markbygden Net AB, in favour of the Security Trustee (for itself and for the Secured Creditors). This security agreement secures the Parent's obligations all present and future obligations and liabilities (whether actual or contingent or in any other capacity whatsoever) of each Obligor to any Secured Creditor under each Finance Document to which such Obligor is a party.

### ***The Parent – security over shares in Ellevio Sverige AB***

The Parent has entered into a Swedish law governed security agreement regarding the shares in Ellevio Sverige AB with the Security Trustee. The obligations set forth thereunder became effective on 30 November 2023. Under this security agreement, the Parent has granted security over all shares in its wholly owned subsidiary, Ellevio Sverige AB, in favour of the Security Trustee (for itself and for the Secured Creditors). This security agreement secures the Parent's obligations all present and future obligations and liabilities (whether actual or contingent or in any other capacity whatsoever) of each Obligor to any Secured Creditor under each Finance Document to which such Obligor is a party.

### ***Governing law***

The Security Documents described above are governed by Swedish law.

## **English Law Security Documents**

### ***Assignment of Rights***

The Obligors have entered into an English law governed Security Agreement in favour of the Security Trustee (for itself and for the Secured Creditors) in connection with the Finance Documents.

Under the English law governed Security Documents, the Obligors have, among other things, assigned by way of security with full title guarantee and as security for the payment of the Secured Liabilities, all of the agreements to which they are a party and the Related Rights.

Each Obligor has, among other things as security for the payment of all Secured Liabilities, charged in favour of the Security Trustee for itself and on behalf of the other Secured Creditors by way of first fixed charge, all the agreements to which it is a party and the Related Rights.

### ***Assigned Agreements***

The agreements assigned by way of security consist of Ellevio's right, title and interest from time to time in and to the Finance Documents to which it is party which are governed by English law and any of the following in relation to a Security Asset:

- (a) any proceeds of sale, transfer or other disposal, lease, licence, sub-licence, or agreement for sale, transfer or other disposal, lease, licence or sub-licence, of that Security Asset;
- (b) any moneys or proceeds paid or payable deriving from that Security Asset;
- (c) any rights, claims, guarantees, indemnities, Security or covenants for title in relation to that Security Asset;
- (d) any awards or judgments in favour of an Assignor in relation to that Security Asset; and
- (e) any other assets deriving from, or relating to, that Security Asset.

### ***Enforcement of the English Security Agreement***

Under the English Security Agreement, the security created thereunder is enforceable upon the commencement of, and at any time during, an Enforcement Period. In accordance with the STID, such period begins upon the termination of a Standstill (other than pursuant to the granting of a waiver of the underlying default in accordance with the STID) until the earlier of the date on which all Secured Liabilities are discharged and the date on which the Security Trustee (acting in accordance with the instructions of the relevant Secured Creditors pursuant to the STID) notifies Ellevio that the Enforcement Period has ended.

During such period, the Security Trustee shall, if instructed by any Secured Creditor, enforce all or any part of the Security in any manner it sees fit (to the fullest extent permitted under applicable law), acting in accordance with the STID. Any proceeds received by the Security Trustee or by any receiver appointed by it pursuant to the Security Agreement must be applied by the Security Trustee towards satisfaction of the respective secured liabilities in the order of the Post-Enforcement Priority of Payments, subject to the payment of any claims having priority to the security under the Security Agreement and to the rights of the Security Trustee and any receiver appointed in respect thereof and subject to the STID.

### ***Discharge of Security***

Subject to the STID, the Security shall be discharged when: (i) discharged in full and provided that none of the relevant Secured Creditors are under any further actual or contingent obligation to make advances or provide other financial accommodation under any of the Finance Documents; (ii) upon the occurrence of a Permitted Disposal or a Permitted Transaction, and at the costs of the relevant Obligor to execute on behalf of itself, each Secured Creditor and every other relevant party all necessary releases of any Security in relation to such Permitted Transaction or Permitted Disposal by such Obligor.

At that point, the Security Trustee and each Secured Creditor shall, in the sole discretion of the Security Trustee, execute and do all such things as may be necessary to release the security created by the Security Agreement and to reassign to the relevant Obligor the assigned property thereunder.

### ***Governing law***

The Security Documents described above, and all non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with the documents are governed by English law.

### ***Initial Authorised Credit Facilities Agreement***

Ellevio, the Initial ACF Agent and the Initial ACF Arrangers, among others entered into the Initial Authorised Credit Facilities Agreement on the Signing Date as amended and restated on 18 January 2019 and amended and restated on 31 October 2024.

Under the IACFA, a SEK 7,500,000,000 revolving credit facility (the “**Revolving Credit Facility**”) and an ancillary facility (an “**Ancillary Facility**”) was made available to Ellevio on 18 January 2019. This facility was increased to SEK 8,500,000,000 and extended on 31 October 2024.

Ellevio used or may use the proceeds of the Revolving Credit Facility:

- (a) to enable Ellevio to refinance existing indebtedness owed under the IACFA before it was amended on 18 January 2019 (the “Existing Indebtedness”) (including any related hedging);
- (b) the financing or refinancing of Capital Expenditure of the Security Group (including expenditure relating to any Certified Storm Event) to the extent such Capital Expenditure will accrue to the RAV of the Security Group or will generate regulated income under the applicable regulatory regime at the time of the relevant Utilisation;
- (c) the financing of Permitted Acquisitions as described in paragraphs (d) and (f) of the definition thereof (and excluding any Permitted Acquisition constituting a Hostile Takeover);
- (d) costs and expenses incurred (on an arm’s length basis) in connection with any Permitted Acquisition pursuant to paragraph (c) above; and
- (e) the refinancing of any existing Financial Indebtedness of the relevant target company or business acquired in any Permitted Acquisition referenced in paragraph (c) above.

Ellevio may apply any utilisation of any Ancillary Facility towards general corporate purposes and the working capital requirements of the Security Group.

Facility A1, Facility A2, Facility A3, the Capex Facility and the WC Facility originally provided under the IACFA (before it was amended on 18 January 2019) were repaid and replaced with the Revolving Credit Facility upon the amendment of the IACFA on 18 January 2019.

As at the date of this Prospectus, there is no Capex Facility or WC Facility in place (other than, for the avoidance of doubt, the Revolving Credit Facility).

Ellevio makes representations and warranties, covenants and undertakings to the Initial ACF Arrangers, the Original Initial ACF Lenders and the Initial ACF Agent on the terms set out in or otherwise permitted by the CTA. All utilisations under the Initial Authorised Credit Facility are subject to all representations and warranties in the CTA being true in all material respects.

The Trigger Events under the CTA also apply under the Initial Authorised Credit Facilities Agreement as discussed above.

The Events of Default under the CTA also apply under the Initial Authorised Credit Facilities Agreement, as set out above.

The rights and obligations of the parties under the Initial Authorised Credit Facilities Agreement are subject to the STID. The occurrence of an Event of Default is not a draw-stop in respect of any Rollover Loan.

Subject to the CTA and the STID, Ellevio may, by the Security Group Agent giving not less than five Business Days’ prior notice (or such shorter period as the Majority Lenders may agree) to the Initial ACF Agent, prepay amounts outstanding under the Term Facilities in a minimum amount of SEK10,000,000.

Ellevio will be required to repay in full any lender upon the occurrence of either a change of control or a disposal of all or substantially all of the assets of the Group if, during the 30 Business Day period after receipt of notice of the occurrence of such event, such lender confirms to the Security Group Agent that it wishes to cancel its commitments and be repaid.

## **Governing law**

The Initial Authorised Credit Facilities Agreement and all non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with it are governed by English law.

## **Class A Liquidity Facility Agreement**

Ellevio entered into the Class A Liquidity Facility Agreement on the Signing Date. This agreement was amended and restated on 31 October 2024.

Under the terms of the Class A Liquidity Facility Agreement, the Class A LF Providers make available a five-year committed multicurrency revolving credit facility (which may be renewed) in an aggregate amount specified in the Class A Liquidity Facility Agreement for the purpose of covering any funding shortfall where it is unable to service amounts payable in respect of the Finance Documents and certain other payments due to the Secured Creditors, including amounts due under certain hedging agreements.

Each Class A LF Provider must have a long term rating equal to or higher than the Minimum Long-Term Rating. Each Class A LF Provider will be a Secured Creditor and a party to the STID, the Common Terms Agreement and the Master Definitions Agreement.

The Class A Liquidity Facility will not be available to be drawn if a LF Event of Default has occurred and is continuing. Following delivery of an Acceleration Notice, the Initial Class A LF Agent may, by notice in writing to the affected (copied to the other LF Borrowers (as defined in the Class A Liquidity Facility Agreement)) and the Security Trustee, declare all outstanding drawings immediately due and payable and/or cancel the commitments of each Class A LF Provider.

The Class A Liquidity Facility Agreement provides that if: (i) at any time the rating of any Class A LF Provider falls below the Minimum Long-Term Rating; or (ii) the relevant Class A LF Provider does not agree to renew its commitment under the Class A LF prior to the expiry of the relevant availability period:

- (a) the Cash Manager will use all reasonable endeavours to replace the relevant Class A LF Provider with a successor Class A LF Provider, a substitute Class A LF Provider or, in the case of (i) above only, a guarantor of such Class A LF Provider with the Minimum Long-Term Rating; and
- (b) (if a replacement is not made within the relevant time period specified in the Class A Liquidity Facility Agreement) Ellevio (or the Cash Manager on their behalf) will be entitled to require such Class A LF Provider to pay into the relevant Class A Liquidity Standby Account the full amount of the relevant Class A LF Provider's undrawn commitment.

## **Governing law**

The Class A Liquidity Facility Agreement and all non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with it are governed by English law.

## **Class B Liquidity Facility Agreement**

Ellevio entered into the Class B Liquidity Facility Agreement on 19 January 2018. This agreement was amended and restated on 31 October 2024.

Under the terms of the Class B Liquidity Facility Agreement, the Class B LF Providers make available a five-year committed multicurrency revolving credit facility (which may be renewed) in an aggregate amount specified in the Class B Liquidity Facility Agreement for the purpose of covering any funding shortfall where it is unable to service amounts payable in respect of the Finance Documents and certain other payments due to the Secured Creditors, including amounts due under certain hedging agreements.



Each Class B LF Provider must have a long term rating equal to or higher than the Minimum Long-Term Rating. Each Class B LF Provider will be a Secured Creditor and a party to the STID, the Common Terms Agreement and the Master Definitions Agreement.

The Class B Liquidity Facility will not be available to be drawn if a LF Event of Default has occurred and is continuing. Following delivery of an Acceleration Notice, the Initial Class B LF Agent may, by notice in writing to the affected (copied to the other LF Borrowers (as defined in the Class B Liquidity Facility Agreement)) and the Security Trustee, declare all outstanding drawings immediately due and payable and/or cancel the commitments of each Class B LF Provider.

The Class B Liquidity Facility Agreement provides that if: (i) at any time the rating of any Class B LF Provider falls below the Minimum Long-Term Rating; or (ii) the relevant Class B LF Provider does not agree to renew its commitment under the Class B LF prior to the expiry of the relevant availability period:

- (a) the Cash Manager will use all reasonable endeavours to replace the relevant Class B LF Provider with a successor Class B LF Provider, a substitute Class B LF Provider or, in the case of (i) above only, a guarantor of such Class B LF Provider with the Minimum Long-Term Rating; and
- (b) (if a replacement is not made within the relevant time period specified in the Class B Liquidity Facility Agreement) Ellevio (or the Cash Manager on their behalf) will be entitled to require such Class B LF Provider to pay into the relevant Class B Liquidity Standby Account the full amount of the relevant Class B LF Provider's undrawn commitment.

### **Governing law**

The Class B Liquidity Facility Agreement and all non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with it are governed by English law.

### **Hedging Agreements**

Members of the Security Group may enter into various interest rate, inflation-linked and currency swap transactions with the Hedge Counterparties in compliance with the Hedging Policy, as outlined above. Hedging Agreements may be designated as Class A Hedging Agreements or Class B Hedging Agreements, which will constitute either Class A Debt or Class B Debt, as the case may be. As of the date of this Prospectus, no member of the Security Group has entered into any Class B Hedging Agreement.

### **Governing law**

The Class A Hedging Agreements and all non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with them are governed by English law.

### **Account Bank Agreement**

#### **General**

The Security Group has established the Operating Accounts which are held with the Primary Account Bank and the Supplemental Account pursuant to the Account Bank Agreement dated on 19 August 2016 between, among others, Ellevio, the Primary Account Bank, the Supplemental Account Bank, the Security Trustee and the Standstill Cash Manager.

A Liquidity Standby Account and/or a Debt Service Reserve Account (together with the Operating Accounts, the “**Accounts**”) may also be opened and maintained with the Account Bank under the Account Bank Agreement. Any Liquidity Standby Account will be operated by the Class A LF Agent or the Class B LF Agent (as the case may be) in accordance with the terms of the relevant Liquidity Facility Agreement.

Upon receipt by the Account Bank of notice of the commencement of a Standstill Period and until such Standstill Period is terminated in accordance with the terms of the STID, the Account Bank shall act on the instructions of the Standstill Cash Manager in relation to the Accounts. Following delivery of an Acceleration Notice to the Account Bank, the Account Bank will act on the instructions of the Security Trustee in relation to the Accounts.

### **Termination**

The Account Bank may resign its appointment upon not less than 120 days' notice to the Security Group Agent and each Cash Manager (copied to the Security Trustee and the Standstill Cash Manager), provided that:

- (a) if such resignation would otherwise take effect less than 30 days before or after the date upon which the Security created under the Security Documents is released, or any Payment Date, it shall not take effect until the 30th day following such date; and
- (b) such resignation shall not take effect until a substitute Account Bank has been duly appointed.

The Security Group may jointly revoke their appointment of the Account Bank by not less than 30 days' notice to the Account Bank (with a copy to the Security Trustee and the Standstill Cash Manager), provided that such revocation shall not take effect until a substitute Account Bank with the requisite credit rating has been duly appointed. Furthermore the appointment of the Account Bank will terminate automatically if an Insolvency Event occurs in relation to the Account Bank.

### **Governing law**

The Account Bank Agreement and all non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with it are governed by English law.

## CHAPTER 17

### TAX CONSIDERATIONS

*The following summary outlines certain Swedish tax consequences for investors on the acquisition, ownership and disposal of Bonds. The summary is based on the laws of Sweden in effect as of the date of this Prospectus and is intended to provide general information only. The summary is not exhaustive and does not address all potential aspects of Swedish taxation that may be relevant for a potential investor in the Bonds. The summary is neither intended to be nor should be construed as legal or tax advice. Specific tax consequences may be applicable to certain categories of corporations (for example, investment companies and life insurance companies) or certain classes of taxpayers holding the Bonds (for example, dealers in Bonds, etc) that are not described below. In addition, the summary does not address Bonds that are held in an “investment savings account” (Sw. investeringssparkonto) and are subject to a specific tax regime. Investors should consult their professional tax advisors regarding the Swedish and foreign tax consequences (including the applicability and effect of double taxation treaties) of acquiring, owning and disposing of Bonds in their particular circumstances.*

#### **Non-resident Holders of Bonds**

As used herein, a Non-resident Holder means a holder of Bonds that is either (a) an individual who is not a resident of Sweden for tax purposes and who has no connection to Sweden other than his/her investment in the Bonds, or (b) an entity not organised under the laws of Sweden (a “**Non-resident Holder**”).

Payments of any principal amount or any amount that is considered to be interest for Swedish tax purposes to a Non-resident Holder should not be subject to Swedish income tax provided that the Non-resident Holder does not carry out business activities from a permanent establishment in Sweden to which the Bonds are effectively connected. Under Swedish tax law, no withholding tax is imposed on payments of principal or interest to a Non-resident Holder of any Bonds.

Under Swedish tax law, a capital gain on a sale of Bonds by a Non-resident Holder will not be subject to Swedish income tax unless the non-resident holder of Bonds carries on business activities in Sweden through a permanent establishment to which the Bonds are attributable.

Private individuals who are not resident in Sweden for tax purposes may be liable to capital gains taxation in Sweden upon disposal or redemption of certain financial instruments (depending on the classification of the particular financial instrument for Swedish income tax purposes) if they have been resident in or have lived permanently in Sweden at any time during (i) the calendar year of the disposal or redemption, or (ii) the ten calendar years preceding the year of the disposal or redemption. This liability may, however, be limited by tax treaties between Sweden and other countries.

#### **Resident Holders of Bonds**

As used herein, a Resident Holder means a holder of Bonds that is either (a) an individual who is a resident in Sweden for tax purposes or (b) an entity organised under the laws of Sweden (a “**Resident Holder**”).

Generally, for Swedish corporations and private individuals (and estates of deceased individuals) that are Resident Holders of any Bonds, all capital income arising from the Bonds (for example, capital gains or income that is considered to be interest for Swedish tax purposes) will be taxable.

Amortisation of principal is not otherwise subject to Swedish income tax. Swedish tax law does not impose withholding tax on payments of principal or interest to a Resident Holder of Bonds. However, if amounts that are considered to be interest for Swedish tax purposes are paid to a private individual who is a Resident Holder

of Bonds (or to the estate of such an individual if deceased), Swedish preliminary tax (Sw. *preliminärskatt*) is normally withheld on such payments at a rate of 30 per cent.

### **Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act**

Pursuant to certain provisions of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, commonly known as FATCA, a “foreign financial institution” may be required to withhold on certain payments it makes (“**foreign passthru payments**”) to persons that fail to meet certain certification, reporting, or related requirements. A number of jurisdictions (including Sweden) have entered into, or have agreed in substance to, intergovernmental agreements with the United States to implement FATCA (“**IGAs**”), which modify the way in which FATCA applies in their jurisdictions. Certain aspects of the application of the FATCA provisions and IGAs to instruments such as the Bonds, including whether withholding would ever be required pursuant to FATCA or an IGA with respect to payments on instruments such as the Bonds, are uncertain and may be subject to change. Even if withholding would be required pursuant to FATCA or an IGA with respect to payments on instruments such as the Bonds, proposed regulations have been issued which provide that such withholding would not apply to foreign passthru payments prior to the date that is two years after the date on which final regulations defining foreign passthru payments are published in the U.S. Federal Register. In the preamble to the proposed regulations, the U.S. Treasury Department indicated that taxpayers may rely on these proposed regulations until the issuance of final regulations. Additionally, Bonds characterised as debt (or which are not otherwise categorised as equity and have a fixed term) for U.S. federal tax purposes that are issued on or prior to the date that is six months after the date on which final regulations defining “foreign passthru payments” are filed with the U.S. Federal Register generally would be “grandfathered” for purposes of FATCA withholding unless materially modified after such date (including by reason of a substitution of the Issuer). However, if additional bonds (as described under “*Terms and Conditions of the Bonds—Further Issues*”) that are not distinguishable from previously issued Bonds are issued after the expiration of the grandfathering period and are subject to withholding under FATCA, then withholding agents may treat all Bonds, including the Bonds offered prior to the expiration of the grandfathering period, as subject to withholding under FATCA. Holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding how these rules may apply to their investment in the Bonds. In the event any withholding would be required pursuant to FATCA or an IGA with respect to payments on the Bonds, no person will be required to pay additional amounts as a result of the withholding.

## **CHAPTER 18**

### **SUBSCRIPTION AND SALE**

#### **Dealer Agreement**

Bonds may be sold from time to time by the Issuer to any one or more of NatWest Markets N.V., BNP PARIBAS, ING Bank N.V. or Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ), and any other dealer appointed from time to time in respect of the Bond Programme or a particular Issue Date (the “**Dealers**”) pursuant to the dealer agreement dated on or before the date of this Prospectus as amended, supplemented, restated and/or novated from time to time, made between, among others, the Issuer, the Arranger and the Dealers (the “**Dealer Agreement**”). The arrangements under which a particular Tranche of Bonds may from time to time be agreed to be sold by the Issuer to, and purchased by, Dealers are set out in the Dealer Agreement and the subscription agreements relating to each Tranche of Bonds. Any such agreement will, *inter alia*, make provision for the form and terms and conditions of the relevant Bonds, the price at which such Bonds will be purchased by the Dealers and the commissions or other agreed deductibles (if any) payable or allowable by the Issuer in respect of such purchase. The Dealer Agreement makes provision for the resignation or termination of appointment of existing Dealers and for the appointment of additional or other Dealers either generally in respect of the Bond Programme or in relation to a particular Series or Tranche of Bonds.

In the Dealer Agreement, the Issuer has agreed to reimburse the Arranger and each of the Dealers for certain of their expenses in connection with the establishment and maintenance of the Bond Programme and the issue of Bonds under the Dealer Agreement and the Issuer has agreed to indemnify the Arranger and each of the Dealers against certain liabilities incurred by them in connection therewith.

#### **Selling and Transfer Restrictions of the United States of America**

##### **Selling Restrictions**

The Bonds and the Guarantees have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act or the securities laws of any state of the United States or other jurisdictions and the Bonds may include Bearer Bonds that are subject to U.S. tax law requirements.

The Bonds and the Guarantees may not be offered or sold, or in the case of Bearer Bonds, delivered, within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons, except in certain transactions exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by Regulation S.

Bearer Bonds are subject to U.S. tax law requirements and may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or its possessions or to U.S. persons, except in certain transactions permitted by U.S. Treasury regulations. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and U.S. Treasury regulations promulgated thereunder. The applicable Final Terms will identify whether TEFRA C or TEFRA D apply or whether TEFRA is not applicable.

Each Dealer has agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Bond Programme will be required to agree that, except as permitted by the Dealer Agreement, it will not offer, sell or, in the case of Bearer Bonds, deliver Bonds and Guarantees: (i) as part of their distribution at any time; or (ii) otherwise until 40 days after the completion of the distribution of an identifiable Tranche of which such Bonds are a part, as determined and certified to the Issuing and Paying Agent by such Dealer (or, in the case of an identifiable Tranche of Bonds sold to or through more than one Dealer, by each of such Dealers with respect to Bonds of an identifiable Tranche purchased by or through it, in which case, the Issuing and Paying Agent shall notify such Dealer when all such Dealers have so certified), within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons,

and it will have sent to each Dealer to which it sells Bonds and the Guarantees during the distribution compliance period a confirmation or other notice setting forth the restrictions on offers and sales of the Bonds and the Guarantees within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons. Terms used in the preceding sentence have the meanings given to them by Regulation S.

In addition, until 40 days after the completion of the offering of any identifiable Tranche of Bonds, an offer or sale of Bonds within the United States by any dealer (whether or not participating in the offering of such Tranche of Bonds) may violate the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

### **Transfer Restrictions**

Each purchaser of Bonds and the Guarantees outside the United States pursuant to Regulation S and each subsequent purchaser of such Bonds and the Guarantees in resales prior to the expiration of the distribution compliance period, by accepting delivery of this Prospectus and the Bonds and the Guarantees, will be deemed to have represented, agreed and acknowledged that:

- (a) it is, or at the time Bonds and the Guarantees are purchased will be, the beneficial owner of such Bonds and the Guarantees and (a) it is not a U.S. person and it is located outside the United States (within the meaning of Regulation S) and (b) it is not an Affiliate of the Issuer or a person acting on behalf of such an Affiliate;
- (b) it understands that such Bonds and the Guarantees have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act and that, prior to the expiration of the distribution compliance period, it will not offer, sell, pledge or otherwise transfer such Bonds and the Guarantees except in an offshore transaction in accordance with Rule 903 or Rule 904 of Regulation S, in each case, in accordance with any applicable securities laws of any State of the United States; and
- (c) it understands that the Issuer, the Registrar, the Dealers and their Affiliates, and others will rely upon the truth and accuracy of the foregoing acknowledgements, representations and agreements.

### **EEA Selling Restrictions**

Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it has not made and will not make an offer of Bonds which are the subject of the offering contemplated by the Prospectus as completed by the final terms in relation thereto to the public in that Member State except that it may make an offer of such Bonds to the public in that Member State:

- (a) if the final terms in relation to the Bonds specify that an offer of those Bonds may be made other than pursuant to Article 1(4) of the Prospectus Regulation in that Member State (a “**Non-exempt Offer**”), following the date of publication of a prospectus in relation to such Bonds which has been approved by the competent authority in that Member State or, where appropriate, approved in another Member State and notified to the competent authority in that Member State, provided that any such prospectus has subsequently been completed by the final terms contemplating such Non-exempt Offer, in accordance with the Prospectus Regulation, in the period beginning and ending on the dates specified in such prospectus or final terms, as applicable and the Issuer has consented in writing to its use for the purpose of that Non-exempt Offer;
- (b) at any time to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Regulation;
- (c) at any time to fewer than 150 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Regulation), subject to obtaining the prior consent of the Relevant Dealer or Dealers nominated by the Issuer for any such offer; or

(d) at any time in any other circumstances falling within Article 1(4) of the Prospectus Regulation, provided that no such offer of Bonds referred to in (b) to (d) above shall require the Issuer or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Regulation, or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 23 of the Prospectus Regulation.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression an “**offer of Bonds to the public**” in relation to any Bonds in any Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the Bonds to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe for the Bonds and the expression “**Prospectus Regulation**” means Regulation (EU) 2017/1129.

The price and amount of Bonds to be issued under the Bond Programme will be determined by the Issuer and each Relevant Dealer at the time of issue in accordance with prevailing market conditions.

#### **Prohibition of Sales to EEA Retail Investors**

Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it has not offered, sold or otherwise made available and will not offer, sell or otherwise make available any Bonds which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this Prospectus as completed by the Final Terms in relation thereto to any retail investor in the European Economic Area. For the purposes of this provision:

- (a) the expression "retail investor" means a person who is one (or more) of the following:
  - (i) a retail client as defined in point (11) of Article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU (as amended, "**MiFID II**") or
  - (ii) a customer within the meaning of Directive (EU) 2016/97 (as amended, the “**Insurance Distribution Directive**”), where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (10) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II; or
  - (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 (as amended, the “**Prospective Regulation**”) and
- (b) the expression “offer” includes the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the Bonds to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe for the Bonds.

#### **United Kingdom Selling Restrictions**

##### **Prohibition of Sales to UK Retail Investors**

Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it has not offered, sold or otherwise made available and will not offer, sell or otherwise make available any Bonds which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this Prospectus as completed by the Final Terms in relation thereto to any retail investor in the United Kingdom. For the purposes of this provision:

- (a) the expression “retail investor” means a person who is one (or more) of the following:
  - (i) a retail client, as defined in point (8) of Article 2 of Regulation (EU) No 2017/565 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (“**EUWA**”); or

- (ii) a customer within the meaning of the provisions of the FSMA and any rules or regulations made under the FSMA to implement Directive (EU) 2016/97, where that customer would not qualify as a professional client, as defined in point (8) of Article 2(1) of Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA ; or
  - (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in Article 2 of Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA (the “**UK Prospectus Regulation**”); and
- (b) the expression “offer” includes the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the Bonds to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe for the Bonds.

Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Bond Programme will be required to represent and agree, that:

- (a) in relation to any Bonds which have a maturity of less than one year: (i) it is a person whose ordinary activities involve it in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of its business; and (ii) it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell any Bonds other than to persons whose ordinary activities involve them in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or as agent) for the purposes of their businesses or who it is reasonable to expect will acquire, hold, manage or dispose of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of their businesses where the issue of the Bonds would otherwise constitute a contravention of Section 19 of the FSMA by the Issuer;
- (b) it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of Section 21 of the FSMA) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of any Bonds in circumstances in which Section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply to the Issuer or the Guarantor; and
- (c) it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to any Bonds in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

## Norwegian Selling Restrictions

This Prospectus has not been produced in accordance with the prospectus requirements laid down in the Norwegian Securities Trading Act of 29 June 2007 (in Norwegian: *lov om verdipapirhandel av 29. juni 2007 nr. 75*), as amended. Neither the Prospectus nor any other offering or marketing material relating to the Issuer or the Bonds has been approved by, or registered with, the Norwegian Financial Supervisory Authority (Finanstilsynet). Accordingly, each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that the Bonds have not been and will not be offered or sold to the public in Norway, or otherwise offered or sold or publicly promoted or advertised by it in Norway other than in compliance with the provisions of the Norwegian Securities Trading Act or any other laws applicable in Norway governing the issue, offering and sale of securities.

Bonds denominated in Norwegian Krone (NOK) may not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly within the Kingdom of Norway or to or for the benefit of Norwegian purchasers, unless the Bonds are registered with the Norwegian Central Securities Depository Verdipapirsentralen ASA (trading as Euronext Securities Oslo) or another securities depository which is properly authorised or recognised by the Norwegian Financial Supervisory Authority as being entitled to register such Bonds pursuant to Regulation (EU) No. 909/2014. Each purchaser of Bonds denominated in Norwegian Krone (NOK) will be deemed to have acknowledged,



represented and agreed that such Bonds may not be offered or resold within the Kingdom of Norway or to or for the benefit of Norwegian purchasers, except in circumstances where such registration requirement has been observed. This Prospectus is for the recipient only and may not in any way be forwarded to any other person or to the public in Norway.

### **Australian Selling Restriction**

No prospectus or other disclosure document (as defined in the Corporations Act 2001 of Australia) in relation to the Bond Programme or the Bonds has been, or will be, lodged with, or registered by, the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (“ASIC”). Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Bond Programme will be required to represent and agree, that, unless the applicable Final Terms otherwise provide, it:

- (a) has not (directly or indirectly) offered, and will not offer for issue or sale and has not invited, and will not invite, applications for issue, or offers to purchase, the Bonds in, to or from Australia (including an offer or invitation which is received by a person in Australia); and
- (b) has not distributed or published, and will not distribute or publish, the Prospectus or any other offering material or advertisement relating to the Bonds in Australia,

unless:

- (i) the minimum aggregate consideration payable by each offeree is at least A\$500,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies, disregarding moneys lent by the offeror or its associates) or the offer or invitation does not otherwise require disclosure to investors in accordance with Part 6D.2 or Part 7.9 of the Corporations Act 2001;
- (ii) such action complies with all applicable laws, regulations and directives (including, without limitation, the licensing requirements set out in Chapter 7 of the Corporations Act);
- (iii) such action does not require any document to be lodged with ASIC; and
- (iv) the offer or invitation is not made to a person who is a "retail client" within the meaning of section 761G of the Corporations Act.

### **Swedish Selling Restrictions**

Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Bond Programme will be required to represent and agree, that no Bonds will be offered to the public in Sweden nor admitted to trading on a regulated market in Sweden unless and until (a) a prospectus in relation to those Bonds has been approved by the competent authority in Sweden or, where appropriate, approved in another relevant state and such competent authority has certified to the competent authority in Sweden that the prospectus has been approved with respect to the Prospectus Regulation; or (b) an exemption from the requirement to prepare a prospectus is available under the Prospectus Regulation.

### **Swiss Selling Restrictions**

In Switzerland, this Prospectus is not intended to constitute an offer or solicitation to purchase or invest in the Bonds. The Bonds may not be publicly offered, directly or indirectly, in Switzerland within the meaning of the Swiss Financial Services Act (“FinSA”) and no application has or will be made to admit the Bonds to trading on any trading venue (exchange or multilateral trading facility) in Switzerland. Neither this Prospectus nor any other offering or marketing material relating to the Bonds constitutes a prospectus pursuant to the FinSA, and

neither this Prospectus nor any other offering or marketing material relating to the Bonds may be publicly distributed or otherwise made publicly available in Switzerland.

Neither this Prospectus nor any other offering or marketing material relating to the offering, nor the Issuer nor the Bonds have been or will be filed with or approved by any Swiss regulatory authority. The Bonds are not subject to supervision by any Swiss regulatory authority, e.g., the Swiss Financial Markets Supervisory Authority (“**FINMA**”), and investors in the Bonds will not benefit from protection or supervision by any such authority.

### **Japanese Selling Restrictions**

The Bonds have not been and will not be registered under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act of Japan (Act No. 25 of 1948, as amended, the “**Financial Instruments and Exchange Act**”). Accordingly, each Dealer represents and agrees that it has not, directly or indirectly, offered or sold and will not, directly or indirectly, offer or sell any Bonds in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any resident of Japan (which term as used herein means any person resident in Japan, including any corporation or other entity organised under the laws of Japan) or to others for re-offering or re-sale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any resident of Japan) except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with, the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act and other relevant laws and regulations of Japan.

### **General**

Save for obtaining the approval of this Prospectus by the Central Bank for the Bonds to be admitted to listing on the Official List of Euronext Dublin and to trading on the Euronext Dublin Regulated Market, neither the Issuer nor any Dealer has made any representation that any action has been or will be taken in any jurisdiction by the Issuer or the Dealers that would permit a public offering of Bonds, or possession or distribution of this Prospectus (in preliminary, proof or final form) or any other offering or publicity material relating to the Bonds, in any country or jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required. Each Dealer has agreed that it will comply to the best of its knowledge and belief in all material respects with all applicable laws and regulations in each jurisdiction in which it acquires, offers, sells or delivers Bonds or has in its possession or distributes this Prospectus (in preliminary, proof or final form) or any such other material, in all cases at its own expense. It will also ensure that no obligations are imposed on the Issuer, the Guarantor, or any other Dealer in any jurisdiction as a result of any of the foregoing actions.

The Dealer Agreement provides that the Dealers shall not be bound by any of the restrictions relating to any specific country or jurisdiction (set out above) to the extent that such restrictions shall, as a result of change(s) in the official interpretation, after the date of the Dealer Agreement, of applicable laws and regulations, no longer be applicable but without prejudice to the obligations of the Dealers described in the paragraph above.

Selling restrictions may be supplemented or modified with the agreement of the Issuer. Any such supplement or modification will be set out in the relevant Final Terms or Drawdown Prospectus (in the case of a supplement or modification relevant only to a particular Tranche of Bonds) or (in any other case) in a supplement to this Prospectus.

## **CHAPTER 19**

### **CLEARING AND SETTLEMENT**

#### **Clearing Systems**

The Bonds will be accepted for clearance through Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg. The appropriate Common Code and ISIN for each Series of Bonds to be allocated by Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg will be specified in the applicable Final Terms or Drawdown Prospectus. If the Bonds are to clear through an additional or alternative clearing system, the appropriate information will be specified in the applicable Final Terms or Drawdown Prospectus.

The address of Euroclear is 1 Boulevard du Roi Albert II, B-1210 Brussels, Belgium and the address of Clearstream, Luxembourg is 42 Avenue JF Kennedy, L-1855 Luxembourg. The address of any alternative clearing system will be specified in the applicable Final Terms or Drawdown Prospectus.

#### **Global Clearance and Settlement Procedures**

Secondary market trading between Euroclear participants and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg participants will occur in the ordinary way in accordance with the applicable rules and operating procedures of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and will be settled using the procedures applicable to conventional Eurobonds in immediately available funds.

## **CHAPTER 20**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **Authorisation**

The establishment of the Bond Programme, and the issue of Bonds have been duly authorised by resolutions of the board of directors (the “**Board**”) of the Issuer passed at meetings of the Board held on 17 June 2016 and on 28 November 2017 and on 28 April 2020, 30 November 2022 and 29 November 2023. The Issuer has obtained or will obtain from time to time all necessary consents, approvals and authorisations in connection with the issue and performance of the Bonds.

#### **Listing of Bonds**

It is expected that each Series of Bonds which is to be admitted to the Official List and to trading on Euronext Dublin will be admitted separately as and when issued, subject only to the issue of a Global Bond or Bonds initially representing the Bonds of such Series. The listing of the Bond Programme in respect of Bonds was granted on the date of this Prospectus.

However, Bonds may also be issued pursuant to the Bond Programme which will not be listed on Euronext Dublin or any other Stock Exchange or which will be listed on such Stock Exchange as the Issuer and the Relevant Dealer(s) may agree.

#### **Documents Available**

For so long as the Bond Programme remains in effect or any Bonds shall be outstanding, copies of the following documents will be available for inspection in electronic form on the Issuer’s website at <https://www.ellevio.se/en/about-us/financial-information/financial-reports-documents/>

- (a) a copy of this Prospectus;
- (b) any Final Terms or Drawdown Prospectus relating to Bonds which are admitted to listing, trading and/or quotation by any listing authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system. In the case of any Bonds which are not admitted to listing, trading and/or quotation by any listing authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system, copies of the relevant Final Terms or Drawdown Prospectus will only be available for inspection by the relevant Bondholders;
- (c) the Trust Deed;
- (d) the constitutional documents of the Issuer;
- (e) the STID;
- (f) the Class A Liquidity Facility Agreement;
- (g) the Security Agreement;
- (h) the Account Bank Agreement;
- (i) the Agency Agreement;
- (j) the Common Documents;
- (k) each Investor Report; and
- (l) the IACFA;

each of which have been previously published or are published simultaneously with this Prospectus and which have been filed with the Central Bank. The Prospectus will be published on the website of Euronext Dublin at <https://www.euronext.com/en/markets/dublin>.

## Websites

The website of Ellevio is <https://www.ellevio.se>. The information on this website does not form part of this Prospectus, except where that information has been incorporated by reference into this Prospectus.

## Transparency Directive

Under the terms of the STID, the Issuer is required, if it is impracticable or unduly burdensome to maintain the admission of all listed Bonds to trading on Euronext Dublin, to use reasonable endeavours to procure and maintain an alternative listing. Directive 2004/109/EC of the European Parliament and the Council of 15 December 2004 on the harmonisation of transparency requirements in relation to information about issuers whose securities are admitted to trading on a regulated market came into force on 20 January 2005 and has recently been amended by the 2010 PD Amending Directive (the “**Transparency Directive**”).

## Significant or Material Change

There has been no significant change in the financial performance of the Issuer since 31 December 2024 or the Guarantor since 31 December 2024. There has been no material adverse change in the prospects of the Issuer or the Guarantor since 31 December 2024.

## Litigation

The Issuer and the Guarantor confirms that there are no governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings (including any such proceedings which are pending or threatened of which the Issuer or the Guarantor are aware) which may have or have had in the 12 months preceding the date of this Prospectus a significant effect on the financial position or profitability of the Issuer or the Guarantor.

## Availability of Financial Statements

The following documents will be available, upon request, free of charge from the Issuer’s website at <https://www.ellevio.se/en/about-ellevio/this-is-Ellevio/Financials-and-governance/financial-reports-documents/>.

- (m) the audited unconsolidated financial accounts for the 12 months ended 31 December 2022 in respect of Ellevio AB (publ) prepared in accordance with Swedish GAAP (RFR2) ([https://www.ellevio.se/globalassets/content/finansiell-information/2022/ellevio\\_ar22\\_en\\_web.pdf](https://www.ellevio.se/globalassets/content/finansiell-information/2022/ellevio_ar22_en_web.pdf)) together with the audit report thereon, each of which have been previously published or are published simultaneously with this Prospectus and which have been filed with the Central Bank;
- (n) the audited unconsolidated financial accounts for the 12 months ended 31 December 2023 in respect of Ellevio AB (publ) prepared in accordance with Swedish GAAP (RFR2) ([https://www.ellevio.se/globalassets/content/finansiell-information/2023/ellevio\\_annual\\_report\\_2023\\_web.pdf](https://www.ellevio.se/globalassets/content/finansiell-information/2023/ellevio_annual_report_2023_web.pdf)) together with the audit report thereon, each of which have been previously published or are published simultaneously with this Prospectus and which have been filed with the Central Bank;

- (o) the audited unconsolidated financial accounts for the 12 months ended 31 December 2024 in respect of Ellevio AB (publ) prepared in accordance with Swedish GAAP (RFR2) (<https://www.ellevio.se/globalassets/content/finansiell-information/2024/annual-and-sustainability-report-2024.pdf>) together with the audit report thereon, each of which have been previously published or are published simultaneously with this Prospectus and which have been filed with the Central Bank;
- (p) the audited unconsolidated financial accounts for the 12 months ended 31 December 2022 in respect of Ellevio Holding 4 AB prepared in accordance with Swedish GAAP (<https://www.ellevio.se/globalassets/content/finansiell-information/2022/annual-report-2022-ellevio-holding-4-ab-eng2.pdf>) together with the audit report thereon, each of which have been previously published or are published simultaneously with this Prospectus and which have been filed with the Central Bank; and
- (q) the audited unconsolidated financial accounts for the 12 months ended 31 December 2023 in respect of Ellevio Holding 4 AB prepared in accordance with Swedish GAAP (<https://www.ellevio.se/globalassets/content/finansiell-information/2023/annual-report-incl-audit-report-ellevio-holding-4-ab-2023.pdf>) together with the audit report thereon, each of which have been previously published or are published simultaneously with this Prospectus and which have been filed with the Central Bank.
- (r) the audited unconsolidated financial accounts for the 12 months ended 31 December 2024 in respect of Ellevio Holding 4 AB prepared in accordance with Swedish GAAP (<https://www.ellevio.se/globalassets/content/finansiell-information/2024/annual-report-for-ellevio-holding-4-ab-2024.pdf>) together with the audit report thereon, each of which have been previously published or are published simultaneously with this Prospectus and which have been filed with the Central Bank.

In addition, a copy of this Prospectus, any supplement to this Prospectus and the Final Terms relating to the Bonds which are admitted to trading on the Euronext Dublin Regulated Market will also be available on the website of Euronext Dublin (<https://www.euronext.com/en/markets/dublin>).

## Auditors

The auditors of the Issuer are Ernst & Young AB, Hamngatan 26, SE 111 47 Stockholm, Sweden which is registered to carry out audit work by the Supervisory Board of Public Accountants (*Sw. Revisorsinspektionen*).

The auditors of the Guarantor are Ernst & Young AB, Hamngatan 26, SE 111 47 Stockholm, Sweden which is registered to carry out audit work by the Supervisory Board of Public Accountants (*Sw. Revisorsinspektionen*).

## Legend

Permanent Global Bonds, Bearer Bonds and any Receipts, Talons and Coupons appertaining thereto where TEFRA D is specified in the relevant Final Terms or Pricing Supplement will bear a legend substantially to the following effect: “Any U.S. person who holds this obligation will be subject to limitations under the United States income tax laws, including the limitations provided in Sections 165(j) and 1287(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.” The sections referred to in such legend provide that a U.S. person who holds such a Bond, Coupon, Receipt or Talon generally will not be allowed to deduct any loss realised on the sale, exchange or redemption of such Bond, Coupon, Receipt or Talon and any gain (which might otherwise be characterised as capital gain) recognised on such sale, exchange or redemption will be treated as ordinary income.

## **Information in respect of the Bonds**

The Issue Price and the amount of the relevant Bonds will be determined, before filing of relevant Final Terms or Drawdown Prospectus of each Tranche of Bonds, based on then prevailing market conditions. The Issuer does not intend to provide any post-issuance information in relation to any issues of Bonds; however, see the requirement to deliver an Investor Report in accordance with the STID.

Certain of the Dealers and their Affiliates have engaged, and may in the future engage, in investment banking and/or commercial banking transactions with, and may perform services for the Issuer and its Affiliates in the ordinary course of business. Certain of the Dealers and their Affiliates may have positions, deal or make markets in the Bonds issued under the Bond Programme, related derivatives and reference obligations, including (but not limited to) entering into hedging strategies on behalf of the Obligors, the Issuer and their respective Affiliates, investor clients, or as principal in order to manage their exposure, their general market risk, or other trading activities.

In addition, in the ordinary course of their business activities, the Dealers and their Affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (including bank loans) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers. Such investments and securities activities may involve securities and/or instruments of the Obligors, the Issuer or their respective Affiliates. Certain of the Dealers or their Affiliates that have a lending relationship with the Obligors and/or the Issuer routinely hedge their credit exposure to the Obligors and/or the Issuer consistent with their customary risk management policies. Typically, such Dealers and their Affiliates would hedge such exposure by entering into transactions which consist of either the purchase of credit default swaps or the creation of short positions in securities, including potentially the Bonds issued under the Bond Programme. Any such positions could adversely affect future trading prices of Bonds issued under the Bond Programme or whether a specified barrier or level is reached. The Dealers and their Affiliates may also make investment recommendations and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such securities or financial instruments and may hold, or recommend to clients that they acquire, long and/or short positions in such securities and instruments.

## **Listing Agent**

The Irish Listing Agent is Maples and Calder (Ireland) LLP and the address of its registered office is 75 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2, Ireland. Maples and Calder (Ireland) LLP is acting solely in its capacity as listing agent for the Issuer in connection with the Bonds and is not itself seeking admission of the Bonds to the Official List or to trading on the Euronext Dublin Regulated Market of the Irish Stock Exchange plc trading as Euronext Dublin.

## **Interests of the Arranger and Dealers**

The Arranger and/or the Dealers and/or their Affiliates have engaged, and may in the future engage, in investment banking and/or commercial banking transactions with, and may perform other services for, the Issuer, the Security Group and/or their Affiliates in the ordinary course of business. In addition, in the ordinary course of their business activities, the Arranger and/or the Dealers and/or their Affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (including bank loans) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers. Such investments and securities activities may involve securities and/or instruments of the Issuer, the Security Group or their Affiliates. The Arranger and/or the Dealers and/or their Affiliates that have a lending relationship with the Security Group routinely hedge their credit exposure to the Security Group consistent with their customary risk management policies. Typically, the Arranger and/or the Dealers and/or their Affiliates would hedge such

exposure by entering into transactions which consist of either the purchase of credit default swaps or the creation of short positions in securities, including potentially the Bonds issued under the Bond Programme. Any such positions could adversely affect future trading prices of the Bonds issued under the Bond Programme or whether a specified barrier or level is reached. The Arranger and/or the Dealers and/or their Affiliates may also make investment recommendations and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such securities or financial instruments and may hold, or recommend to clients that they acquire, long and/or short positions in such securities and instruments.

### **Language of this Prospectus**

The language of the Prospectus is English. Certain legislative references and technical terms have been cited in their original language in order that the correct technical meaning may be ascribed to them under applicable law.



## CHAPTER 21

### GLOSSARY OF DEFINED TERMS

<b>Acceleration Notice</b>	means a notice delivered by the Security Trustee pursuant to the STID by which the Security Trustee declares that some or all Secured Liabilities shall be accelerated.
<b>Acceptable Bank</b>	means: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) an Original Initial ACF Lender;</li><li>(b) a bank or financial institution which has a rating for its long-term unsecured and non-credit-enhanced debt obligations of BBB+ or higher by S&amp;P or Fitch or Baa1 or higher by Moody's or a comparable rating from an internationally recognised credit rating agency; or</li><li>(c) any other bank or financial institution approved by the Majority Secured Creditors.</li></ul>
<b>Accession Memorandum</b>	each memorandum to be entered into pursuant to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) clauses 2.2 (<i>Accession of Additional Secured Creditor</i>) and 2.5 (<i>Execution of Accession Memorandum</i>) of the STID and which is substantially in the form set out in part 1 (<i>Form of Accession Memorandum (Additional Secured Creditor)</i>) of schedule 1 (<i>Form of Accession Memorandum</i>) to the STID;</li><li>(b) clause 2.3 (<i>Accession of Additional Subordinated Intragroup Creditor</i>) of the STID and which is substantially in the form set out in part 4 (<i>Form of Accession Memorandum (New Subordinated Intragroup Creditor)</i>) of schedule 1 (<i>Form of Accession Memorandum</i>) to the STID;</li><li>(c) clause 2.4 (<i>Accession of Additional Subordinated Creditor</i>) of the STID and which is substantially in the form set out in part 5 (<i>Form of Accession Memorandum (New Subordinated Creditor)</i>) of schedule 1 (<i>Form of Accession Memorandum</i>) to the STID;</li><li>(d) clause 2.1 (<i>Accession of Additional Obligors</i>) of the STID and which is substantially in the form set out in part 3 (<i>Form of Accession Memorandum (New Obligors)</i>) of schedule 1 (<i>Form of Accession Memorandum</i>) to the STID; or</li><li>(e) clause 30 (<i>Benefit of Deed</i>) (as applicable) of the STID and which substantially is in the form set out in part 2 (<i>Form of Accession Memorandum (Existing Secured Liabilities)</i>) of schedule 1 (<i>Form of Accession Memorandum</i>) to the STID.</li></ul>
<b>Account Bank</b>	means: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) during the period ending on 2 June 2017, the Primary Account Bank in respect of the Primary Accounts and the Supplemental Account Bank in respect of the Supplemental Accounts; and</li></ul>

	<p>(b) following 2 June 2017, the Primary Account Bank in respect of all Accounts, and</p> <p>in each case, any successor account bank appointed pursuant to the Account Bank Agreement</p>
<b>Account Bank Agreement</b>	means the account bank agreement dated the Closing Date between the Obligors, the Primary Account Bank, the Supplemental Account Bank, the Security Trustee and the Standstill Cash Manager.
<b>Accountholder</b>	has the meaning given to it on page 172 of this Prospectus.
<b>Accounting Principles</b>	means generally accepted accounting principles in Sweden.
<b>Accounts</b>	means any bank accounts of an Obligor (including any sub-account or sub-accounts relating to that account and any replacement account from time to time).
<b>ACER</b>	means the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators.
<b>ACF Arranger</b>	means an arranger under an Authorised Credit Facility.
<b>Achievable Cost Savings</b>	<p>means in relation to a Permitted Acquisition, the Consolidated EBITDA from cost savings reasonably anticipated to be achieved in connection with that Permitted Acquisition in the twelve month period following completion of that Permitted Acquisition, provided that such cost savings are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) certified by the Head of Finance or Head of Treasury; and</li> <li>(b) in an amount not exceeding ten per cent. of the earnings before interest, Tax, depreciation and impairment of the company or business to be acquired (as set out in the target company's most recent financial statements and calculated on the same basis as Consolidated EBITDA).</li> </ul>
<b>Acquisition</b>	means the acquisition referred to on page 58 of this Prospectus.
<b>Additional Holdco</b>	<p>means any limited liability off the shelf company or company incorporated in connection with the proposed issuance of Permitted Additional Financial Indebtedness where each such company:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) accedes to the STID as an Obligor (as defined therein);</li> <li>(b) becomes an additional Guarantor;</li> <li>(c) is a wholly owned Subsidiary of the Parent or Ellevio;</li> <li>(d) incorporated in the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Luxembourg or Sweden or, with the prior the prior consent of the majority Qualifying Secured Creditors, any other Participating Member State; and</li> <li>(e) subject to the Legal Reservations, first ranking Borrower Security is granted over all of the shares in and loans made to such company.</li> </ul>
<b>Additional Obligor</b>	means any person wishing or required to become an Obligor who accedes to the Common Terms Agreement in accordance with clause 1.5 ( <i>Obligors</i> ) of the Common Terms Agreement and the

	STID in accordance with clause 2.1 ( <i>Accession of Additional Obligors</i> ) of the STID.
<b>Additional Secured Creditors</b>	means any person not already a Secured Creditor which becomes a Secured Creditor pursuant to the provisions of Clause 2.2 ( <i>Accession of Additional Secured Creditor</i> ) of the STID and which shall not be an Additional Subordinated Creditor or an Additional Subordinated Intragroup Creditor.
<b>Additional Subordinated Creditor</b>	means an additional Subordinated Creditor who accedes to the STID in accordance with Clause 2.4 ( <i>Accession of Additional Subordinated Creditor</i> ) of the STID and delivers an accession memorandum in accordance with the terms of part 5 ( <i>Form of Accession Memorandum (New Subordinated Creditor)</i> ) of schedule 1 ( <i>Form of Accession Memorandum</i> ) to the STID.
<b>Additional Subordinated Intragroup Creditor</b>	means any member of the Security Group who accedes to the STID as an additional Subordinated Intragroup Creditor in accordance with clause 2.3 ( <i>Accession of Additional Subordinated Intragroup Creditor</i> ) of the STID and delivers an accession memorandum in accordance with the terms of part 4 ( <i>Form of Accession Memorandum (New Subordinated Intragroup Creditor)</i> ) of schedule 1 ( <i>Form of Accession Memorandum</i> ) to the STID.
<b>Additional Total Leverage Ratio</b>	means, in respect of any Total Relevant Period, the ratio of (i) Total Net Debt less any Equity Cure Amount for that Total Relevant Period, to (ii) Total Consolidated EBITDA on the last day of that Total Relevant Period.
<b>Adjourned Voting Date</b>	has the meaning given to it on page 149 of this Prospectus.
<b>Administrative Court or Court</b>	means one of the 12 administrative courts of Sweden.
<b>Administrative Court of Appeal</b>	means one of the four administrative courts of appeal of Sweden.
<b>Affected Secured Creditor(s)</b>	means each Secured Creditor who is affected (as construed by reference to clause 16.2 ( <i>Meaning of “affected”</i> ) of the STID) by an Entrenched Right.
<b>Affiliate</b>	means, in relation to any person, a Subsidiary of that person or a Holding Company of that person or any other Subsidiary of that Holding Company.
<b>Agency Agreement</b>	means the agreement dated 2 September 2016 pursuant to which Ellevio has appointed the Issuing and Paying Agent, the other Paying Agents, the Registrar, the Calculation Agent and Transfer Agents in relation to all or any Sub-Class of Bonds, and any other agreement for the time being in force appointing further or other Paying Agents, or Transfer Agents or any other Paying Agent, Account Bank, Calculation Agent or Registrar in relation to all or any Sub-Class of Bonds, or in connection with their duties, unless permitted under the Agency Agreement, where necessary with the prior written approval of the Bond Trustee, together with

	any agreement for the time being in force amending or modifying any of the aforesaid agreements.
<b>Agent</b>	means each of the Issuing and Paying Agent, the other Paying Agents, the Transfer Agents, the Calculation Agent, the Registrar, the Exchange Agent or any other agent appointed by Ellevio pursuant to the Agency Agreement or a Calculation Agency Agreement, and <b>Agents</b> means all of them.
<b>Agent Bank</b>	means, in relation to the Bonds of any relevant Sub-Class, the bank initially appointed as agent bank in relation to such Bonds by Ellevio pursuant to the Agency Agreement or, if applicable, any successor agent bank appointed pursuant to the Bond Programme Documents in relation to such Bonds.
<b>Agreed Security Principles</b>	means the security principles set out in schedule 9 ( <i>Agreed Security Principles</i> ) to the Common Terms Agreement.
<b>AIFMD</b>	means Directive 2006/48/EC, as the same is referenced in Directive 2011/61/EU on Alternative Investment Fund Managers and Amending Directives 2003/41/EC and 2009/65/EC and Regulations (EC) No 1060/2009 and (EU) No 1095/2010.
<b>AIFMR</b>	means the Commission Delegated Regulation No 231/2013 of 19 December 2012 supplementing Directive 2011/61/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to exemptions, general operating conditions, depositaries, leverage, transparency and supervision.
<b>Allowed Revenue Ordinance</b>	means the Ordinance on Allowed Revenue for Electricity Network Companies (Sw. <i>förordningen (2018:1520) om intäktsram för elnätsföretag</i> )
<b>AMF</b>	means SVLN Grid AB (Reg. No 559382-5663) a wholly owned subsidiary to AMF Tjänstepension AB (Reg. No 502033-2259) AMF is an occupational pensions company that is owned equally by the Swedish Trade Union Confederation (LO) and the Confederation of Swedish Enterprise. AMF is run according to mutual principles, entailing that AMF's profits accrue in their entirety to the customers
<b>AMM</b>	means Automatic Meter Management.
<b>Ancillary Facility</b>	means any facility made available by a lender pursuant to the Initial Authorised Credit Facilities Agreement or any subsequent Authorised Credit Facility Agreement and designated as an Ancillary Facility under the terms of the applicable Authorised Credit Facility Agreement.
<b>Annual Financial Statements</b>	means the financial statements delivered to the Secured Creditors by Ellevio pursuant to the Common Terms Agreement.
<b>AP3</b>	means Tredje AP-fonden (Reg. No. 802014-4120), a national pension fund that is a part of the Kingdom of Sweden, whose principal place of business is at Vasagatan 7, 9 <sup>th</sup> floor, P.O. Box 1176, 111 91 Stockholm, Sweden.

<b>Applicable Law</b>	<p>means any law or regulation including, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) any domestic or foreign statute or regulation;</li> <li>(b) any rule or practice of any authority, stock exchange or self-regulatory organisation with which a Party is bound or accustomed to comply; and</li> <li>(c) any agreement entered into by a Party and any competent regulatory, prosecuting, tax or governmental authority in any jurisdiction, domestic or foreign or between any two such governmental authorities.</li> </ul>
<b>Area Concessions</b>	has the meaning given to it on page 18 of this Prospectus.
<b>Arranger</b>	means NatWest Markets N.V..
<b>ASIC</b>	has the meaning given to it on page 239 of this Prospectus.
<b>Asset Management and Design</b>	means the Asset Management and Design division of Ellevio.
<b>Auditors</b>	means Ernst & Young AB or such other independent public accountants of international standing which may be appointed by the Obligors in accordance with the Common Terms Agreement as the Auditors for the Security Group.
<b>Authorisation</b>	means each Concession and any other authorisation, consent, approval, permit, resolution, licence, exemption, filing, notarisation or registration.
<b>Authorised Credit Facility or Authorised Credit Facilities</b>	<p>means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the Initial Authorised Credit Facilities;</li> <li>(b) any Class B Senior Term Facility;</li> <li>(c) any Class A Bonds;</li> <li>(d) any Class B Bonds;</li> <li>(e) any Class B Capex Facility;</li> <li>(f) each Class A PP Note Purchase Agreement, together with any Class A PP Notes issued thereunder;</li> <li>(g) each Class B PP Note Purchase Agreement, together with any Class B PP Notes issued thereunder;</li> <li>(h) any Class A Institutional Loan;</li> <li>(i) any Class B Institutional Loan;</li> <li>(j) the Class A Liquidity Facilities;</li> <li>(k) the Class B Liquidity Facilities;</li> <li>(l) any Class A Hedging Transactions;</li> <li>(m) any Class B Hedging Transactions;</li> <li>(n) any Super Senior Hedging Transactions;</li> <li>(o) any other facility or agreement entered into by any Obligor for Secured Debt as permitted by the terms of the Common Terms Agreement and pursuant to which the providers of which are parties to or have acceded to the STID and the Common Terms Agreement;</li> </ul>

- (p) any fee letter or commitment letter entered into in connection with the foregoing facilities or agreements or the transactions contemplated in the foregoing facilities; and
- (q) any other document that has been entered into in connection with the foregoing facilities or agreements or the transactions contemplated thereby that has been designated as an Authorised Credit Facility for the purposes of this definition by the parties thereto (including at least one Obligor).

**Authorised Credit Facility Agreement**

means an agreement documenting an Authorised Credit Facility.

**Authorised Credit Provider(s)**

means a lender or other provider of credit or financial accommodation under any Authorised Credit Facility.

**Authorised Signatory**

means any person who is duly authorised by Ellevio or any Party and in respect of whom a certificate has been provided signed by a director of Ellevio or such Party setting out the name and signature of that person and confirming such person's authority to act.

**Available Enforcement Proceeds**

means, on any date, all moneys received or recovered by the Security Trustee (or any Receiver appointed by it) in respect of the Borrower Security and under the Guarantees from the Obligors (but excluding any amounts standing to the credit of or recovered by the Security Trustee from any Liquidity Standby Account and any Tax credits paid to an Obligor by an Authorised Credit Provider in accordance with an Authorised Credit Facility Agreement).

**Backward Lock-Up Tests**

means each of the following:

- (a) the Senior Interest Cover Ratio for the Relevant Period not being less than 1.70:1;
- (b) the Senior Leverage Ratio for the Relevant Period not being greater than 10.75:1; and
- (c) the Senior Historic Leverage Ratio for the Relevant Period not being less than 0.05:1.

**Base Currency**

means the Swedish Krona.

**Base Index Figure**

means (subject to Condition 7I(i) (*Change in base*) of the Terms and Conditions) the base index figure as specified in the relevant Final Terms or Drawdown Prospectus.

**Basel Committee**

means the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision.

**Basel III**

has the meaning given to it on page 42 of this Prospectus.

**Basic Terms Modification(s)**

means any matter or proposal that seeks to:

- (a) amend the dates of maturity or redemption of the Bonds, any Instalment Date or any date for payment of interest or Interest Amounts on the Bonds;

- (b) reduce or cancel the nominal amount of, or any Instalment Amount of, or any premium payable on redemption of, the Bonds;
- (c) reduce the rate or rates of interest in respect of the Bonds or to vary the method or basis of calculating the rate or rates or amount of interest or the basis for calculating any Interest Amount in respect of the Bonds;
- (d) if a Minimum and/or a Maximum Rate of Interest, Instalment Amount or Redemption Amount is shown hereon, reduce any such Minimum and/or Maximum;
- (e) vary any method of, or basis for, calculating the Final Redemption Amount, the Early Redemption Amount or the Optional Redemption Amount;
- (f) vary the currency or currencies of payment or denomination of the Bonds;
- (g) modify the provisions concerning the quorum required at any meeting of Bondholders or the majority required to pass the Extraordinary Resolution; or
- (h) make any modification to this definition,

in which case, the necessary quorum shall be two or more persons holding or representing not less than 75 per cent., or at any adjourned meeting not less than 25 per cent., in nominal amount of the Bonds for the time being outstanding with any Extraordinary Resolution duly passed being binding on Bondholders (whether or not they were present at the meeting at which such resolution was passed) and on all Couponholders.

#### **Bearer Bonds**

means those Bonds which are for the time being in bearer form.

#### **Bearer Definitive Bonds**

means a Bearer Bond in definitive form issued or, as the case may require, to be issued by Ellevio in accordance with the provisions of the Dealer Agreement or any other agreement between Ellevio and the Relevant Dealer(s), the Agency Agreement and the Trust Deed in exchange for either a Temporary Bearer Global Bond or part thereof or a Permanent Bearer Global Bond or part thereof (all as indicated in the applicable Final Terms), such Bearer Bond in definitive form being in the form or substantially in the form set out in the Trust Deed with such modifications (if any) as may be required in any jurisdiction in which a particular Tranche of Bonds may be issued or sold from time to time or as otherwise agreed between Ellevio, the Issuing and Paying Agent, the Bond Trustee and the Relevant Dealer(s), and having the Conditions endorsed thereon or, if permitted by the relevant stock exchange, incorporating the Conditions by reference as indicated in the applicable Final Terms and having the relevant information supplementing, replacing or modifying the Conditions appearing in the applicable Final Terms endorsed thereon or attached thereto and

having Coupons and, where appropriate, Receipts and/or Talons attached thereto on issue.

### **Block Voting Instruction**

means:

- (a) in relation to voting by the holders of Bearer Bonds:
  - (i) a document in the English language issued by a Paying Agent;
  - (ii) certifying that the Deposited Bonds have been deposited with such Paying Agent (or to its order at a bank or other depositary) or blocked in an account with a clearing system and will not be released until the earlier of:
    - (A) close of business (London time) on the Voting Date; and
    - (B) the surrender to such Paying Agent, not less than 24 hours before the Voting Date of the receipt for the Deposited Bonds and notification thereof by such Paying Agent to the Bond Trustee;
- (b) in relation to voting by the holders of Registered Bonds:
  - (i) a document in the English language issued by the Registrar or the Paying Agent;
    - (A) (where the Registered Bonds are represented by a Global Bond) that certain specified Registered Bonds (each a Blocked Bond) have been blocked in an account with a clearing system and will not be released until close of business (London time) on the Voting Date and that the holder of each Blocked Bond or a duly authorised person on its behalf has instructed the Registrar that the Votes attributable to such Blocked Bond are to be cast in a particular way on a Voting Matter; or
    - (B) (where the Registered Bonds are represented by Registered Definitive Bonds) that each registered holder of certain specified Registered Bonds (each a Relevant Bond) or a duly authorised person on its behalf has instructed the Registrar that those Votes attributable to each Relevant Bond held by it are to be cast in a particular way on such Voting Matter;



- (ii) listing the aggregate principal amount of the Blocked Bonds and the Relevant Bonds, distinguishing between those in respect of which instructions have been given to Vote for, or against, such Voting Matter; and
- (iii) authorising the Paying Agent, or a tabulation agent, as proxy for the holders of the Deposited Bonds, to vote in respect of the Blocked Bonds and the Relevant Bonds in connection with such Voting Matter in accordance with such instructions and the provisions of the Bond Trust Deed.

**Bond(s)**

means a bond issued pursuant to the Bond Programme and denominated in such currency or currencies as may be agreed between an Issuer and the Relevant Dealer(s) which has such maturity and denomination as may be agreed between such Issuer and the Relevant Dealer(s) and issued or to be issued by such Issuer pursuant to the Dealer Agreement or any other agreement between an Issuer and the Relevant Dealer(s) relating to the Bond Programme, the Agency Agreement and the Trust Deed and which shall, in the case of a Bearer Bond, either: (a) initially be represented by, and comprised in, a Temporary Bearer Global Bond which may (in accordance with the terms of such Temporary Bearer Global Bond) be exchanged for Bearer Definitive Bonds or a Permanent Bearer Global Bond. The Permanent Bearer Global Bond may (in accordance with the terms of such Permanent Bearer Global Bond) in turn be exchanged for Bearer Definitive Bonds; or (b) be represented by, and comprised in, a Permanent Bearer Global Bond which may (in accordance with the terms of such Permanent Bearer Global Bond) be exchanged for Bearer Definitive Bonds (all as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) and which may, in the case of Registered Bonds, either be in definitive form or be represented by, and comprised in, one or more Registered Global Bonds, each of which may (in accordance with the terms of such Registered Global Bond) be exchanged for Registered Definitive Bonds or another Registered Global Bond (all as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) and includes any replacements for a Bond (whether a Bearer Bond or a Registered Bond, as the case may be) issued pursuant to Condition 17 (*Bonds, Certificates, Receipts, Coupons and Talons*) of the relevant Bonds, and “**Bonds**” shall be construed accordingly (but excluding, for the avoidance of doubt, any PP Notes).

**Bondholders**

means the several persons who are for the time being holders of the outstanding Bonds (being, in the case of Bearer Bonds, the bearers thereof and, in the case of Registered Bonds, the several persons whose names are entered in the register of holders of the

Registered Bonds as the holders thereof), save that, in respect of the Bonds of any Series, for so long as such Bonds or any part thereof are represented by a Global Bond deposited with a common depositary (in the case of a CGN) or common safekeeper (in the case of an NGN or a Registered Global Bond held under the NSS) for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg each person who is for the time being shown in the records of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg (other than Clearstream, Luxembourg, if Clearstream, Luxembourg shall be an accountholder of Euroclear, and Euroclear, if Euroclear shall be an accountholder of Clearstream, Luxembourg) as the holder of a particular nominal amount of the Bonds of such Series shall be deemed to be the holder of such principal amount of such Bonds (and the holder of the relevant Global Bond shall be deemed not to be the holder) for all purposes of the Trust Deed other than with respect to the payment of principal or interest on such nominal amount of such Bonds and, the rights to which shall be vested, as against an Issuer and the Bond Trustee, solely in such common depositary, common safekeeper or its nominee and for which purpose such common depositary, common safekeeper or its nominee shall be deemed to be the holder of such nominal amount of such Bonds in accordance with and subject to its terms and the provisions of the Trust Deed and the Conditions; and the expressions “**Bondholder**”, “**holder**” and “**holder of the Bonds**” and related expressions shall (where appropriate) be construed accordingly.

**Bond Programme**

means the €10,000,000,000 multicurrency bond programme established by Ellevio.

**Bond Programme Documents**

means:

- (a) the Bonds (including any applicable Coupons and Final Terms);
- (b) the Trust Deed (including the Conditions);
- (c) the Account Bank Agreement;
- (d) the Agency Agreement;
- (e) the Dealer Agreement; and
- (f) the Calculation Agency Agreement.

**Bond Programme Signing Date**

means on or about the date of this Prospectus.

**Bond Trustee**

means Citibank, N.A., London Branch (or any other successor trustee appointed pursuant to the Bond Programme Documents) acting as bond trustee, for and on behalf of the Bondholders.

**Borealis**

means, together or individually, each of OMERS Administration Corporation (“**OAC**”) and one or more funds (including limited partnerships, corporations or trusts) formed by or on behalf of Borealis Infrastructure Management Inc. or OAC for the

purposes of ensuring OAC's compliance with the Pensions Benefit Act (Ontario).

**Borrower(s)**

means Ellevio or any company which becomes a borrower or an additional borrower in each case entitled to borrow any Secured Debt in accordance with the relevant terms of one or more Authorised Credit Facilities to which it is a party as a borrower unless such person ceases to be a Borrower in accordance with clause 22 (*Changes to the Borrowers*) of the Initial Authorised Credit Facilities Agreement or clause 22 (*Changes to the Borrowers*) of the relevant Liquidity Facility Agreement (as applicable).

**Borrower Security**

means the Security created or expressed to be created in favour of the Security Trustee pursuant to the Security Documents.

**Borrowings**

means, at any time, the aggregate outstanding principal, capital or nominal amount (and any fixed or minimum premium payable on prepayment or redemption) of any indebtedness of members of the Security Group for or in respect of:

- (a) accretion on debt and inflation swaps;
- (b) moneys borrowed and debit balances at banks or other financial institutions;
- (c) any acceptances under any acceptance credit or bill discount facility (or dematerialised equivalent);
- (d) any note purchase facility or the issue of bonds (but not trade instruments), notes, debentures, loan stock or any similar instrument;
- (e) any Finance Lease;
- (f) receivables sold or discounted (other than any receivables to the extent they are sold on a non-recourse basis);
- (g) any counter-indemnity obligation in respect of a guarantee, bond, standby or documentary letter of credit or any other instrument (but not, in any case, trade instruments) issued by a bank or financial institution in respect of an underlying liability of an entity which is not a member of the Security Group, which liability would fall within one of the other paragraphs of this definition;
- (h) any amount raised by the issue of shares which are redeemable (other than at the option of the issuer);
- (i) any amount of any liability under an advance or deferred purchase agreement if the primary reason behind the entry into the agreement is to raise finance or to finance the acquisition or construction of the asset or service in question;
- (j) any amount raised under any other transaction (including any forward sale or purchase agreement, sale and sale back

	<p>or sale and leaseback agreement) classified as borrowings under the Accounting Principles; and</p> <p>(k) (without double counting) the amount of any liability in respect of any guarantee or indemnity for any of the items referred to in paragraphs (a) to (i) above,</p> <p>but excluding (i) any Subordinated Liabilities; (ii) Subordinated Intragroup Liabilities and (iii) any Secured Debt held by a member of the Security Group.</p>
<b>Business Acquisition</b>	means the acquisition of a company or any shares or securities or a business or undertaking (or, in each case, any interest in any of them) or the incorporation of a company.
<b>Business Day(s)</b>	<p>means a day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) on which banks are open for general business in London, Dublin, Geneva, Luxembourg, New York, Oslo and Stockholm, and:</p> <p>(a) (in relation to any date for payment or purchase of a currency other than Euro) the principal financial centre of the country of that currency; or</p> <p>(b) (in relation to any date for payment or purchase of Euro) any TARGET Day.</p>
<b>Business Day Convention</b>	means either the Floating Rate Business Day Convention, the Following Business Day Convention, the Modified Following Business Day Convention or the Preceding Business Day Convention, as specified in the applicable Final Terms.
<b>Business Mortgage Certificates</b>	has the meaning given to it on page 35 of this Prospectus.
<b>Calculation Agency Agreement</b>	means, in relation to the Bonds of any Tranche, an agreement in or substantially in the form scheduled to the Agency Agreement.
<b>Calculation Agent</b>	means, in relation to any Tranche of Bonds, the person appointed as calculation agent in relation to such Tranche of Bonds by Ellevio pursuant to the provisions of a Calculation Agency Agreement (or any other agreement) and shall include any successor calculation agent appointed in respect of such Tranche of Bonds.
<b>Calculation Date</b>	means 30 June and 31 December or such other dates as may be agreed as a result of a change in the financial year end (and associated change in the calculation of financial covenants) or regulatory year end relating to any Obligor and the Security Group.
<b>Capex Facility</b>	means a Class A Capex Facility, a Class B Capex Facility or both, as the context may require.
<b>Capex Facility Providers</b>	means the Original Initial ACF Lenders in their capacity as Capex Facility Providers together with any party which provides Ellevio with a Capex Facility and accedes to the Common Terms Agreement and the STID.
<b>Capex Facility Rollover Loan</b>	means one or more Capex Facility loans:

- (a) made or to be made on the same day that a maturing Capex Facility loan is due to be repaid;
- (b) the aggregate amount of which is equal to or less than the maturing Capex Facility loan;
- (c) in the same currency as the maturing Capex Facility loan (unless it arose as a result of the operation of Clause 6.2 of the Initial Authorised Credit Facilities Agreement (*Unavailability of a currency*)); and
- (d) made or to be made to Ellevio for the purpose of refinancing that maturing Capex Facility loan.

**Capital Expenditure or Capex**

means any expenditure or obligation in respect of expenditure (other than expenditure or obligations in respect of Business Acquisitions) which, in accordance with the Accounting Principles, is treated as capital expenditure (including the capital element of any expenditure or obligation incurred in connection with a Finance Lease).

**CAPM**

means capital asset pricing model.

**Cash**

means, at any time, cash denominated in SEK, EUR, GBP, USD, CAD, NOK, CHF or DKK in hand or at bank and (in the latter case) credited to an account in the name of any member of the Security Group with an Acceptable Bank and to which a member of the Security Group is alone (or together with any other member of the Security Group) beneficially entitled and for so long as:

- (a) that cash is repayable within 30 days after the relevant date of calculation;
- (b) repayment of that cash is not contingent on the prior discharge of any other indebtedness of any member of the Security Group or of any other person whatsoever, or on the satisfaction of any other condition;
- (c) there is no Security over that cash except for Security or any Permitted Security constituted by a netting or set-off arrangement entered into by any member of the Security Group in the ordinary course of their banking arrangements; and
- (d) the cash is freely and (except as mentioned in paragraph (a) above) immediately available to be applied in repayment or prepayment of the Secured Debt.

**Cash Equivalent Investments**

means at any time:

- (a) certificates of deposit maturing within one year after the relevant date of calculation and issued by an Acceptable Bank;
- (b) any investment in marketable debt obligations issued or guaranteed by the government of:
  - (i) the United States of America;

- (ii) the United Kingdom;
  - (iii) Canada;
  - (iv) Sweden; or
  - (v) any member state of the European Economic Area or any Participating Member State which has a credit rating of either A-1 or higher by S&P or F1 or higher by Fitch or P1 or higher by Moody's, or by an instrumentality or agency of any of them having an equivalent credit rating, maturing within one year after the relevant date of calculation and not convertible or exchangeable to any other security;
- (c) commercial paper not convertible or exchangeable to any other security:
- (i) for which a recognised trading market exists;
  - (ii) issued by an issuer incorporated in:
    - (A) the United States of America;
    - (B) the United Kingdom;
    - (C) Canada
    - (D) Sweden; or
    - (E) any member state of the European Economic Area or any Participating Member State which has a credit rating of either A-1 or higher by S&P or F1 or higher by Fitch or P1 or higher by Moody's;
  - (iii) which matures within one year after the relevant date of calculation; and
  - (iv) which has a credit rating of either A-1 or higher by S&P or F1 or higher by Fitch or P1 or higher by Moody's, or, if no rating is available in respect of the commercial paper, the issuer of which has, in respect of its long-term unsecured and non-credit enhanced debt obligations, an equivalent rating;
- (d) sterling bills of exchange eligible for discount at the Bank of England and accepted by an Acceptable Bank (or their dematerialised equivalent);
- (e) any investment in money market funds which (i) have a credit rating of either A-1 or higher by S&P or F1 or higher by Fitch or P1 or higher by Moody's, (ii) which invest substantially all their assets in securities of the types described in paragraphs (a) to (d) above and (iii) can be turned into cash on not more than 30 days' notice; or

	<p>(f) any other debt security approved by the Security Trustee in accordance with the STID,</p> <p>in each case, denominated in SEK, EUR, GBP, NOK, DKK, CHF, USD or CAN\$ and to which any member of the Security Group is alone (or together with other members of the Security Group beneficially entitled at that time and which is not issued or guaranteed by any member of the Security Group or subject to any Security.</p>
<b>Cash Manager</b>	<p>means:</p> <p>(a) subject to limb (c) below, with respect to the Issuer, the Issuer;</p> <p>(b) subject to limb (c) below, with respect to any other Obligor, the respective holder of the relevant Operating Account; and</p> <p>(c) during and after a Standstill Period (except where a Standstill Period is terminated pursuant to clause 19.4.1(iii) (<i>Termination of Standstill</i>) of the STID), the Standstill Cash Manager.</p>
<b>Cash Manager Determination Date</b>	means the date which is five Business Days prior to a Payment Date.
<b>CDS</b>	means The Canadian Depository for Securities Limited.
<b>CEER</b>	means Council of European Energy Regulators.
<b>Central Bank</b>	means Central Bank of Ireland.
<b>Certificate(s)</b>	means the registered certificates by which Bonds in registered form will be represented and each of which is being issued in respect of each Bondholder's entire holding of Registered Bonds of one Series.
<b>Certified Storm Event</b>	means an event certified by a director of Ellevio to have been caused by a storm, where such certification also details the costs incurred by any member of the Security Group in connection with such event.
<b>Charged Property</b>	means all of the assets which from time to time are, or are expressed to be, the subject of the Borrower Security.
<b>Chief Executive Officer</b>	means the Chief Executive Officer of Ellevio, Johan Lindehag.
<b>CHP</b>	means combined heat and power.
<b>CJEU</b>	means Court of Justice of the European Union.
<b>Class</b>	means in relation to the Bonds, each class of Bonds, the available classes of Bonds being Class A Bonds and Class B Bonds.
<b>Class A Aggregate Available Liquidity</b>	means the sum of the aggregate available commitments under any Class A Liquidity Facility Agreement and the balance (if any) in any Class A Debt Service Reserve Account as at the relevant Calculation Date.
<b>Class A Bondholders</b>	means the holders of Class A Bonds.

<b>Class A Bonds</b>	means the class A Bonds issued by Ellevio from time to time under the Bond Programme.
<b>Class A Capex Facility</b>	means the revolving capital expenditure facility made available by the relevant lender(s) pursuant to the Initial Authorised Credit Facilities Agreement or any other revolving capital expenditure facility made available pursuant to any other Class A Permitted Additional Financial Indebtedness.
<b>Class A Creditors</b>	means: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the Initial ACF Lenders;</li> <li>(b) the Class A Bondholders;</li> <li>(c) the Class A PP Noteholders;</li> <li>(d) the Class A Institutional Loan Providers;</li> <li>(e) each Class A Hedge Counterparty; or</li> <li>(f) the holders of any Class A Permitted Additional Financial Indebtedness.</li> </ul>
<b>Class A Debt</b>	means any Financial Indebtedness that is, for the purposes of the STID, to be treated as Class A Debt and includes the Financial Indebtedness incurred under: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) any Class A Bonds;</li> <li>(b) any Class A PP Notes;</li> <li>(c) any Class A Institutional Loan;</li> <li>(d) any Class A PP Notes;</li> <li>(e) the Initial Authorised Credit Facilities;</li> <li>(f) the Class A Liquidity Facility;</li> <li>(g) any Class A Hedging Transaction; and</li> <li>(h) any other Financial Indebtedness designated as Class A Debt in the applicable Finance Document.</li> </ul>
<b>Class A Debt Service Reserve Account</b>	means each account so designated, opened and maintained by Ellevio as an alternative to, or in addition to, a Class A Liquidity Facility Agreement, in order to maintain any Class A Liquidity Required Amount.
<b>Class A Hedge Counterparty</b>	means an Initial Hedge Counterparty or a Hedge Counterparty who is a party to a Class A Hedging Agreement.
<b>Class A Hedging Agreement</b>	means an interest rate Hedging Agreement under which the obligations of Ellevio rank <i>pari passu</i> with the Ellevio's obligations under the Class A Debt or a currency Hedging Agreement in respect of Class A Debt.
<b>Class A Hedging Transaction</b>	means a Hedging Transaction arising under a Class A Hedging Agreement.
<b>Class A Institutional Loan</b>	means an institutional term loan facility provided by any Class A Institutional Loan Provider for Class A Debt pursuant to a Class A Institutional Loan Facility Agreement.



**Class A Institutional Loan Facility Agreement**

**Class A Institutional Loan Provider**

**Class A LF Agent**

**Class A LF Notice of Drawing**

**Class A LF Permitted Additional Financial Indebtedness**

means an agreement pursuant to which a Class A Institutional Loan is made.

means an institutional loan provider (and including any bank, financial institution or other entity) of a Class A Institutional Loan under a Class A Institutional Loan Facility Agreement.

means the Initial Class A LF Agent or any successor agent appointed pursuant to a Class A Liquidity Facility Agreement

means:

- (a) a request for a drawing under the Class A Liquidity Facility in a form set out in Schedule 2 (*Class A Liquidity Loan Drawing*) to the Class A Liquidity Facility Agreement; or
- (b) a request for a standby drawing under the Liquidity Facility Agreement (in the form set out in Schedule 4 (*Class A Standby Drawing*) thereto) in the event of a Class A LF Provider either: (i) having its credit rating downgraded below the Minimum Long Term Rating in accordance with Clause 4.2.3 (*Class A Standby Drawing*) of the Class A Liquidity Facility Agreement; or (ii) failing to renew its commitment pursuant to Clause 4.2.4 (*Class A Standby Drawing*) of the Class A Liquidity Facility Agreement.

means (i) liquidity facilities made to a Borrower, an Additional Holdco or a Finco by a person other than a member of the Group; and (ii) Permitted Refinancing Debt, in each case where:

- (a) the Financial Indebtedness ranks *pari passu* in all respects (but subject to the priorities set out in paragraph 8 of schedule 8 (*Cash Management*) of the Common Terms Agreement) with all other Class A Liquidity Facilities;
- (b) the creditors of such Financial Indebtedness (the “**Class A LF Incoming Creditors**”) accede to the Common Terms Agreement and the STID;
- (c) the Class A LF Incoming Creditors do not, and may not at any time, benefit from any Security, guarantees or other credit support, or recourse to any other Obligor other than pursuant to the Security Documents and the Common Terms Agreement; and
- (d) the relevant Borrower has first:
  - (i) obtained a confirmation from the relevant Rating Agency that such Class A LF Permitted Additional Financial Indebtedness will not result in the then applicable Rating being reduced below the lower of: (A) the Rating on the Closing Date; and (B) the then current

Rating, as long as that Rating is Investment Grade; or

in the event that any one or more of the Rating Agencies declines to provide such confirmation for any reason other than related to the Rating itself, certified (after having made all reasonable enquiries), and provided evidence to support such certification, that such Class A LF Permitted Additional Financial Indebtedness will not result in the then applicable Rating being reduced below the lower of: (A) the Rating on the Closing Date; and (B) the then current Rating, as long as that Rating is at least Investment Grade

**Class A LF Provider(s)**

means the providers of any Class A Liquidity Facility and any bank or financial institution which has become a party to a Class A Liquidity Facility Agreement in accordance with the terms of that Class A Liquidity Facility Agreement which, in each case, has not ceased to be a party in accordance with the terms of that Class A Liquidity Facility Agreement.

**Class A Liquidity Facility**

means the Initial Class A Liquidity Facility and any other liquidity facility/ies made available under any Class A Liquidity Facility Agreement.

**Class A Liquidity Facility Agreement**

means the Initial Class A Liquidity Facility Agreement or any other liquidity facility agreement entered into by, among others, any Borrower(s) and Class A LF Providers in respect of Class A Debt.

**Class A Liquidity Required Amount**

means the aggregate of:

- (a) the projected interest and commitment or commission payments (excluding any scheduled amortisation and bullet final repayments to be made on the relevant Final Maturity Date) under Class A Debt or any Secured Debt ranking in priority to Class A Debt (excluding Class A Subordinated Liquidity Payments and Class B Subordinated Liquidity Payments); and
- (b) net payments (including accretion payments but excluding any other payments on any break or final or termination payments under any Class A Hedging Agreements or Super Senior Hedging Agreements) under the Class A Hedging Agreements and Super Senior Hedging Agreements,

for the following 12 months (calculated on a rolling basis on each Calculation Date)

**Class A Liquidity Shortfall**

means, in respect of any Interest Payment Date, there will be insufficient funds (as determined by an Obligor, in its capacity as Cash Manager on the Cash Manager Determination Date) to pay amounts owed by the relevant Obligor in respect of the items as set out in sub-paragraphs (a) to (g) (excluding in respect of paragraph (d)) of the Pre-Enforcement Priority of Payments

(excluding any termination payments, principal exchange amounts or other pay-as-you-go payments and all other unscheduled amounts payable to any Hedge Counterparty) after taking into account funds available for drawing from the Class A Debt Service Reserve Account and Operating Accounts of the relevant Obligor.

**Class A Liquidity Standby Account**

means the account so designated and opened, if required, in the name of Ellevio (as the case may be) and held at the applicable Class A LF Provider in respect of whom the Class A Standby Drawing has been made or, if such Class A LF Provider does not have the Minimum Long Term Rating, at the Account Bank.

**Class A Net Debt**

means, at any time, the aggregate amount of all obligations of members of the Security Group for or in respect of Borrowings at that time:

- (a) excluding any such obligations in respect of any Class B Debt;
- (b) excluding any such obligations to any other member of the Security Group;
- (c) including, in the case of Finance Leases only, their capitalised value; and
- (d) deducting the aggregate amount of Cash and Cash Equivalent Investments held by any member of the Security Group at that time,

and so that no amount shall be included or excluded more than once.

**Class A Permitted Additional Financial Indebtedness**

means (i) loans made to a Borrower, an Additional Holdco or a Finco by a person other than a member of the Group or bonds or notes (including any U.S. private placement notes) issued by an Issuer, an Additional Holdco or a Finco held by a person other than a member of the Security Group; and (ii) Permitted Refinancing Debt, in each case where:

- (a) the Financial Indebtedness is Class A Debt which ranks *pari passu* in all respects (but subject to the priorities set out in paragraph 8 of schedule 8 (*Cash Management*) of the Common Terms Agreement) with all other Class A Debt;
- (b) the creditors of such Financial Indebtedness (the “**Class A Incoming Creditors**”) accede to the CTA and the STID;
- (c) the Class A Incoming Creditors do not, and may not at any time, benefit from any Security, guarantees or other credit support, or recourse to any other Obligor other than pursuant to the Security Documents and the Common Terms Agreement;
- (d) the relevant Borrower or Issuer provides a certificate to the Security Trustee at the time of incurring such Class A

Permitted Additional Financial Indebtedness confirming that: (i) no Default is subsisting or would occur as a result of such Class A Permitted Additional Financial Indebtedness; and (ii) any hedging in respect of the Class A Permitted Additional Financial Indebtedness complies with the Hedging Policy;

- (e) other than in respect of Permitted Refinancing Debt and/or where the Financial Indebtedness is to be used to fund Capital Expenditure, the relevant Borrower or Issuer has delivered to the Security Trustee a certificate signed by a director of such Borrower or Issuer confirming that no Lock-Up Event would occur as a result of the incurrence of such Class A Permitted Additional Financial Indebtedness; and
- (f) other than in respect of Permitted Refinancing Debt and/or where the Financial Indebtedness is to be used to fund Capital Expenditure, the relevant Borrower or Issuer has first:
  - (i) obtained a confirmation from the relevant Rating Agency that such Class A Permitted Additional Financial Indebtedness will not result in the then applicable Rating being reduced below the lower of: (A) the Rating on the Closing Date; and (B) the then current Rating, as long as that Rating is Investment Grade; or
  - (ii) in the event that any one or more of the Rating Agencies declines to provide such confirmation for any reason other than related to the Rating itself, certified (after having made all reasonable enquiries), and provided evidence to support such certification, that such Class A Permitted Additional Financial Indebtedness will not result in the then applicable Rating being reduced below the lower of: (A) the Rating on the Closing Date; and (B) the then current Rating, as long as that Rating is at least Investment Grade.

**Class A PP Note Documents**

means the Class A PP Note Purchase Agreement, any Class A PP Note Swap Indemnity Letter and each of the Class A PP Notes.

**Class A PP Noteholders**

means the Initial PP Noteholders and those institutions which hold Class A PP Notes from time to time.

**Class A PP Note Purchase Agreement**

means the Initial PP Note Purchase Agreement and each other note purchase agreement pursuant to which an Issuer issues Class A PP Notes from time to time.

<b>Class A PP Notes</b>	means the Initial PP Notes and any other privately placed notes issued by any Issuer from time to time under and pursuant to a Class A PP Note Purchase Agreement.
<b>Class A PP Note Swap Indemnity Letter</b>	means any swap indemnity letter signed by an Obligor in respect of the issuance of Class A PP Notes from time to time.
<b>Class A Rated Debt</b>	means each of the loans, bonds, debentures, notes, loan stock or any similar instrument of any Borrower or Issuer (including the Class A Bonds and Class A PP Notes) which are subject to Rating.
<b>Class A Rated Debt Ratings Confirmation</b>	<p>means a confirmation from the relevant Rating Agency in respect of any Class A Rated Debt, to the effect that the then applicable Rating of such Class A Rated Debt will not be reduced below the lower of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the Rating on the Closing Date; and</li> <li>(b) the then current Rating, as long as that Rating is Investment Grade.</li> </ul>
<b>Class A Receipts</b>	means instalment receipts in relation to Class A Bonds.
<b>Class A Standby Drawing</b>	means a drawing made under a Class A Liquidity Facility Agreement as a result of a downgrade of a Class A LF Provider below the Minimum Long Term Rating or in the event that a Class A LF Provider fails to renew its commitment.
<b>Class A Subordinated Liquidity Payments</b>	<p>means all amounts payable under, or in any way in connection with, a Class A Liquidity Facility Agreement, other than:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) principal and interest in respect of a drawing under a Class A Liquidity Facility or a Class A Standby Drawing;</li> <li>(b) the fees payable in respect of a Class A Liquidity Facility; and</li> <li>(c) any increased costs payable in accordance with the relevant Class A Liquidity Facility Agreement.</li> </ul>
<b>Class A Talons</b>	means talons in relation to Class A Coupons and Class A Receipts.
<b>Class B Aggregate Available Liquidity</b>	means the sum of the aggregate available commitments under any Class B Liquidity Facility Agreement and the balance (if any) in any Class B Debt Service Reserve Account as at the relevant Calculation Date.
<b>Class B Bondholders</b>	means the holders of Class B Bonds.
<b>Class B Bonds</b>	means the Class B Bonds issued by Ellevio from time to time under the Bond Programme.
<b>Class B Capex Facility</b>	means a revolving capital expenditure facility that is, for the purposes of STID, to be treated as a Class B Debt, and made available pursuant to an Authorised Credit Facility Agreement.
<b>Class B Capex Facility Lenders</b>	means the providers of any Class B Capex Facility.

**Class B Creditors**

means:

- (a) the Class B Senior Term Facility Lenders;
- (b) the Class B Bondholders;
- (c) the Class B Capex Facility Lenders;
- (d) the Class B PP Noteholders;
- (e) the Class B Institutional Loan Providers;
- (f) each Class B Hedge Counterparty; or
- (g) the holders of any Class B Permitted Additional Financial Indebtedness.

**Class B Debt**

means any Financial Indebtedness that is, (i) for the purposes of the STID, to be treated as Class B Debt or (ii) designated as Class B Debt in the relevant Accession Memorandum and, in each case, includes the Financial Indebtedness incurred under any:

- (a) any Class B Senior Term Facility;
- (b) any Class B Bonds;
- (c) any Class B Capex Facility;
- (d) any Class B PP Notes;
- (e) any Class B Institutional Loan;
- (f) any Class B Hedging Transaction; or
- (g) any other Class B Permitted Additional Financial Indebtedness.

**Class B Hedge Counterparty**

means a Hedge Counterparty who is a party to a Class B Hedging Agreement.

**Class B Hedging Agreement**

means a Hedging Agreement under which the obligations of a Borrower rank *pari passu* with that Borrower's obligations under the Class B Debt.

**Class B Hedging Transaction**

means a Hedging Transaction arising under a Class B Hedging Agreement.

**Class B Institutional Loan**

means an institutional term loan facility provided by any Class B Institutional Loan Provider for Class B Debt pursuant to a Class B Institutional Loan Facility Agreement.

**Class B Institutional Loan Facility Agreement**

means an agreement pursuant to which a Class B Institutional Loan is made.

**Class B Institutional Loan Provider**

means an institutional loan provider (and including any bank, financial institution or other entity) of a Class B Institutional Loan under a Class B Institutional Loan Facility Agreement.

**Class B LF Agent**

means the liquidity facility agent in respect of a Class B Liquidity Facility or any successor agent appointed pursuant to a Class B Liquidity Facility Agreement.

**Class B LF Notice of Drawing**

means:

- (a) a request for a drawing under the Class B Liquidity Facility in a form set out in any Class B Liquidity Facility Agreement; or
- (b) a request for a standby drawing under any Class B Liquidity Facility Agreement (in the form set out in any schedule thereto) in the event of a Class B LF Provider either: (i) having its credit rating downgraded below the Minimum Long Term Rating; or (ii) failing to renew its commitment pursuant to any Class B Liquidity Facility Agreement.

**Class B LF Permitted Additional Financial Indebtedness**

means (i) liquidity facilities made to a Borrower, an Additional Holdco or a Finco by a person other than a member of the Group and (ii) Permitted Refinancing Debt, in each case where:

- (a) the Financial Indebtedness ranks *pari passu* in all respects (but subject to the priorities set out in paragraph 8 of schedule 8 (Cash Management) of the Common Terms Agreement) with all other Class B Liquidity Facility/ies;
- (b) the creditors of such Financial Indebtedness (the “**Class B LF Incoming Creditors**”) accede to the Common Terms Agreement and the STID;
- (c) the Class B LF Incoming Creditors do not, and may not at any time, benefit from any Security, guarantees or other credit support, or recourse to any other Obligor other than pursuant to the Security Documents and the Common Terms Agreement;
- (d) other than in respect of Permitted Refinancing Debt and/or where the Financial Indebtedness is to be used to fund Capital Expenditure, the relevant Borrower has delivered to the Security Trustee a certificate signed by a director of the relevant Borrower confirming that no Lock-Up Event would occur as a result of the incurrence of such Class B LF Permitted Additional Financial Indebtedness; and

the relevant Borrower has first obtained a Class A Rated Debt Ratings Confirmation in respect of the Class A Bonds then outstanding.

**Class B LF Provider(s)**

means the providers of any Class B Liquidity Facility and any bank or financial institution which has become a party to a Class B Liquidity Facility Agreement in accordance with the terms of that Class B Liquidity Facility Agreement which, in each case,

	has not ceased to be a party in accordance with the terms of that Class B Liquidity Facility Agreement.
<b>Class B Liquidity Facility</b>	means any liquidity facility made available under any Class B Liquidity Facility Agreement.
<b>Class B Liquidity Facility Agreement</b>	means any liquidity facility agreement to be entered into between, among others, any Borrower(s), the Class B LF Agent and the Class B LF Providers in connection with any Class B Debt and which is substantially in the form of any Class A Liquidity Facility Agreement.
<b>Class B Liquidity Required Amount</b>	<p>means the aggregate of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the projected interest and commitment or commission payments (excluding any scheduled amortisation and bullet final repayments to be made on the relevant Final Maturity Date) under the Class B Debt; and</li> <li>(b) net payments (including accretion payments but excluding any other payments on any break or final or termination payments under any Class B Hedging Agreements) under the Class B Hedging Agreements,</li> </ul> <p>for the following 12 months (calculated on a rolling basis on each Calculation Date).</p>
<b>Class B Liquidity Shortfall</b>	means, in respect of any Interest Payment Date, there will be insufficient funds (as determined by an Obligor, in its capacity as Cash Manager on the Cash Manager Determination Date) to pay amounts owed by the relevant Obligor in respect of the items as set out in sub-paragraphs (i) and (j) of the Pre-Enforcement Priority of Payments (excluding any termination payments, principal exchange amounts or other pay-as-you-go payments and all other unscheduled amounts payable to any Hedge Counterparty) after taking into account funds available for drawing from the Class B Debt Service Reserve Account and Operating Accounts of the relevant Obligors.
<b>Class B Liquidity Standby Account</b>	means the account so designated and opened, if required, in the name of Ellevio (as the case may be) and held at the applicable Class B LF Provider in respect of whom the Class B Standby Drawing has been made or, if such Class B LF Provider does not have the Minimum Long Term Rating, at the Account Bank.
<b>Class B Permitted Additional Financial Indebtedness</b>	<p>means (i) loans made to a Borrower, an Additional Holdco or a Finco by a person other than a member of the Group or bonds or notes (including any U.S. private placement notes) issued by an Issuer, an Additional Holdco or a Finco held by a person other than a member of the Security Group; and (ii) Permitted Refinancing Debt, in each case where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the Financial Indebtedness is Class B Debt which ranks pari passu in all respects (but subject to the priorities set out in</li> </ul>



- paragraph 8 of schedule 8 (Cash Management) of the Common Terms Agreement) with all other Class B Debt;
- (b) the creditors of such Financial Indebtedness (the “**Class B Incoming Creditors**”) accede to the Common Terms Agreement and the STID;
  - (c) the Class B Incoming Creditors do not, and may not at any time, benefit from any Security, guarantees or other credit support, or recourse to any other Obligor other than pursuant to the Security Documents and the Common Terms Agreement;
  - (d) the relevant Borrower or Issuer provides a certificate to the Security Trustee at the time of incurring such Class B Permitted Additional Financial Indebtedness confirming that: (i) no Default is subsisting or would occur as a result of such Class B Permitted Additional Financial Indebtedness; and (ii) any hedging in respect of the Class B Permitted Additional Financial Indebtedness complies with the Hedging Policy;
  - (e) other than in respect of Permitted Refinancing Debt and/or where the Financial Indebtedness is to be used to fund Capital Expenditure, the relevant Borrower or Issuer has delivered to the Security Trustee a certificate signed by a director of such Borrower or Issuer confirming that no Lock-Up Event would occur as a result of the incurrence of such Class B Permitted Additional Financial Indebtedness; and
  - (f) the relevant Borrower or Issuer has first obtained a Class A Rated Debt Ratings Confirmation in respect of the Class A Bonds then outstanding.

**Class B PP Note Documents**

means the Class B PP Note Purchase Agreement, any Class B PP Note Swap Indemnity Letter and each of the Class B PP Notes.

**Class B PP Noteholders**

means those institutions which hold Class B PP Notes from time to time.

**Class B PP Note Issuer**

means the Issuer or any successor appointed as issuer of the Class B PP Notes pursuant to the Class B PP Note Purchase Agreement.

**Class B PP Note Purchase Agreement**

means each note purchase agreement pursuant to which the Class B PP Note Issuer issues Class B PP Notes from time to time.

**Class B PP Notes**

means the privately placed notes issued by the Class B PP Note Issuer from time to time under and pursuant to a Class B PP Note Purchase Agreement.

**Class B PP Note Swap Indemnity Letter**

means any swap indemnity letter signed by an Obligor in respect of the issuance of Class B PP Notes from time to time.

**Class B Receipts**

means instalment receipts in relation to Class B Bonds.

<b>Class B Senior Term Facility</b>	means each senior term facility made available by the Class B Senior Term Facility Lenders pursuant to an Authorised Credit Facility Agreement.
<b>Class B Senior Term Facility Lenders</b>	means the providers of any Class B Senior Term Facility
<b>Class B Standby Drawing</b>	means a drawing made under a Class B Liquidity Facility Agreement as a result of a downgrade of a Class B LF Provider below the Minimum Long Term Rating or in the event that a Class B LF Provider fails to renew its commitment.
<b>Class B Subordinated Liquidity Payments</b>	means all amounts payable under, or in any way in connection with a Class B Liquidity Facility Agreement, other than: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) principal and interest in respect of a drawing under a Class B Liquidity Facility or a Class B Standby Drawing;</li> <li>(a) the fees payable in respect of a Class B Liquidity Facility; and</li> <li>(b) any increased costs payable in accordance with the relevant Class B Liquidity Facility Agreement.</li> </ul>
<b>Class B Talons</b>	means talons in relation to Class B Coupons and Class B Receipts.
<b>Classic Global Bonds or CGN</b>	means Global Bonds which are not issued in NGN form.
<b>Clean Energy Package</b>	means the legislative framework adopted by the EU in 2019 for an adaptation of the European energy policy framework to facilitate the transition away from fossil fuels toward cleaner energy.
<b>Clearing System(s)</b>	means Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg, CDS and/or any other local clearing system necessary or desirable to be used in connection with the sale of Bonds, within a particular jurisdiction or to particular investors as specified in the applicable Final Terms.
<b>Clearing System Business Day</b>	has the meaning given to it on page 144 of this Prospectus.
<b>Clearstream, Luxembourg</b>	means Clearstream Banking, S.A.
<b>Closing Date</b>	means 31 August 2016.
<b>Code</b>	means the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
<b>Common Depositary</b>	means the agent appointed by the ICSDs to act as the common depositary for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, in respect of the Bonds.
<b>Common Documents</b>	means the Security Documents, the Common Terms Agreement, the Master Definitions Agreement and the Account Bank Agreement
<b>Common Safekeeper or CSP</b>	means an ICSD in its capacity as common safekeeper or a person nominated by the ICSDs to perform the role of common safekeeper.

<b>Common Terms Agreement or CTA</b>	means the common terms agreement entered into between, among others, the Obligors and the Secured Creditors dated 19 August 2016 (and as amended from time to time).
<b>Company</b>	means Ellevio AB (publ).
<b>Compliance Certificate</b>	means a certificate substantially in the form scheduled to the Common Terms Agreement in which the Obligors periodically provide certain financial information and statements to the Security Trustee as required by the STID.
<b>Concession</b>	means any network concession for line ( <i>Sw. nätkoncession för linje</i> ) or network concession for area ( <i>Sw. nätkoncession för område</i> ) granted to Ellevio in accordance with the provisions of the Electricity Act ( <i>Sw. Ellagen (1997:857)</i> ).
<b>Conditions or Terms and Conditions (of the Bonds)</b>	means, in relation to the Bonds of any Tranche, the terms and conditions endorsed on or incorporated by reference into the Bond or Bonds constituting such Tranche, such terms and conditions being substantially in the form scheduled to the Trust Deed or in such other form, having regard to the terms of the Bonds of the relevant Tranche, as may be agreed between Ellevio, the Bond Trustee and the Relevant Dealer(s) as completed by the Final Terms applicable to the Bonds of the relevant Tranche, in each case, as from time to time modified in accordance with the provisions of the Trust Deed and any reference in the Trust Deed to a particular specified Condition or paragraph of a Condition shall be construed accordingly.
<b>Consolidated EBITDA</b>	<p>means: (i) in respect of any Relevant Period where no Material Subsidiary (other than Ellevio) exists, the operating profit of Ellevio; and (ii) in respect of any Relevant Period where a Material Subsidiary or an Obligor (other than Ellevio) exists, the consolidated operating profit of the Parent in each case before taxation (including the results from discontinued operations and the effects of any inflation revenue hedging (whether positive or negative)), in each case without double counting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) before deducting any interest, commission, fees, discounts, prepayment fees, premiums or charges and other finance payments whether (directly or indirectly) paid, payable or capitalised by any member of the Security Group (calculated on a consolidated basis) in respect of that Relevant Period;</li> <li>(b) not including any accrued interest owing to any member of the Security Group;</li> <li>(c) after adding back any amount attributable to the amortisation, depreciation or impairment of assets of members of the Security Group;</li> <li>(d) before taking into account any Exceptional Items;</li> </ul>

- (e) before taking into account any gain arising from the direct or indirect acquisition of any debt or debt instrument at a discount to par;
- (f) before deducting any, costs and expenses of a non-recurring or exceptional nature in respect of any Permitted Acquisition, Permitted Disposal, Permitted Joint Venture or the incurrence of any Permitted Financial Indebtedness;
- (g) before deducting fees, costs and expenses associated with any equity offering or raising of any Permitted Financial Indebtedness (whether or not successful);
- (h) after deducting the amount of any profit (or adding back the amount of any loss) of any member of the Security Group which is attributable to minority interests;
- (i) plus or minus the Security Group's share of the profits or losses (after finance costs and Tax) or Non-Group Entities after deducting the amount by which any profit included in the financial statements of the Security Group exceeds the amount actually received in cash by members of the Security Group through distributions by the Non-Group Entity;
- (j) before taking into account any unrealised gains or losses on any derivative instrument (other than any derivative instrument which is accounted for on a hedge accounting basis);
- (k) before taking into account any gain or loss arising from an upward or downward revaluation of any other asset;
- (l) including insurance proceeds relating to business interruption or otherwise to the extent that the relevant loss, costs or liability would otherwise reduce the consolidated operating profit of the Security Group);
- (m) excluding the charge to profit represented by the expensing of stock options;
- (n) (without double counting as "Exceptional Items") before deducting the costs incurred by the Group in relation to any severance, plant closure or transfer, reorganisation or other restructuring costs; and
- (o) for the purposes of determining compliance with the Default Ratios only, adding costs of any expenditure arising out of or in relation to any Certified Storm Event, provided that such addition may only be exercised three times in any Regulatory Period,

in each case, to the extent added, deducted or taken into account, as the case may be, for the purposes of determining consolidated operating profits of the Security Group before taxation.

**Coupon(s)**

means an interest coupon appertaining to a Bearer Definitive Bond, such coupon being:

- (a) if appertaining to a Fixed Rate Bond, a Floating Rate Bond or an Index-Linked Bond, in the form or substantially in the form scheduled to the Trust Deed or in such other form, having regard to the terms of issue of the Bonds of the relevant Tranche, as may be required in any jurisdiction in which a particular Tranche of Bonds may be issued or sold from time to time or as otherwise agreed between Ellevio, the Issuing and Paying Agent, the Bond Trustee and the Relevant Dealer(s); or
- (b) if appertaining to a Bearer Definitive Bond which is neither a Fixed Rate Bond nor a Floating Rate Bond nor an Index-Linked Bond, in such form as may be required in any jurisdiction in which a particular Tranche of Bonds may be issued or sold from time to time or as otherwise agreed between Ellevio, the Issuing and Paying Agent, the Bond Trustee and the Relevant Dealer(s),

and includes, where applicable, the Talon(s) appertaining thereto and any replacements for Coupons and Talons issued pursuant to Condition 17 (*Replacement of Bonds, Certificates, Receipts, Coupons and Talons*).

**Couponholders**

means the several persons who are, for the time being, holders of the Coupons and includes, where applicable, the Talonholders.

**CP Agreement**

means the conditions precedent agreement entered into between, among others, the Security Trustee and the Obligors on 19 August 2016 (and as amended from time to time).

**CR or Customer Relations**

means the Customer Relations division of Ellevio.

**CRD IV**

means the Capital Requirements Directive and the associated Capital Requirements Regulation.

**Credit Rating Agencies Regulation or EU CRA Regulation**

means Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009 (as amended).

**CRR**

means Regulation (EU) 575/2013 on prudential requirements for credit institutions and investment firms and amending Regulation (EU) 648/2012 (as amended).

**Currency Overhedged Position**

has the meaning given to it on page 211 of this Prospectus.

**Day Count Fraction**

has the meaning given to it on page 124 of this Prospectus.

**Dealer(s)**

means BNPPARIBAS, ING Bank N.V., Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ) and NatWest Markets N.V.

**Dealer Agreement**

means the agreement dated 2 September 2016, among others, Ellevio and the Dealers named therein (or deemed named therein) concerning the purchase of Bonds to be issued pursuant to the Bond Programme, together with any agreement for the time being in force amending, replacing, novating or modifying

	such agreement and any accession letters and/or agreements supplemental thereto.
<b>Debt Purchase Transaction</b>	<p>means, in relation to a person, a transaction where such person:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) purchases by way of assignment or transfer;</li> <li>(b) enters into any sub-participation in respect of; or</li> <li>(c) enters into any other agreement or arrangement having an economic effect substantially similar to a sub-participation in respect of,</li> </ul> <p>any Commitment or amount outstanding under an Authorised Credit Facility.</p>
<b>Debt Service Reserve Account</b>	means each of the Class A Debt Service Reserve Account and the Class B Debt Service Reserve Account or any account so designated, opened and maintained by Ellevio as an alternative to, or in addition to, any Liquidity Facility Agreement, in order to maintain the Liquidity Required Amount.
<b>Decision Period</b>	means the relevant period of time the Secured Creditors (acting through their Secured Creditor Representatives) have to respond or vote on certain matters as set out in clause 12.2 ( <i>Minimum requirements of a STID Proposal</i> ) STID.
<b>Deed Poll</b>	means the deed poll entered into by the Issuer and the Guarantor on or about 25 January 2018.
<b>Default</b>	<p>means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) an Event of Default; or</li> <li>(b) a Potential Event of Default.</li> </ul>
<b>Default Ratio</b>	<p>means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) in respect of the Senior Interest Cover Ratio for the Relevant Period, 1.20:1;</li> <li>(b) in respect of the Senior Leverage Ratio for the Relevant Period, 12:1; or</li> <li>(c) in respect of the Total Leverage Ratio for the Relevant Period, 13:1.</li> </ul>
<b>Definitive Bond</b>	means a Bearer Definitive Bond and/or, as the context may require, a Registered Definitive Bond.
<b>Delegate</b>	means a delegate or sub delegate appointed by the Security Trustee or a Receiver.
<b>Deposited Bond</b>	means certain specified Bearer Bonds which have been deposited with a Paying Agent (or to its order at a bank or other depository) or blocked in an account with a clearing system, for the purposes of the issuance of a Block Voting Instruction.
<b>Deposit Guarantee Scheme</b>	means the scheme under which the Central Bank guarantees deposits in the event of a bank, building society or credit union authorised by the Central Bank being unable to repay such deposits to its customers.

<b>Direction Notice</b>	means, in respect of any matter which is not the subject of a STID Proposal or a Qualifying Secured Creditor Instruction Notice, a notice delivered by the Security Trustee requesting instruction from the Qualifying Secured Creditors as to whether the Security Trustee should agree to a consent, waiver or modification or exercise a right or discretion pursuant to the Finance Documents and the manner in which it should do so, delivered in accordance with the STID.
<b>Discretion Matter</b>	means a matter in which the Security Trustee may exercise its discretion to approve any proposal or request made in a STID Proposal without any requirement to seek the approval of any Secured Creditor or any Secured Creditor Representative.
<b>Disruption Event</b>	<p>means either or both of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) a material disruption to those payment or communications systems or to those financial markets which are, in each case, required to operate in order for payments to be made in connection with any Authorised Credit Facility (or otherwise in order for the transactions contemplated by the Finance Documents to be carried out) which disruption is not caused by, and is beyond the control of, any of the parties; or</li> <li>(b) the occurrence of any other event which results in a disruption (of a technical or systems-related nature) to the treasury or payments operations of a party preventing that, or any other party from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) performing its payment obligations under the Finance Documents; or</li> <li>(ii) communicating with other parties in accordance with the terms of the Finance Documents,</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>and which (in either such case) is not caused by, and is beyond the control of, the party whose operations are disrupted.</p>
<b>Distressed Disposal</b>	<p>means a disposal of an asset of a member of the Security Group which is being effected:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) pursuant to instruction in accordance with the STID in circumstances where the Borrower Security has become enforceable; or</li> <li>(b) by enforcement of the Borrower Security.</li> </ul>
<b>Distribution</b>	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 19 ( <i>Distributions</i> ) of Part 3 ( <i>General Covenants</i> ) of Schedule 2 ( <i>Security Group Covenants</i> ) of the CTA.
<b>Drawdown Prospectus</b>	means a separate prospectus specific to a Sub-Class of Bonds.
<b>DSO</b>	means the distributions system operator.
<b>EA or Electricity Act</b>	means the Swedish Electricity Act 1997 (Sw. <i>Ellag</i> (1997: 857)).

<b>Early Redemption Amount</b>	means the amount for which Bonds may be redeemed in full prior to their Final Maturity Date.
<b>Early Termination Date</b>	means the date set out in the relevant Hedging Agreement.
<b>EC</b>	means the European Commission.
<b>EEA</b>	means the European Economic Area.
<b>Ei</b>	means the Swedish Energy Markets Inspectorate (Sw. <i>Energimarknadsinspektionen</i> ).
<b>Electricity Directive</b>	means Directive (EU) 2019/944 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 June 2019 on common rules for the internal market for electricity and amending Directive 2012/27/EU.
<b>Electricity Ordinance</b>	has the meaning given to it on page 99 of this Prospectus.
<b>Electronic Consent</b>	means, where the terms of the proposed resolution have been notified to the Bondholders through the relevant clearing system(s), each of Ellevio and the Bond Trustee shall be entitled to rely upon approval of such resolution (in a form satisfactory to the Bond Trustee) proposed by Ellevio or the Bond Trustee (as the case may be) given by way of electronic consents communicated through the electronic communications systems of the relevant clearing system(s) in accordance with their operating rules and procedures by or on behalf of the holders representing 75 per cent. or more of the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of the Bonds then outstanding, in accordance with the terms of the Trust Deed.
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	means the criteria prepared by the Issuer as set out in the Ellevio Green Bond Framework (available on the Issuer's website at: <a href="#">green_bond_framework_2019_20191119_2.pdf (ellevio.se)</a> )
<b>Eligible Green Portfolio</b>	means a portfolio of one or more Eligible Green Projects and/or Assets.
<b>Eligible Green Projects and/or Assets</b>	means projects or assets with environmental benefits and which meet the Eligibility Criteria.
<b>Ellevio</b>	means Ellevio AB (publ).
<b>Ellevio Holding or Guarantor</b>	means Ellevio Holding 4 AB.
<b>EMMI</b>	means the European Money Markets Institute.
<b>Energy Agency</b>	means the Swedish Energy Agency.
<b>Enforcement Action</b>	means: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) demanding payment of any Secured Liabilities (other than scheduled payments);</li> <li>(b) accelerating any of the Secured Liabilities or otherwise declaring any Secured Liabilities prematurely due and payable or payable on demand or the premature termination or close-out of any liabilities under a Hedging Agreement (other than a Permitted Hedge Termination);</li> </ul>



- (c) enforcing any Secured Liabilities by attachment, set-off, execution, diligence, arrestment or otherwise;
- (d) crystallising, or requiring a Security Trustee to crystallise, any floating charge in the Security Documents;
- (e) enforcing, or requiring a Security Trustee to enforce, any Borrower Security;
- (f) initiating or supporting or taking any action or step with a view to:
  - (i) any insolvency, bankruptcy, liquidation, examinership, reorganisation, administration, receivership, administrative receivership, winding-up, judicial composition or dissolution proceedings or any analogous proceedings in relation to any Obligor in any jurisdiction;
  - (ii) any voluntary arrangement, scheme of arrangement or assignment for the benefit of creditors; or
  - (iii) any similar proceedings involving any Obligor whether by petition, convening a meeting, voting for a resolution or otherwise;
- (g) bringing or joining any legal proceedings against any Obligor (or any of its Subsidiaries) to recover any Secured Liabilities;
- (h) exercising any right to require any insurance proceeds to be applied in reinstatement of any asset subject to any Security; or
- (i) otherwise exercising any other remedy for the recovery of any Secured Liabilities.

**Enforcement Period**

means any period from and including the termination of a Standstill (other than in accordance with clause 19.4.1(iii) (*Termination of Standstill*) of the STID) to and excluding the earlier of the date on which the Secured Liabilities have been discharged in full and the date on which the Security Trustee, acting in accordance with the instructions of the relevant Secured Creditors pursuant to the STID, notifies the Security Group that the Enforcement Period has ended.

**English Security Agreement**

means the English law security agreement entered into between members of the Security Group and the Security Trustee the Closing Date.

**Entrenched Right(s)**

means matters which:

- (a) would delay the date fixed for payment of, or payment of amounts in the nature of, principal, interest or make-whole amount in respect of the relevant Secured Creditor's debt or would reduce the amount of, or amount in the nature of,

principal, interest or make-whole amount payable in respect of such debt;

- (b) other than pursuant to an Acceleration Notice, would bring forward the date fixed for payment of, or payment of amounts in the nature of, principal, interest or make-whole amount in respect of the relevant Secured Creditor's debt or would increase the amount of, or amount in the nature of, principal, interest or make-whole amount on any date in respect of such debt;
- (c) would adversely change or have the effect of adversely changing any requirement set out in any Common Document that certain payments, applications or distributions should be made in accordance with the Pre-Enforcement Priority of Payments or the Post-Enforcement Priority of Payments or would adversely change or have the effect of adversely changing the Post-Enforcement Priority of Payments, the Pre-Enforcement Priority of Payments or application thereof (including by amending any of the defined terms referred to in the Post-Enforcement Priority of Payments or the Pre-Enforcement Priority of Payments) in respect of a Secured Creditor (including the ranking of its claims);
- (d) would have the effect of adversely changing the application of any proceeds of enforcement of the Security Documents;
- (e) would result in the exchange of the relevant Secured Creditor's debt for, or the conversion of such debt into, shares, bonds or other obligations of any other person;
- (f) would deprive a Secured Creditor of its status as a Secured Creditor;
- (g) would change or would relate to the currency of payment due under the relevant Secured Creditor's debt;
- (h) would change or would relate to any existing obligations of an Obligor to gross up any payment in respect of the relevant Secured Creditor's debt in the event of the imposition of withholding taxes;
- (i) would change or would have the effect of changing:
  - (A) any of the following definitions or their use: Discretion Matter, Entrenched Right, Extraordinary Voting Matters, Majority Secured Creditor, Ordinary Voting Matters, Qualifying Authorised Credit Facilities, Qualifying Bondholder, Qualifying Bonds, Qualifying Hedge Counterparties, Qualifying Hedging Transactions, Qualifying PP Noteholders, Qualifying PP Notes, Qualifying Senior Debt, Qualifying Secured Creditor, Qualifying Secured Creditor Instruction Notice, Quorum Requirement, STID Proposal,

Secured Debt, Reserved Matter, Secured Liabilities,  
Voting Qualifying Debt;

- (B) the Decision Period, Quorum Requirement or voting majority required in respect of any Ordinary Voting Matter, Extraordinary Voting Matter, Qualifying Secured Creditor Instruction Notice or Direction Notice;
  - (C) any of the matters that give rise to Entrenched Rights under the STID;
  - (D) clause 16.1 (*Scope of Entrenched Rights*) of the STID; or
  - (E) the manner in which Entrenched Rights or Reserved Matters may be exercised or the consequences of exercising such Entrenched Rights or Reserved Matters;
- (j) would change or have the effect of changing clause 10.3 (Participating Qualifying Secured Creditors) of the STID;
  - (k) would change or have the effect of changing schedule 3 (Reserved Matters) of the STID;
  - (l) would change or would have the effect of changing the governing law or the dispute resolution clauses of any Common Document;
  - (m) would change or have the effect of changing the percentage of Qualifying Secured Creditors that can terminate a Standstill Period;
  - (n) would approve an assignment of any rights or a transfer of any obligations of an Obligor under any Common Document (other than as contemplated in any Common Document);
  - (o) in respect of each Class A Creditor:
    - (A) would result in an increase in or would adversely modify its obligations or liabilities under or in connection with any Common Document;
    - (B) would:
      - (viii) adversely alter the rights of priority of or the enforcement by the relevant Class A Creditor (or, where applicable, its Secured Creditor Representative) under the Security Documents other than as expressly contemplated therein; or

- (ix) decrease the amount of that Class A Creditor's share of the Secured Liabilities which are secured by means of the Security; or
- (C) would change or would have the effect of changing the definitions of:
  - (x) "Class A Creditor";
  - (xi) "Direction Notice";
  - (xii) "Discretion Matter";
  - (xiii) "Finance Documents";
  - (xiv) "Majority Secured Creditors";
  - (xv) "Ordinary Voting Matter";
  - (xvi) "Qualifying Class A Creditor";
  - (xvii) "Qualifying Senior Debt";
  - (xviii) "Qualifying Secured Creditor";
  - (xix) "Secured Creditor",

in each case insofar as such change would remove, or would have the effect of removing, the relevant Class A Creditor from the relevant definition:

- (a) "Secured Liabilities" insofar as such change would remove, or would have the effect of removing, the Class A Debt of such Class A Creditor from the definition of "Secured Liabilities";
- (b) "Qualifying Senior Debt" insofar as such change would remove, or would have the effect of removing, the Outstanding Principal Amount of Qualifying Class A Debt of such Class A Creditor from time to time from the definition of "Qualifying Class A Debt";
- (c) "Voting Qualifying Debt" insofar as such change would remove, or would have the effect of removing, the Outstanding Principal Amount of Qualifying Class A Debt voted by or on behalf of such Class A Creditor from

- time to time from the definition of  
“Voting Qualifying Debt”; or
- (d) “Decision Period”, “Quorum Requirement”, “Restricted Payment”, “Restricted Payment Condition”, “Secured Liabilities” or “STID Proposal”; or
- (e) the use of the relevant defined terms referred to in paragraph (C)(a) above in any Common Document in a manner which would affect the rights or interests of any Class A Creditor;
- (D) would change or would have the effect of changing those matters expressly requiring the consent, approval or agreement of, or directions or instructions from, or waiver by the Majority Creditors or the Security Trustee; or
- (p) in respect of each Class B Creditor:
  - (A) would result in an increase in or would adversely modify its obligations or liabilities under or in connection with any Common Document;
  - (B) would:
    - (i) adversely alter the rights of priority of or the enforcement by the relevant Class B Creditor (or, where applicable, its Secured Creditor Representative) under the Security Documents other than as expressly contemplated therein; or
    - (ii) decrease the amount of that Class B Creditor's share of the Secured Liabilities which are secured by means of the Security; or
  - (C) would change or would have the effect of changing the definitions of:
    - (i) “Class B Creditor”;
    - (ii) “Direction Notice”;
    - (iii) “Discretion Matter”;
    - (iv) “Finance Documents”;
    - (v) “Majority Secured Creditors”;
    - (vi) “Ordinary Voting Matter”;

- (vii) “Qualifying Class B Creditor”;
- (viii) “Qualifying Senior Debt”;
- (ix) “Qualifying Secured Creditor”;
- (x) “Secured Creditor”;

in each case insofar as such change would remove, or would have the effect of removing, the relevant Class B Creditor from the relevant definition:

- (a) “Secured Liabilities” insofar as such change would remove, or would have the effect of removing, the Class B Debt of such Class B Creditor from the definition of “Secured Liabilities”;
  - (b) “Qualifying Senior Debt” insofar as such change would remove, or would have the effect of removing, the Outstanding Principal Amount of Qualifying Class B Debt of such Class B Creditor from time to time from the definition of “Qualifying Class B Debt”;
  - (c) “Voting Qualifying Debt” insofar as such change would remove, or would have the effect of removing, the Outstanding Principal Amount of Qualifying Class B Debt voted by or on behalf of such Class B Creditor from time to time from the definition of “Voting Qualifying Debt”; or
  - (d) “Decision Period”, “Quorum Requirement”, “Restricted Payment”, “Restricted Payment Condition”, “Secured Liabilities” or “STID Proposal”; or
  - (e) the use of the relevant defined terms referred to in paragraph (C)(a) above in any Common Document in a manner which would affect the rights or interests of any Class B Creditor;
- (D) would change or would have the effect of changing those matters expressly requiring the consent, approval or agreement of, or directions or instructions from, or waiver by the Majority Creditors or the Security Trustee; or
- (q) in respect of each Hedge Counterparty:

- (A) would change or would have the effect of changing any of the following definitions: Hedge Counterparty, Hedging Agreement, Hedging Policy, Hedging Transaction, Subordinated Hedge Amounts, ISDA Master Agreement, Class A Hedge Counterparty, Class A Hedging Transaction, Class A Hedging Agreement, Class B Hedge Counterparty, Class B Hedging Transaction, Class B Hedging Agreement, Super Senior Hedge Counterparty, Super Senior Hedging Agreement, Super Senior Hedging Transaction or Treasury Transaction;
- (B) would change or would have the effect of changing the limits specified in paragraph 9 (*General Principles*) and paragraphs 14 and 15 (*Interest Rate Risk Principles*) of the Hedging Policy;
- (C) would change or have the effect of changing the definition of Permitted Hedge Termination or any of the Hedge Counterparties' rights to terminate any Hedging Agreements as set out in the Hedging Policy (including but not limited to paragraph 24 of the Hedging Policy, the definitions of Enforcement Action or Distressed Disposal or clause 19 (*Standstill*) of the STID), but which for the avoidance of doubt does not include amending such clauses to add any changes to include additional termination events;
- (D) would change or have the effect of changing clause 7.1 (*Events of Default*) of the Common Terms Agreement;
- (E) would change or have the effect of changing the definition of Acceleration Notice or would change or have the effect of changing clause 21.1 (*Acceleration of Secured Liabilities*), clause 21.2 (*Automatic acceleration of Secured Liabilities*), clause 21.3 (*Permitted Acceleration*), clause 21.5 (*Consequences of delivery of Acceleration Notice*) or clause 22.4 (*Post-Enforcement Priority of Payments*) of the STID;
- (F) would change or have the effect of changing the purpose of any Liquidity Facility so as to result in it no longer being available to service payments due under the Hedging Agreements;
- (G) would release any of the Borrower Security (unless at least equivalent replacement security is taken at

the same time) unless such release is permitted in accordance with the Common Documents; and

- (H) would change or have the effect of changing paragraph 15 (*Disposals*) of part 3 (*General Covenants*) of schedule 2 (*Security Group Covenants*) of the Common Terms Agreement;
- (r) in respect of each LF Provider, would change the effect of clause 22.4 (*Post Enforcement Priority of Payments*) of the STID or would affect the ability of such LF Provider to enforce its rights under a Liquidity Facility Agreement; or
- (s) in respect of each Original Initial ACF Lender,
  - (A) relate to those changes referred to in clause 33.3.1 (*Exceptions*) of the Initial Authorised Credit Facilities Agreement; and
  - (B) in respect of each Affected Lender (as such term is defined in the Initial Authorised Credit Facilities Agreement), relate to those changes referred to in clause 33.3.2 (*Exceptions*) of the Initial Authorised Credit Facilities Agreement; or
- (t) in the case of the Bondholders, are a Basic Terms Modification.

**Entrenched Right STID Proposal**  
**Environment**

has the meaning given to it on page 148 of this Prospectus.  
means humans, animals, plants and all other living organisms, including the ecological systems of which they form part and the following media:

- (a) air (including, without limitation, air within natural or man-made structures, whether above or below ground);
- (b) water (including, without limitation, territorial, coastal and inland waters, water under or within land and water in drains and sewers); and
- (c) land (including, without limitation, land under water).

**Environmental Claim**

means any claim, proceeding, formal notice or investigation by any person in respect of any Environmental Law.

**Environmental Law**

means any applicable law or regulation which relates to:

- (a) the pollution or protection of the Environment;
- (b) the conditions of the workplace; or
- (c) the generation, handling, storage, use, release or spillage of any substance which, alone or in combination with any other, is capable of causing harm to the Environment including, without limitation, any waste.

**Environmental Permits**

means any permit and other Authorisation required under any Environmental Law for the operation of the business of any



	member of the Security Group conducted on or from the properties owned or used by any member of the Security Group.
<b>Equity Cure Amount</b>	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 16 ( <i>Equity Cure</i> ) of schedule 4 ( <i>Events of Default</i> ) to the Common Terms Agreement.
<b>Equity Cure Right</b>	has the meaning given to it in paragraph 16 ( <i>Equity Cure</i> ) of schedule 4 ( <i>Events of Default</i> ) to the Common Terms Agreement.
<b>Equity Documents</b>	means: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the Investor Funding Loan Agreements;</li> <li>(b) any other subordinated debt instruments pursuant to which any New Shareholder Injection is made;</li> <li>(c) any other document designated as an equity document by the Security Trustee and Ellevio; and</li> <li>(d) the constitutional documents of the Parent.</li> </ul>
<b>Equivalent Amount</b>	means the amount in question expressed in the terms of the Base Currency, calculated on the basis of the Exchange Rate.
<b>ESMA</b>	means the European Securities Market Association.
<b>Establishment Date</b>	means the date of this Prospectus.
<b>EU</b>	means the European Union.
<b>EU BMR</b>	has the meaning given to it on page 41 of this Prospectus.
<b>EURIBOR</b>	means the Euro Interbank Offered Rate.
<b>Euro or euro or EUR or €</b>	means the lawful currency of the participating Member States.
<b>Euro Bond(s)</b>	means a Euro-denominated Bond issued pursuant to the Bond Programme, and <b>Euro Bonds</b> shall be construed accordingly.
<b>Euro Bond Maturity Date</b>	means the date specified in the relevant Final Terms or Pricing Supplement as the final date on which the principal amount of any Euro Bond is due and payable.
<b>Euroclear</b>	means Euroclear Bank SA/NV and Clearstream Banking, S.A.
<b>Euronext Dublin</b>	means the Irish Stock Exchange plc, trading as Euronext Dublin.
<b>Euronext Dublin Regulated Market</b>	means the regulated market of Euronext Dublin.
<b>EUWA</b>	has the meaning given to it on page 5 of this Prospectus.
<b>Event of Default</b>	means an event or circumstance specified as such in the Common Terms Agreement, as more fully set out in Chapter 16 ( <i>“Summary of the Common Documents, the Finance Documents and the Bond Programme Documents – Common Terms Agreement – Events of Default”</i> ).
<b>Exceptional Items</b>	means any exceptional, one-off, non-recurring or extraordinary items, including those arising on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the restructuring of the activities of an entity and reversals of any provisions for the cost of restructuring;</li> </ul>

- (b) disposals, revaluations, write-downs or impairment of non-current assets or any reversal of any write-down or impairment;
- (c) disposals of assets associated with discontinued operations; and
- (d) the purchase by a member of the Security Group at less than par value of any loans made to any member of the Security Group or any securities issued by a member of the Security Group.

**Exchange Agent**

means Citibank N.A., London Branch (or any successor thereto) in its capacity as exchange agent under the Agency Agreement in respect of the relevant Bonds.

**Exchange Rate**

means the strike rate specified in any related Class A Hedging Agreement, Class B Hedging Agreement or Super Senior Hedging Agreement or, failing that, the spot rate for the conversion of the Non-Base Currency into the Base Currency as quoted by the relevant Facility Agent as at 11.00 a.m.:

- (a) for the purposes of Clause 12.7 (*STID Voting Request*), 23 (*Qualifying Secured Creditor Instructions*) and 24.2 (*Quorum and voting requirements in respect of a Direction Notice*) of the STID, on the date that the STID Voting Request, Direction Notice or a Qualifying Secured Creditor Instruction Notice (as the case may be) is dated; and
- (b) in any other case, on the date as at which calculation of the Equivalent Amount of the Outstanding Principal Amount is required,

and, in each case, as notified by the relevant Facility Agent to the Security Trustee.

**Extended Forward Lock-Up Test**

means the average of the ratio of Funds from Operations to Class A Net Debt in each of the three (3) consecutive Relevant Projected Periods following the Calculation Date and such average shall not be less than 0.06:1.

**Extraordinary Quorum Requirements**

means not less than three-quarters of Secured Creditors who need to participate in a particular Other Voting Matter.

**Extraordinary Resolution**

means:

- (a) a resolution approved by the Secured Creditors by a majority of not less than three-quarters of the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of the outstanding Secured Debt who: (i) for the time being are entitled to receive notice of a voting matter; and (ii) have participated in the approval process in respect of such resolution, subject to the quorum requirements set out in the Security Documents;
- (b) a resolution signed in writing by or on behalf of the holders of not less than three-quarters of the aggregate Principal

Amount Outstanding of the outstanding Secured Debt who for the time being are entitled to receive notice of a voting matter, which resolution in writing may be contained in one document or in several documents in like form each signed by or on behalf of one or more of the Secured Creditors;

- (c) an Extraordinary Resolution passed at a meeting of Bondholders; or
- (d) a resolution by Electronic Consent.

#### **Extraordinary STID Resolution**

means a resolution in respect of an Extraordinary Voting Matter which requires 66.67 per cent. of the Voting Qualifying Debt in order to be passed pursuant to clause 15.3 (*Requisite majority in respect of an Extraordinary Voting Matter*) of the STID.

#### **Extraordinary Voting Matters**

means any matters which:

- (a) would change (i) material definitions which relate to the key structural principles on which the voting mechanics of the Extraordinary Voting Matters have been founded or (ii) any of the matters constituting Extraordinary Voting Matters;
- (b) would change any Event of Default or any Trigger Event each in relation to non-payment, the making of Restricted Payments, financial ratios or Rating downgrade (in the case of a Trigger Event only);
- (c) would relate to the waiver of any Event of Default or any Trigger Event each in relation to non payment, Rating downgrade (in the case of a Trigger Event only), financial ratios or the making of Restricted Payments;
- (d) would change in any adverse respect the restriction on any disposal of Ellevio or relate to a consent in respect of any such disposal;
- (e) would materially change or have the effect of materially changing the definition of “Permitted Business”;
- (f) would change or have the effect of changing the provisions relating to the waiver of the tests set out in the definitions of “Class A Permitted Additional Financial Indebtedness”, “Class B Permitted Additional Financial Indebtedness”, “Class A LF Permitted Additional Financial Indebtedness” or “Class B LF Permitted Additional Financial Indebtedness” in the MDA;
- (g) would result in any Class A Aggregate Available Liquidity being less than any Class A Liquidity Required Amount or any Class B Aggregate Available Liquidity being less than any Class B Liquidity Required Amount, and to the extent that the passing of an Extraordinary STID Resolution on the matters referred to in this paragraph (g) necessitates an amendment to any Trigger Event, the amendment to that Trigger Event shall be an Extraordinary Voting Matter;

- (h) would bring forward the scheduled maturity date of any Financial Indebtedness following the occurrence of a Trigger Event which is continuing; or
- (i) would release any of the Security (unless equivalent replacement security is taken at the same time) or Guarantee unless such release is permitted in accordance with the terms of the Common Documents.

**Facility Agent**

means, as the context requires, any or all of the Initial ACF Agent, Initial Authorised Institutional Loan Agent, any Class A LF Agent, Class B LF Agent and any agent appointed in respect of any other Authorised Credit Facility.

**FATCA Withholding**

has the meaning given to it on page 147 of this Prospectus.

**Final Maturity Date**

means:

- (a) in relation to a Bond, the final date on which that Bond is expressed to be redeemable;
- (b) in relation to the Initial Authorised Credit Facilities, 31 May 2020; and
- (c) in relation to any other Authorised Credit Facility, the date on which all financial accommodation made available under that Authorised Credit Facility is expressed to be repayable in full (without any further obligation of the relevant Authorised Credit Provider to continue to make available such financial accommodation.

**Final Redemption Amount**

means the nominal amount of each Bond, unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms.

**Final Terms**

means the final terms issued in relation to each Tranche of Bonds which complete the Conditions and giving details of the Tranche of the Bonds.

**Finance Charges**

means, for any Relevant Period, the aggregate amount of the accrued interest, commission, fees, discounts, prepayment fees, premiums or charges and other finance payments in respect of Borrowings (including any related hedging) whether paid or payable by any member of the Security Group (calculated on a consolidated basis) in respect of that Relevant Period:

- (a) excluding any arrangement, underwriting or similar fees incurred in connection with the establishment of any Permitted Financial Indebtedness;
- (b) including the interest (but not the capital) element of payments in respect of Finance Leases;
- (c) including any commission, fees, discounts and other finance payments payable by (and deducting any such amounts payable to) any member of the Security Group under any interest rate or cross currency hedging arrangement;

- (d) excluding any costs and expenses in respect of any Permitted Acquisition;
  - (e) excluding any interest cost or expected return on plan assets in relation to any post-employment benefit schemes;
  - (f) if a Joint Venture is accounted for on a proportionate consolidation basis, after adding the Security Group's share of the net finance costs or interest receivable of the Joint Venture;
  - (g) taking no account of any unrealised gains or losses on any derivative instruments other than any derivative instruments which are accounted for on a hedge accounting basis;
  - (h) excluding any other capitalised interest, or any other non-cash interest in respect of Borrowings or the amount of any discount, amortised or other non-cash interest charges; and
  - (i) for the purposes of the Senior Interest Cover Ratio only, excluding any repayment and prepayment premiums,
- together with the amount of any cash dividends or distributions paid or made by Ellevio in respect of that Relevant Period and so that no amount shall be added (or deducted) more than once.

## **Finance Documents**

means:

- (a) the Common Terms Agreement;
- (b) the Master Definitions Agreement;
- (c) the Security Documents;
- (d) the Trust Deed;
- (e) the Agency Agreement;
- (f) the Calculation Agency Agreement;
- (g) the Account Bank Agreement;
- (h) the Initial Authorised Credit Facilities Agreement;
- (i) any agreement evidencing any Class B Senior Term Facilities;
- (j) any Class A Bonds;
- (k) any Class B Bonds;
- (l) any agreement evidencing any Class B Capex Facility;
- (m) the Initial PP Note Purchase Agreement;
- (n) any Class A PP Note Documents;
- (o) any Class B PP Note Documents;

- (p) the Initial Authorised Institutional Loan Facility Agreement;
- (q) any agreement evidencing any Class A Institutional Loan(s);
- (r) any agreement evidencing any Class B Institutional Loan(s);
- (s) any Class A Liquidity Facility Agreement;
- (t) any Class B Liquidity Facility Agreement;
- (u) any Authorised Credit Facility Agreements;
- (v) any Class A Hedging Agreements;
- (w) any Class B Hedging Agreements;
- (x) any Super Senior Hedging Agreements;
- (y) the CP Agreement;
- (z) any Cash Management Agreement;
- (aa) the Parent Payment Undertaking;
- (bb) the Settlement Deed
- (cc) any fee letter, commitment letter or request entered into in connection with:
  - (ii) the facilities referred to in paragraphs (h) to (u) above or the transactions contemplated in such facilities; and
  - (iii) any other document that has been entered into in connection with such facilities or the transactions contemplated thereby that has been designated as a Finance Document by the parties thereto (including at least one Obligor);
- (dd) each agreement or other instrument between an Obligor and any additional Secured Creditor designated as an Finance Document by the Issuer, the Security Trustee and such additional Secured Creditor in the accession memorandum for such additional Secured Creditor; and
- (ee) any amendment and/or restatement agreement relating to any of the above documents.

**Finance Lease**

means any lease or hire purchase contract which would, in accordance with the Accounting Principles, be treated as a finance or capital lease.

**Finance Party**

means any person providing credit pursuant to an Authorised Credit Facility and all arrangers, agents, representatives and

trustees appointed in connection with any such Authorised Credit Facility.

## **Financial Covenants**

means the financial covenants set out in part 1 (*Financial Covenants*) of schedule 2 (*Security Group Covenants*) to the CTA.

## **Financial Indebtedness**

means any indebtedness for or in respect of:

- (a) moneys borrowed and debit balances at banks or other financial institutions;
- (b) any amount raised by acceptance under any acceptance credit facility or bill discounting facility (or dematerialised equivalent);
- (c) any amount raised pursuant to any note purchase facility or the issue of bonds (but not Trade Instruments), notes, debentures, loan stock or any similar instrument;
- (d) the amount of any liability in respect of any Finance Leases;
- (e) receivables sold or discounted (other than any receivables to the extent that they are sold on a non-recourse basis);
- (f) any Treasury Transaction (and, when calculating the value of that Treasury Transaction, only the mark to market value as at the date on which the Financial Indebtedness is calculated (or, if any actual amount is due as a result of the termination or close-out of that Treasury Transaction, the net value of that amount) shall be taken into account;
- (g) any counter-indemnity obligation in respect of a guarantee, bond, standby or documentary letter of credit or any other instrument issued by a bank or financial institution (but not, in any case, Trade Instruments) of an entity which is not a member of the Security Group which liability would fall within one of the other paragraphs of this definition;
- (h) any amount raised by the issue of shares which are redeemable (other than at the option of the Issuer) before the Final Maturity Date or are otherwise classified as borrowings under the Accounting Principles;
- (i) any amount of any liability under an advance or deferred purchase agreement if: (i) one of the primary reasons for entering into the agreement is to raise finance or to finance the acquisition or construction of the asset or service in question; or (ii) the agreement is in respect of the supply of assets or services and payment is due more than 180 days after the date of supply;
- (j) any amount raised under any other transaction (including any forward sale or purchase, sale and sale-back or sale and leaseback agreement) not referred to in any other paragraph of this definition having the commercial effect of a

	<p>borrowing and classified as such under the Accounting Principles; and</p> <p>(k) if not previously counted, the amount of any liability in respect of any guarantee for any of the items referred to in paragraphs (a) to (j) above,</p> <p>but, in each case, without double counting.</p>
<b>Financial Services and Markets Act or FSMA</b>	means the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000.
<b>Financial Statements</b>	means: (a) the Annual Financial Statements; or (b) the Semi-Annual Financial Statements, as applicable.
<b>Financial Year</b>	means, subject to any change made in accordance with the CTA and the STID, the annual accounting period of the Security Group ending on or about 31 December in each year.
<b>Finco</b>	<p>means any limited liability off the shelf company or company incorporated in connection with the proposed issuance of Permitted Additional Financial Indebtedness where each such company:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) accedes to the STID as an Obligor;</li> <li>(b) becomes a Guarantor;</li> <li>(c) is a wholly owned Subsidiary of the Parent, the Issuer, any Additional Holdco or any other member of the Security Group and is not a shareholder of any other member of the Security Group; and</li> <li>(d) Borrower Security is granted over all the shares in, and loans from, such company.</li> </ul>
<b>FINMA</b>	has the meaning given to it on page 240 of this Prospectus.
<b>Fitch</b>	means Fitch Ratings Limited, or any successor to its rating business.
<b>Fixed Rate Bond(s)</b>	means a Bond on which interest is calculated at a fixed rate payable in arrear on a fixed date or fixed dates in each year and on redemption or on such other dates as may be agreed between Ellevio and the Relevant Dealer(s) (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms).
<b>Floating Rate Bond(s)</b>	means a Bond on which interest is calculated at a floating rate payable in arrear in respect of such period or on such date(s) as may be agreed between Ellevio and the Relevant Dealer(s) (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms).
<b>Floating Rate Bonds Maturity Date</b>	means the date specified in the relevant Final Terms or Pricing Supplement as the final date on which the principal amount of any Floating Rate Bond is due and payable.
<b>Floating Rate Business Day Convention</b>	has the meaning given to it on page 119 of this Prospectus.
<b>Folksam</b>	means the following entities together:



	<p>(a) Folksam ömsesidig sakförsäkring, (Reg. No. 502006-1619) a mutual association incorporated in Sweden, whose registered office is at Bohusgatan 14, 106 60 Stockholm, Sweden;</p> <p>(b) KPA Pensionsförsäkring AB (publ), (Reg. No. 516401-6544) a company incorporated in Sweden, whose registered office is at 106 85 Stockholm, Sweden; and</p> <p>(c) Folksam ömsesidig livförsäkring, (Reg. No. 502006-1585) a mutual association incorporated in Sweden, whose registered office is at Bohusgatan 14, 106 60 Stockholm.</p> <p>(d) Folksam Tjänstepension AB (Reg. No. 559337-6741) a mutual association incorporated in Sweden, whose registered office is at Bohusgatan 14, 106 60 Stockholm.</p>
<b>Following Business Day Convention</b>	has the meaning given to it on page 119 of this Prospectus.
<b>Foreign Passthru Payments</b>	has the meaning given to it on page 233 of this Prospectus.
<b>Form of Transfer</b>	means the form of transfer endorsed on a Registered Definitive Bond in the form or substantially in the form scheduled to the Trust Deed.
<b>Försäkringskassan</b>	means the Swedish Social Insurance Agency.
<b>Forward Lock-Up Tests</b>	means each of the following: <p>(a) the Senior Interest Cover Ratio for the Relevant Period not being less than 1.70:1; and</p> <p>(b) the Senior Leverage Ratio for the Relevant Period not being greater than 10.75:1.</p>
<b>FTE</b>	means full-time employee equivalent.
<b>FTT</b>	means the Financial Transaction Tax.
<b>Funds from Operations</b>	means, in respect of any Relevant Period, Consolidated EBITDA in (or projected to be in) that Relevant Period after deducting Net Finance Charges and Tax for that Relevant Period.
<b>Global Bond</b>	means a Temporary Bearer Global Bond and/or a Permanent Bearer Global Bond issued in respect of the Bonds of any Tranche and/or a Registered Global Bond, as the context may require.
<b>Global Certificates</b>	has the meaning given to it on page 6 of this Prospectus.
<b>Green Account</b>	means a separate bank account into which the net proceeds of Green Bonds are paid into.
<b>Green Bond Framework</b>	has the meaning given to it on page 155 of this Prospectus.
<b>Green Bonds</b>	means any Series of Bonds which are designated “Green Bonds” in the relevant Final Terms.
<b>Group</b>	means the Parent and each of its Subsidiaries.
<b>Guarantee(s)</b>	means, in relation to each Guarantor, the guarantee of such Guarantor given by it pursuant to the STID and secured under the relevant Security Documents to which it is a party.

<b>Guarantor(s)</b>	means Ellevio Holding or any other entity which subsequently accedes to the Common Documents as a Guarantor in accordance with the STID.
<b>Half Year</b>	means the period commencing on the day after a Calculation Date and ending on the next Calculation Date.
<b>Head of Finance</b>	means the head of finance (Sw. <i>Ekonomichef</i> ) of the Issuer from time to time.
<b>Head of Treasury</b>	means the head of treasury (Sw. <i>Finanschef</i> ) of the Issuer from time to time.
<b>Hedge Counterparty/(ies)</b>	means a hedge counterparty who is a party to a Hedging Agreement from time to time.
<b>Hedging Agreement</b>	means each ISDA Master Agreement (including the schedule thereto and any Treasury Transaction thereunder) entered into by the Borrower and a Hedge Counterparty in accordance with the Hedging Policy, including, without limitation, any Class A Hedging Agreement, Class B Hedging Agreement and any Super Senior Hedging Agreement.
<b>Hedging Policy</b>	means the initial hedging policy applicable to the Security Group set out in schedule 7 ( <i>Hedging Policy</i> ) to the Common Terms Agreement as such hedging policy may be amended from time to time by agreement between the Security Trustee, Ellevio and the Hedge Counterparties in accordance with the STID.
<b>Hedging Transaction(s)</b>	means any Treasury Transaction with respect to the Secured Debt or any other Treasury Transaction governed by a Hedging Agreement and entered into with a member of the Security Group in accordance with the Hedging Policy, including, without limitation, any Class A Hedging Transactions, Class B Hedging Transactions and any Super Senior Hedging Transactions.
<b>HoldCo 3</b>	means Ellevio Holding 3 AB, a company incorporated under the laws of Sweden with limited liability (registered number 559005-2436).
<b>Holding Company</b>	means, in relation to a person, any other person in respect of which it is a Subsidiary.
<b>ICER</b>	means the International Confederation of Energy Regulators.
<b>ICSDs</b>	means Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear.
<b>IFRS</b>	means international accounting standards within the meaning of IAS Regulation 1606/2002 to the extent applicable to the relevant financial statements.
<b>IGA</b>	means intergovernmental agreements to facilitate the implementation of FATCA which the United States and a number of other jurisdictions have announced their intention to negotiate.
<b>Indexation Adviser</b>	means an internationally recognised investment bank or financial adviser recognised as having expertise in indexation matters

appointed by Ellevio in such capacity to perform certain functions in respect of Index-Linked Bonds as set out in the Conditions.

#### **Index or Index Figure**

means, subject as provided in Condition 7(c)(i) (*Change in base*), the Swedish Consumer Price Index (“**CPI**”) (for all items) which is sponsored by Statistics Sweden and available to view at Bloomberg page SWCPI (or any replacement page thereto) or any other index (including any comparable index which may replace any of the foregoing), for the purpose of calculating the amount payable on repayment of any Swedish Government index-linked bond instrument. Any reference to the Index Figure:

- (a) applicable to a particular month shall, subject as provided in Conditions 7(c) (*Changes in Circumstances Affecting the Index*) and 7(e) (*Cessation of or Fundamental Changes to the Index*), be construed as a reference to the Index Figure published in the third month prior to that particular month and relating to the month before that of publication;
- (b) applicable to the first calendar day of any month shall, subject as provided in Conditions 7(c) (*Changes in Circumstances Affecting the Index*) and 7(e) (*Cessation of or Fundamental Changes to the Index*), be construed as a reference to the Index Figure published in the second month prior to that particular month and relating to the month before that of publication; or
- (c) applicable to any other day in any month shall, subject as provided in Condition 7(c) (*Changes in Circumstances Affecting the Index*) and 7(e) (*Cessation of or Fundamental Changes to the Index*), be calculated by linear interpolation between: (i) the Index Figure applicable to the first calendar day of the month in which the day falls, calculated as specified in paragraph (b) above; and (ii) the Index Figure applicable to the first calendar day of the following month, calculated as specified in paragraph (b) above, and rounded in accordance with Condition 6(e) (*Margin, Maximum/Minimum Rates of Interest, Instalment Amounts and Redemption Amounts and Rounding*).

#### **Index Event**

means:

- (a) if the Index Figure for three consecutive months falls to be determined on the basis of an Index Figure previously published as provided in Condition 7(c)(ii) (*Delay in Publication of Index*), and the Bond Trustee and Ellevio have been notified by the relevant Calculation Agent (to be appointed at the time of issuance by Ellevio of an Index-Linked Bond) that publication of the Index has ceased; or
- (b) notice is published by Statistics Sweden, or on its behalf, following a change in relation to the Index, and no amendment or substitution of the Index has been advised

by the Indexation Adviser to Ellevio and such circumstances are continuing.

**Index Figure applicable (3 months lag)**

means, subject as provided in Condition 7(c) (*Changes in Circumstances Affecting the Index*) and Condition 7(e) (*Cessation of or Fundamental Changes to the Index*) of the Terms and Conditions, and if “3 months lag” is specified in the relevant Final Terms or Drawdown Prospectus, what is calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$IFA = RPI_{m-8} + \frac{(\text{Day of Calculation} - 1)}{(\text{Days in month of Calculation})} \times (RPI_{m-7} - RPI_{m-8})$$

and rounded to five decimal places (0.000005 being rounded upwards) and where:

“**IFA**” means the Index Figure applicable;

“**RPI<sub>m-3</sub>**” means the Index Figure for the first day of the month that is three months prior to the month in which the payment falls due; and

“**RPI<sub>m-2</sub>**” means the Index Figure for the first day of the month that is two months prior to the month in which the payment falls due.

**Index Figure applicable (8 months lag)**

means, subject as provided in Condition 7(c) (*Changes in Circumstances Affecting the Index*) and Condition 7(e) (*Cessation of or Fundamental Changes to the Index*) of the Terms and Conditions, and if “8 months lag” is specified in the relevant Final Terms or Drawdown Prospectus, what is calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$IFA = RPI_{m-8} + \frac{(\text{Day of Calculation} - 1)}{(\text{Days in month of Calculation})} \times (RPI_{m-7} - RPI_{m-8})$$

and rounded to five decimal places (0.000005 being rounded upwards) and where:

“**IFA**” means the Index Figure applicable;

“**RPI<sub>m-8</sub>**” means the Index Figure for the first day of the month that is eight months prior to the month in which the payment falls due; and

“**RPI<sub>m-7</sub>**” means the Index Figure for the first day of the month that is seven months prior to the month in which the payment falls due.

**Index-Linked Bond Maturity Date**

means the date specified in the relevant Final Terms or Pricing Supplement as the final date on which the principal amount of any Index-Linked Bond is due and payable.

**Index-Linked Bonds**

means a Bond in respect of which the amount payable in respect of principal and interest is calculated by reference to an index and/or formula as Ellevio and the Relevant Dealer(s) may agree (as indicated in the relevant Final Terms).

<b>Index Ratio</b>	means the Index Figure applicable to the Calculation Date divided by the Base Index Figure.
<b>Initial ACF Agent</b>	means Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ) as agent under the Initial Authorised Credit Facilities, or any of its successors thereto.
<b>Initial ACF Arrangers</b>	means the Initial ACF Arrangers as defined in the Initial Authorised Credit Facilities Agreement as arrangers under the Initial Authorised Credit Facilities.
<b>Initial ACF Lenders</b>	means lenders under the Initial Authorised Credit Facilities.
<b>Initial Authorised Credit Facilities</b>	means the facilities made available pursuant to the Initial Authorised Credit Facilities Agreement.
<b>Initial Authorised Credit Facilities Agreement or IACFA</b>	means the Authorised Credit Facility entered into on 19 August 2016 and amended on 18 January 2019 and on 31 October 2024 between, among others, Ellevio, the Initial ACF Agent and the Original Initial ACF Lenders (and as amended from time to time).
<b>Initial Class A LF Agent</b>	means the facility agent under the Initial Class A Liquidity Facility Agreement.
<b>Initial Class A LF Providers</b>	means certain financial institutions listed in Part 3 ( <i>Initial Class A LF Providers</i> ) of Schedule 2 ( <i>Financial Institutions</i> ) of the MDA, as lenders under or any bank or financial institutional which has become a lender under the Initial Class A Liquidity Facility Agreement.
<b>Initial Class A Liquidity Facility Agreement</b>	means the liquidity facility agreement dated the Signing Date between, amongst others, Ellevio, and the initial Class A LF Providers.
<b>Initial Parent Intragroup Loan Pledge</b>	means the Swedish law security agreement dated 31 August 2016 entered into between the Parent and the Security Trustee relating to the Parent Intragroup Loan.
<b>Initial PP Note Purchase Agreement</b>	means each agreement between the Issuer and each Initial PP Noteholder whereby the Issuer agrees to issue certain Initial PP Notes to each Initial PP Noteholder dated on or about the date of the MDA.
<b>Initial PP Noteholders</b>	means certain financial institutions listed in Part 6 ( <i>Initial PP Noteholders</i> ) of Schedule 2 ( <i>Financial Institutions</i> ) of the MDA, as original noteholders under the Initial PP Notes.
<b>Initial PP Notes</b>	the privately placed notes issued by the Issuer prior to or on the Closing Date to the Initial PP Noteholders.
<b>Inquiry</b>	means, the review initiated by Ei of the methods used for setting the revenue caps and that it will change its methods for determining revenue caps going
<b>Insolvency Event</b>	means, in respect of Ellevio or the Guarantor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the initiation of or consent to Insolvency Proceedings by such company or any other person or the presentation of a</li> </ul>

petition or application for the making of an administration order, which proceedings (other than in the case of Ellevio) are not, in the opinion of Ellevio or the Security Trustee, being disputed in good faith with a reasonable prospect of success or which are not frivolous or vexatious and discharged, stayed or dismissed within 10 Business Days of commencement or, if earlier, the date on which it is advertised;

- (b) it becomes insolvent or is unable to pay its debts, in each case, under the laws of any relevant jurisdiction applicable to that company or fails or admits in writing its inability generally to pay its debts as they become due;
- (c) an encumbrancer (or other similar official) taking possession of the whole or any part of the undertaking or assets of such company;
- (d) any distress, execution, attachment or other similar process being levied or enforced or imposed upon or against the whole or any substantial part of the undertaking or assets of such company and such order, appointment, possession or process (as the case may be) not being discharged or otherwise ceasing to apply within 30 days;
- (e) a composition, compromise, assignment or arrangement with creditors of such company (as part of a general composition, compromise, assignment or arrangement affecting such company's creditors generally) other than a composition, compromise, assignment or arrangement with respect to any subordinated Financial Indebtedness, any intragroup loan or guarantee;
- (f) the passing by such company of an effective resolution or the making of an order by a court of competent jurisdiction for the winding-up, liquidation, examinership or dissolution of such company;
- (g) the appointment of an Insolvency Official in relation to such company or in relation to the whole or any substantial part of the undertaking or assets of such company;
- (h) save as permitted in the STID, the cessation or suspension of payment of its debts generally or a public announcement by such company of an intention to do so; or
- (i) save as provided in the STID, a moratorium is declared in respect of any indebtedness of such company.

#### **Insolvency Official**

means, in connection with any Insolvency Proceedings in relation to a company, a liquidator, provisional liquidator, administrator, administrative receiver, receiver, examiner, manager, nominee, supervisor, trustee, conservator, guardian or other similar official with primary insolvency, rehabilitative or regulatory jurisdiction over it in its jurisdiction of incorporation

	in respect of such company or in respect of all (or substantially all) of the company's assets or in respect of any arrangement or composition with creditors.
<b>Insolvency Proceedings</b>	means, in respect of any company, the winding-up, liquidation, dissolution or administration of such company, or any equivalent or analogous proceedings under the law of the jurisdiction in which such company is incorporated or of any jurisdiction in which such company carries on business, including the seeking of liquidation, examinership, winding-up, reorganisation, dissolution, administration, arrangement, adjustment, protection or relief of debtors.
<b>Instalment Amount</b>	means, with respect to each Bond that provides for it, the amount for which such Bonds shall be partially redeemed on the Instalment Date, as set out in the applicable Final Terms.
<b>Instalment Date</b>	means, with respect to each Bond that provides for it, the date on which such Bonds shall be partially redeemed as set out in the applicable Final Terms.
<b>Institutional Loan(s)</b>	means any Class A Institutional Loan or Class B Institutional Loan, as the case may be.
<b>Intellectual Property</b>	means: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) any patents, trademarks, service marks, designs, business names, copyrights, database rights, design rights, domain names, moral rights, inventions, confidential information, knowhow and other intellectual property rights and interests (which may now or in the future subsist), whether registered or unregistered; and</li> <li>(b) the benefit of all applications and rights to use such assets of each Obligor (which may now or in the future subsist).</li> </ul>
<b>Interest Commencement Dates</b>	means, in the case of interest-bearing Bonds, the date specified in the applicable Final Terms from (and including) which such Bonds bear interest, which may or may not be the Issue Date.
<b>Interest Payment Dates</b>	Interest payment dates will be set out in the relevant Final Terms or Drawdown Prospectus.
<b>Interest Period</b>	has the meaning given to it on page 126 of this Prospectus.
<b>Investment Grade</b>	means a rating of BBB- or higher by S&P or Fitch or Baa3 or higher by Moody's or equivalent by another Rating Agency.
<b>Investor</b>	means each of Borealis, AP1, AP3 or Folksam or any funds, limited partnerships or other entities directly or indirectly controlled, managed and/or advised by any of Borealis, AP1, AP3 or Folksam and each of their Affiliates and/or any funds controlled by any of their respective Affiliates and any of their subsequent successors or assigns or transferees.
<b>Investor Funding Loan</b>	means any loan made or deemed to be made by any Holding Company of the Parent and/or any shareholders of each such

	Holding Company to any member of the Security Group, provided that the benefit of such loan is subject to the terms of the STID as Subordinated Liabilities.
<b>Investor Funding Loan Agreement</b>	means the agreement pursuant to which any Investor Funding Loan is made available.
<b>Investor Report</b>	means each report produced by the Security Group Agent to be delivered pursuant to paragraph 1 ( <i>Financial Statements</i> ) of part 2 ( <i>Information Covenants</i> ) of schedule 2 ( <i>Security Group Covenants</i> ) to the Common Terms Agreement in the form set out in the schedule 6 ( <i>Form of Investor Report</i> ) to the Common Terms Agreement.
<b>Investor's Currency</b>	has the meaning given to it on page 43 of this Prospectus.
<b>Ireland</b>	means the island of Ireland, exclusive of Northern Ireland.
<b>ISDA Master Agreement</b>	means an agreement in the form of the 2002 ISDA Master Agreement (including the schedule and credit support annex thereto) or any successor thereto published by ISDA unless otherwise agreed by the Security Trustee acting in accordance with the STID.
<b>Issue Date(s)</b>	means, in respect of any Bond, the date of issue and purchase of such Bond pursuant to and in accordance with the Dealer Agreement or any other agreement between Ellevio and the Relevant Dealer(s) being, in the case of any Definitive Bond represented initially by a Global Bond, the same date as the date of issue of the Global Bond which initially represented such Bond.
<b>Issue Price(s)</b>	means the price as stated in the relevant Final Terms, generally expressed as a percentage of the nominal amount of the Bonds, at which the Bonds will be issued.
<b>Issuer</b>	means Ellevio.
<b>Issuer Call</b>	has the meaning given to it on page 123 of this Prospectus.
<b>Issuing and Paying Agent</b>	means, in relation to all or any Tranche of the Bonds, Citibank, N.A., London Branch at its office at 13th Floor Citigroup Centre, 25 Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5LB United Kingdom as paying agent under the Agency Agreement, or, if applicable, any successor paying agent in relation to all or any Tranche of the Bonds.
<b>Joint Venture</b>	means any joint venture entity, whether a company, unincorporated firm, undertaking, association, joint venture or partnership or any other entity.
<b>Legal Reservations</b>	means: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the principle that equitable remedies may be granted or refused at the discretion of a court and the limitation of enforcement by laws relating to insolvency, reorganisation and other laws generally affecting the rights of creditors;</li> </ul>



- (b) the time barring of claims under applicable statutes of limitation, the possibility that an undertaking to assume liability for or to indemnify a person against non-payment of stamp duty may be void and defences of set-off or counterclaim;
- (c) similar principles, rights and defences under the laws of any Relevant Jurisdiction; and
- (d) any other matters which are set out as qualifications or reservations as to matters of law of general application in the legal opinions delivered under the CP Agreement.

**Letter of Credit**

means a letter of credit under any Authorised Credit Facility.

**LF Agent**

mean the Class A LF Agent or the Class B LF Agent, as applicable.

**LF Event of Default**

has the meaning given to such term in the relevant Liquidity Facility Agreement.

**LF Notice of Drawing**

means either a Class A LF Notice of Drawing or a Class B LF Notice of drawing, as the case may be.

**LF Provider(s)**

means the Class A LF Providers and the Class B LF Providers, as the case may be.

**Limited Indexation Factor**

means, in respect of a Limited Indexation Month, the ratio of the Index Figure applicable to that month divided by the Index Figure applicable to the month 12 months prior thereto, provided that:

- (a) if such ratio is greater than the Maximum Indexation Factor specified in the relevant Final Terms or Drawdown Prospectus, it shall be deemed to be equal to such Maximum Indexation Factor; and
- (b) if such ratio is less than the Minimum Indexation Factor specified in the relevant Final Terms or Drawdown Prospectus, it shall be deemed to be equal to such Minimum Indexation Factor.

**Limited Indexation Month**

means any month specified in the relevant Final Terms or Drawdown Prospectus for which a Limited Indexation Factor is to be calculated.

**Limited Index-Linked Bonds**

means Index-Linked Bonds to which a Maximum Indexation Factor and/or a Minimum Indexation Factor (as specified in the relevant Final Terms or Drawdown Prospectus) applies.

**Limited Index Ratio**

means:

- (a) in respect of any month prior to the relevant Issue Date, the Index Ratio for that month;
- (b) in respect of any Limited Indexation Month after the relevant Issue Date, the product of the Limited Indexation Factor for that month and the Limited Index Ratio as

	previously calculated in respect of the month 12 months prior thereto; and
	(c) in respect of any other month, the Limited Index Ratio as previously calculated in respect of the most recent Limited Indexation Month.
<b>Line Concessions</b>	has the meaning given to it on page 18 of this Prospectus.
<b>Liquidity Coverage Ratio</b>	has the meaning given to it on page 40 of this Prospectus.
<b>Liquidity Facility</b>	means a liquidity facility made available under a Liquidity Facility Agreement.
<b>Liquidity Facility Agreement</b>	means the Class A Liquidity Facility Agreement and the Class B Liquidity Facility Agreement, as the case may be.
<b>Liquidity Shortfall</b>	means the Class A Liquidity Shortfall or the Class B Liquidity Shortfall, as the case may be.
<b>Liquidity Standby Account</b>	means the Class A Liquidity Standby Account or the Class B Liquidity Standby Account, as the case may be.
<b>Lock-Up Event</b>	means: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the Compliance Certificate delivered in respect of the most recent Calculation Date states that any of the Lock-Up Tests were not satisfied on that Calculation Date (in each case adjusted to reflect an assumption that any proposed Restricted Payments have been made); and/or</li> <li>(b) a Default has occurred and is continuing.</li> </ul>
<b>Lock-Up Tests</b>	means the Forward Lock-Up Tests, the Backward Lock-Up Tests and the Extended Forward Lock-Up Test.
<b>Majority Secured Creditors</b>	means the relevant Participating Qualifying Secured Creditors representing 50 per cent. or more of the aggregate Outstanding Principal Amount of Qualifying Senior Debt.
<b>Make-Whole Amount</b>	means any premium payable on redemption of any Secured Debt in excess of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the Outstanding Principal Amount of such debt; <i>plus</i></li> <li>(b) accrued interest on such debt; <i>plus</i></li> <li>(c) any final payment in respect of accretions for inflation on any such debt that is index-linked; <i>plus</i></li> <li>(d) in the case of PP Notes issued to U.S. investors only, any swap breakage costs associated with a background swap entered into by such PP Noteholder, the existence of which has been notified to the Issuer at the time of issuance of such PP Notes.</li> </ul>
<b>Market in Financial Instruments Directive or MiFID</b>	means Directive 2004/39/EC.
<b>Master Definitions Agreement or MDA</b>	means the master definitions agreement dated 19 August 2016 between, among others, the Obligors and the Secured Creditors.
<b>Material Adverse Effect</b>	means a material adverse effect on:

- (a) the business, operations, assets or financial condition of the Security Group, in each case, taken as a whole;
- (b) the ability of the Obligors (taken as a whole) to perform their payment obligations under the Finance Documents; or
- (c) subject to the Legal Reservations and the Perfection Requirements (such Perfection Requirements having been complied with in accordance with the Agreed Security Principles), the validity or enforceability of any Finance Document, or the effectiveness or ranking of any Security granted or purporting to be granted pursuant to any of the Finance Documents or the rights or remedies of any Secured Creditor under any of the Finance Documents, in each case, in a manner which is materially adverse to the interests of the Secured Creditors under the Finance Documents and, if capable of remedy, not remedied within 20 Business Days.

**Material Subsidiary**

means a majority-owned or wholly owned Subsidiary of the Parent where:

- (a) its earnings before interest rate, tax, depreciation and amortisation (calculated on the same basis as Consolidated EBITDA and (consolidated where that subsidiary itself has subsidiaries)) accounts for 5 per cent. or more of Consolidated EBITDA; or
- (b) its gross assets or turnover (excluding intra-Security Group items) accounts for 5 per cent. or more of the gross assets or turnover of the Security Group calculated on a consolidated basis;

**Maximum Indexation Factor**

means the indexation factor specified as such in the relevant Final Terms or Drawdown Prospectus.

**Member State(s)**

means a member state of the European Union.

**Minimum Indexation Factor**

means the indexation factor specified as such in the relevant Final Terms or Drawdown Prospectus.

**Minimum Long-Term Rating**

means BBB by Fitch, Baa2 by Moody's or BBB by S&P or any equivalent long-term rating by another Rating Agency.

**Modified Following Business Day Convention**

has the meaning given to it on page 119 of this Prospectus.

**Modified Redemption Amount**

means the Redemption Amount determined in accordance with Condition 8 (*Redemption, Purchase and Options*), unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms.

**Moody's**

means Moody's Investors Service Limited or any successor to its rating business.

**Net Finance Charges**

means, for any Relevant Period, the Finance Charges in respect of Class A Debt or any debt ranking pari passu with or in priority

	to Class A Debt for that Relevant Period after deducting any interest payable in that Relevant Period to any member of the Security Group on any Cash or Cash Equivalent Investment.
<b>New Financial Covenant</b>	has the meaning given to it on page 188 of this Prospectus.
<b>New Shareholder Injection(s)</b>	means the aggregate amount subscribed for or contributed in cash by any person (other than a member of the Security Group) for ordinary shares in the Parent or for subordinated loan notes or other subordinated debt instruments in the Parent after the Closing Date, provided that the subordination is on the terms of the STID or otherwise on terms acceptable to the Security Trustee.
<b>NGN or New Global Bond</b>	means a Temporary Bearer Global Bond or a Permanent Bearer Global Bond, in either case, in respect of which the applicable Final Terms indicates is a New Global Bond (including, for the avoidance of doubt, both Eurosystem-eligible NGNs and Non-eligible NGNs).
<b>NIBOR</b>	means the Norwegian Interbank Offered Rate.
<b>Non-Base Currency</b>	means a currency other than Swedish Krona.
<b>Non-eligible NGN</b>	means an NGN which is not intended to be held in a manner which would allow Eurosystem eligibility, as stated in the applicable Final Terms.
<b>Non-exempt Offer</b>	has the meaning given to it on page 236 of this Prospectus.
<b>Non-Group Entity</b>	means any investment or entity (which is not itself a member of the Security Group (including associates and Joint Ventures)) in which any member of the Security Group has an ownership interest.
<b>Non-resident Holder</b>	has the meaning given to it on page 232 of this Prospectus.
<b>Nordic Region</b>	means the Kingdom of Denmark, the Kingdom of Norway, the Kingdom of Sweden and the Republic of Finland.
<b>Nord Pool</b>	means Nord Pool Spot AS.
<b>NordREG</b>	means the association for Nordic energy regulators which promotes the legal and institutional frameworks and conditions necessary for developing the Nordic and European electricity markets.
<b>Norwegian Kroner or NOK</b>	means the lawful currency for the time being of Norway.
<b>Norwegian Kroner Bond(s)</b>	means a Norwegian Kroner denominated Bond issued pursuant to the Bond Programme.
<b>Norwegian Kroner Bond Maturity Date</b>	means the date specified in the relevant Final Terms or Pricing Supplement as the final date on which the principal amount of any Norwegian Kroner Bond is due and payable.
<b>Noteholder(s)</b>	means each of the PP Noteholders.
<b>NSS or New Safekeeping Structure</b>	means the new safekeeping structure which applies to Registered Bonds held in global form by a common safekeeper for Euroclear

	and Clearstream, Luxembourg and which is required for such Registered Bonds to be recognised as eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and intra-day credit operations.
<b>Obligor(s)</b>	means Ellevio, the Parent, any Borrower, any Guarantor and any other person who accedes to, <i>inter alia</i> , the Common Terms Agreement and the STID as an Additional Obligor in accordance with the terms of the Finance Documents, and “ <b>Obligors</b> ” means all of them
<b>Official List</b>	means the official list of Euronext Dublin.
<b>Offsetting Transaction</b>	means a Hedging Transaction which: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) has been entered into with a Hedge Counterparty which has acceded to the STID and the Common Terms Agreement;</li> <li>(b) is governed by a Hedging Agreement; and</li> <li>(c) where the relevant borrower receives amounts under a previous Hedging Transaction on the basis of a particular rate, currency or underlying asset, it (or another relevant borrower) pays such amounts on such basis under a further Hedging Transaction and vice versa (whether the notional amount or corresponding currency amount is equal to, or less than, the notional amount or corresponding currency amount of the other Hedging Transaction).</li> </ul>
<b>OMERS</b>	means the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System.
<b>Operating Account(s)</b>	means the accounts so designated, operated and maintained by the Obligors into which all revenues are deposited opened with the Account Bank in accordance with the Account Bank Agreement but excluding any Debt Service Reserve Account or any Liquidity Standby Account.
<b>Optional Floating Rate Bond Redemption Date</b>	has the meaning given to it on page 138 of this Prospectus.
<b>Optional Index-Linked Bond Redemption Date</b>	has the meaning given to it on page 140 of this Prospectus.
<b>Order</b>	means the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005.
<b>Ordinary Resolution</b>	means the relevant resolution where the Quorum Requirement for an Ordinary Voting Matter is satisfied, as more fully set out in the STID.
<b>Ordinary Voting Matters</b>	are matters which are not Discretion Matters or Extraordinary Voting Matters.
<b>Original Initial ACF Lenders</b>	means the original lenders under the Term Facility, the Capex Facility and the WC Facility.
<b>Other Voting Matter</b>	means any Voting Matter which is not a STID Proposal.
<b>Outstanding Principal Amount</b>	means: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) in respect of any Authorised Credit Facilities that are loans, the principal amount, including any accretion on index-</li> </ul>

linked debt (or the Equivalent Amount), of any drawn amounts that are outstanding or committed under such Authorised Credit Facility;

- (b) in respect of each Qualifying Hedging Transaction, an amount calculated in accordance with clauses 11.1.1, 11.1.2 and 11.1.3 (*Voting in respect of Qualifying Hedging Transactions by Qualifying Hedge Counterparties*) of the STID; or
- (c) in respect of any other Secured Debt, the Equivalent Amount of the outstanding principal amount of such debt on such date in accordance with the relevant Finance Document,

on the date on which the Qualifying Secured Creditors have been notified of a STID Proposal, a Qualifying Secured Creditor Instruction Notice or a Direction Notice, as the case may be, all as most recently certified or notified to the Security Trustee, where applicable, pursuant to Clause 10.2 (*Notification of Outstanding Principal Amount of Qualifying Senior Debt*) of the STID.

**Overhedged Position**

has the meaning given to it on page 211 of this Prospectus.

**Par Call**

has the meaning given to it on page 141 of this Prospectus.

**Parent**

means Ellevio Holding 4 AB.

**Parent Intragroup Loan**

means the loan made by the Parent to Ellevio.

**Parent Payment Undertaking**

means the undertaking to pay given on the Closing Date by the Parent in favour of the Security Trustee (acting on behalf of itself and the other Secured Creditors).

**Parent Share Pledge**

has the meaning given to it on page 54 of this Prospectus.

**Participating Qualifying Secured Creditors**

means the Qualifying Secured Creditors which participate in a vote on any STID Proposal.

**Parties or Party**

means, in relation to a Finance Document, a party to such Finance Document.

**Paying Agents**

means, in relation to all or any Tranche of the Bonds, the several institutions (including, where the context permits, the Issuing and Paying Agent) at their respective specified offices initially appointed as paying agents in relation to such Bonds by Ellevio pursuant to the relevant Agency Agreement and/or, if applicable, any successor paying agents at their respective specified offices in relation to all or any Tranche of the Bonds as well as additional paying agents appointed under supplemental agency agreements as may be required in any jurisdiction in which Bonds may be issued or sold from time to time.

**Payment Date**

means, in respect of an Authorised Credit Facility, each date on which a payment is made or is scheduled to be made by Ellevio

in respect of any obligations or liability under such Authorised Credit Facility.

**Perfection Requirements**

means any and all registrations, filings, notices and other actions and steps required to be made in any jurisdiction in order to perfect security created by the Security Documents, as the case may be, or in order to achieve the relevant priority for such Security.

**Permanent Bearer Global Bond**

means a global bond comprising some or all of the Bearer Bonds of the same Series issued by the Issuer in exchange for the whole or part of any Temporary Bearer Global Bond issued in respect of such Bearer Bonds.

**Permanent Global Bond**

means a global bond in the form or substantially in the form scheduled to the Trust Deed with such modifications (if any) as may be required in any jurisdiction in which a particular Tranche of Bonds may be issued or sold from time to time or as otherwise agreed between Ellevio, the Issuing and Paying Agent, the Bond Trustee and the Relevant Dealer(s), together with the copy of the applicable Final Terms annexed thereto, comprising some or all of the Bearer Bonds of the same Tranche, issued by Ellevio pursuant to the Dealer Agreement or any other agreement between Ellevio and the Relevant Dealer(s) relating to the Bond Programme, the Agency Agreement and the Trust Deed either on issue or in exchange for the whole or part of any Temporary Bearer Global Bond issued in respect of such Bearer Bonds.

**Permitted Acquisition**

means:

- (a) an acquisition by a member of the Security Group (other than the Parent) of an asset sold, leased, transferred or otherwise disposed of by another member of the Security Group in circumstances constituting a Permitted Disposal;
- (b) an acquisition of shares or securities pursuant to a Permitted Share Issue;
- (c) an acquisition of securities which are Cash Equivalent Investments provided that they become subject to the Borrower Security as soon as reasonably practicable;
- (d) the acquisition or establishment of, or investment in, any share or interest to the extent constituting a Permitted Joint Venture;
- (e) the incorporation of a company or the acquisition of a newly incorporated shelf company which on incorporation or acquisition (as applicable) becomes a member of the Security Group, but only if:
  - (i) it is a Special Purpose Vehicle or that company is incorporated in the Nordic Region with limited liability; and

- (ii) if the shares in the company are owned by an Obligor, Borrower Security over the shares of that company, in form and substance satisfactory to the Security Trustee, is created in favour of the Security Trustee within 30 days of the date of its incorporation;
- (f) an acquisition of:
  - (i) any company or shares in any company or any Joint Venture, the principal business of which falls within paragraph (a) or (b) of the definition of “Permitted Business”;
  - (ii) any interest in a partnership the principal business of which falls within paragraph (a) or (b) of the definition of “Permitted Business”; or
  - (iii) any asset for use in connection with the definition of “Permitted Business”,

but only if:

- (A) for businesses falling within paragraph (a) or (b) of the definition of “Permitted Business” only, no Lock-Up Event is continuing on the closing date for the acquisition or would occur as a result of the acquisition;
- (B) the Security Group Agent has delivered to the Security Trustee a certificate signed by a director of the Borrower showing in reasonable detail that: (i) the Borrower would have remained in compliance with its obligations under part 1 (*Financial Covenants*) of schedule 2 (*Security Group Covenants*) to the Common Terms Agreement if the covenant tests were recalculated for the Relevant Period ending on the most recent Calculation Date consolidating the financial statements of the target company (consolidated if it has Subsidiaries) or business with the financial statements of the Security Group for such period on a pro forma basis and as if the consideration for the proposed acquisition had been paid at the start of that Relevant Period and (ii) each financial covenant in part 1 (*Financial Covenants*) of schedule 2 (*Security Group Covenants*) to the Common Terms Agreement (calculated on a pro forma basis) is forecast (based on reasonable



assumptions) to be complied with on the next two Calculation Dates immediately following the relevant acquisition having regard to both Achievable Cost Savings and the cost of achieving such Achievable Cost Savings;

- (C) (subject to the Agreed Security Principles) Borrower Security is granted by the acquiring member of the Security Group over all the shares (or equivalent) acquired by it in the acquired company and to the extent that the company to be acquired will, upon becoming a member of the Security Group, constitute a Material Subsidiary, that company becomes a Guarantor in accordance with the STID; and
- (D) for businesses falling within paragraph (b) of the definition of “Permitted Business” only, the earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation calculated on the same basis as Consolidated EBITDA of any part of the business of the target company or target business which falls within paragraph (b) of the definition of “Permitted Business”, when aggregated with the earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation calculated on the same basis as Consolidated EBITDA of all other businesses of the Security Group falling within paragraph (b) of the definition of “Permitted Business”, will not exceed 15 per cent. of Consolidated EBITDA (or, in the case of any unregulated business, 10 per cent. of Consolidated EBITDA) calculated on a pro forma basis for the relevant acquisition unless the Borrower has first:
  - (I) obtained a confirmation from each of the Rating Agencies that are currently appointed by it that such proposed acquisition will not result in the then current Rating being reduced below the lower of:
    - A. the Rating on the Closing Date; and
    - B. the then current Rating,

C. as long as it is Investment Grade; or

(II) in the event that any one or more of the Rating Agencies declines to provide such confirmation for any reason other than related to the Rating itself, certified (after having made all reasonable enquiries), and provided evidence to support such certification, that such proposed acquisition will not result in the then current Rating being reduced below the lower of:

D. the Rating on the Closing Date; and

E. the then current Rating,  
as long as that Rating is at least Investment Grade;

- (g) any acquisition by a member of the Security Group of shares or loan notes (in each case, issued by a member of the Security Group) or similar of any director or employee whose appointment and/or service contract with the Security Group is terminated up to SEK100,000,000 (indexed) in total (or its equivalent in other currencies);
- (h) any acquisition expressly set out in the Structure Memorandum;
- (i) any acquisition made with the prior written consent of the Majority Secured Creditors; and
- (j) any acquisition of assets in the ordinary course of trading of the acquiring entity,

and for the purposes of this definition, “**Special Purpose Vehicle**” means any limited liability off the shelf company or newly incorporated limited liability company acquired or incorporated in Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Finland or Norway in connection with a proposed Permitted Acquisition where each such company:

- (a) accedes to the STID and the Common Terms Agreement;
- (b) becomes an Additional Obligor;
- (c) is a wholly owned Subsidiary (directly or indirectly) of the Parent or the Borrower and is not a shareholder of any other member of the Group; and
- (d) Security is granted over all the shares in, and loans from, such company (in form and substance satisfactory to the Security Trustee (acting reasonably)).

**Permitted Additional Financial Indebtedness**

means Class A Permitted Additional Financial Indebtedness and Class B Permitted Additional Financial Indebtedness.

**Permitted Business**

means the business of the members of the Security Group, being:

- (a) the business of being an electricity network owner and operator in the Nordic Region comprising operating, maintaining, repairing, upgrading and expanding electricity distribution networks and the provision of facilities for and connected therewith;
- (b) any other business in the Nordic Region comprising operating, maintaining, repairing and upgrading electricity assets and/or networks and the provision of facilities for and connected therewith, including district heating businesses in the Nordic Region and any such district heating business shall be deemed as “unregulated business” for the purposes of the definitions of “Permitted Acquisition” and “Permitted Joint Venture”;
- (c) any business or activity in the Nordic Region supporting any existing assets or networks the principal business of which is described in either paragraphs (a) and/or (b) above or which is complementary or ancillary to the business or activities in paragraphs ((a) and/or (b) above (which shall include the provision of any services to members of the Security Group which are currently provided by third parties); and
- (d) any other business approved or consented to by the Security Trustee acting in accordance with the instructions of the Qualifying Secured Creditors,

provided that the activities set out in paragraph (a) above shall constitute at least 90 per cent. of Consolidated EBITDA unless:

- (i) the activities set out in paragraph (a) above constitute less than 90 per cent. of Consolidated EBITDA for a continuous period of no longer than three successive Calculation Dates; and
- (ii) the activities set out in paragraph (a) above always constitute at least 75 per cent. of Consolidated EBITDA.

**Permitted Disposal**

means any sale, lease, licence, transfer or other disposal:

- (a) as expressly set out in the Structure Memorandum;
- (b) of assets other than shares or businesses made by any member of the Security Group in the ordinary course of trading of the disposing entity;
- (c) of any asset by a member of the Security Group (the “**Disposing Company**”) to another member of the Security

Group (other than the Parent) (the “**Acquiring Company**”), but if:

- (iii) the Disposing Company is an Obligor, the Acquiring Company must also be an Obligor;
  - (iv) the Disposing Company had given Security over the asset, the Acquiring Company must give equivalent Security over that asset; and
  - (v) the Disposing Company is a Guarantor, the Acquiring Company must become a Guarantor guaranteeing at all times an amount no less than that guaranteed by the Disposing Company within 30 Business Days of the disposal becoming effective;
- (d) of assets by an Obligor to any other member of the Security Group (other than the Parent) where the higher of the book value and the net consideration receivable (when aggregated with the higher of the book value and net consideration receivable for any other sale, lease, licence, transfer or other disposal permitted under this paragraph (d)) does not exceed SEK300,000,000 (indexed) (or its equivalent in any currency) in total aggregate at any time;
  - (e) of assets (other than shares or businesses) in exchange for other assets comparable or superior as to type, value and quality, provided that, if security was given over the assets disposed of, equivalent security must (subject to the Agreed Security Principles) be given over assets acquired in exchange;
  - (f) of obsolete, redundant or surplus assets (other than shares or businesses) no longer required for the operation of the business of the Security Group;
  - (g) of Cash Equivalent Investments for cash or in exchange for other Cash Equivalent Investments;
  - (h) constituted by a licence of intellectual property rights provided that (in the case of an exclusive licence or sale) such intellectual property is not required for the operation of the business of the Security Group;
  - (i) to a Joint Venture to the extent permitted by paragraph 10 (*Joint Ventures*) of part 3 (*General Covenants*) of schedule 2 (*Security Group Covenants*) to the Common Terms Agreement);
  - (j) arising as a result of any Permitted Security, Permitted Loan or Permitted Transaction;
  - (k) any disposal compulsorily required by law or regulation or any order of any government entity where such disposal (A) to the extent permitted by such law, regulation or order (as the case may be), is made for fair market value and (B)

would not be an Event of Default under paragraph 12 (*Expropriation*) of Schedule 4 (*Events of Default*) to the Common Terms Agreement;

- (l) of assets (other than shares) for cash where the higher of the book value and the net consideration receivable (when aggregated with the higher of the book value and net consideration receivable for any other sale, lease, licence, transfer or other disposal not permitted under the preceding paragraph of this definition) does not exceed SEK500,000,000 (indexed) or its equivalent in any currency, in any calendar year; and
- (m) any sale, lease, licence, transfer or other disposal otherwise approved by the Majority Secured Creditors.

#### **Permitted Distribution**

means, subject to the proviso below:

- (a) a Distribution by a member of the Security Group other than the Parent or the Borrower to its immediate Holding Company, any Subordinated Intragroup Creditor or any Subordinated Creditor (provided that if that member of the Security Group is not a wholly owned Subsidiary of the Parent, any Distribution to a third party shareholder of that member of the Security Group shall be proportionate to that third party shareholder's shareholding in that member of the Security Group);
- (b) any Distribution to the Parent, the immediate Holding Company of the Parent, any Subordinated Intragroup Creditor or any Subordinated Creditor necessary to pay auditor's fees, legal expenses, directors' emoluments or insurance, fees for management, regulatory and administrative services (excluding treasury services) provided to members of the Security Group of a type customarily provided by a Holding Company to its Subsidiaries, and any other proper and necessary incidental expenses required to maintain each such company's corporate existence and provide for their operating costs and to pay their Taxes in aggregate in any calendar year (plus all reasonable expenses, including the fees and charges of consultants or advisors incurred in connection with the provision of such services) in an amount not exceeding SEK40,000,000 (indexed) (or its equivalent in other currencies) in aggregate in any Financial Year;
- (c) any Distribution which is a Permitted Transaction under limbs (b) to (d) (inclusive) of the definition thereof;
- (d) a Distribution from (i) the Parent to its immediate Holding Company, any Subordinated Intragroup Creditor or any Subordinated Creditor; or (ii) the Borrower to the Parent, any Subordinated Intragroup Creditor or any Subordinated Creditor if:

- (i) the Parent or the Borrower (as applicable) has delivered the applicable financial statements and a Compliance Certificate for the most recent Calculation Date in compliance with paragraphs 1 (*Financial statements*) and 3 (*Provision and contents of Compliance Certificate*) of part 2 (*Information Covenants*) of schedule 2 (*Security Group Covenants*) to the Common Terms Agreement);
  - (ii) no Default is continuing on the date of the Distribution or would occur as a result of the Distribution, and no Default would have occurred on the most recent Calculation Date as a result of making the Distribution (assuming the distribution had been made on the most recent Calculation Date);
  - (iii) the relevant Compliance Certificate states (a) that no Lock-Up Event or Trigger Event has occurred and is continuing on the Calculation Date to which that Compliance Certificate relates and (b) no Lock-Up Event or Trigger Event would occur as the result of the proposed; and
  - (iv) in the event a Lock-Up Event or Trigger Event has previously occurred, the Security Group Agent has delivered a subsequent Compliance Certificate demonstrating that no Lock-Up Event or Trigger Event is continuing; or
- (e) any group contributions (*Sw. koncernbidrag*) from the Borrower to the Parent and from the Parent to Holdco 3, provided that no physical transfer of cash or assets is made and the entire amount of the group contributions are converted into an equal amount of shareholder's contributions (*Sw. aktieägartillskott*) by the Parent to the Borrower and by Holdco 3 to the Parent (as applicable) simultaneously with the making of the relevant group contributions.

#### **Permitted Financial Indebtedness**

means Financial Indebtedness:

- (a) arising:
    - (i) under any of the Finance Documents and the Equity Documents; or
    - (ii) Permitted Additional Financial Indebtedness,
- in each case subject to the terms of the Common Terms Agreement and the STID;

- (b) which constitutes Subordinated Liabilities or Subordinated Intragroup Liabilities, subject always to the terms of the Common Terms Agreement and the STID;
- (c) to the extent covered by a Letter of Credit or other letter of credit, guarantee or indemnity issued under an Ancillary Facility;
- (d) of the Parent owed to the Issuer, the purpose of which is to make group contributions (Sw. *koncernbidrag*), does not involve the transfer of any cash or in kind and will remain outstanding until all amounts due under the Finance Documents to the Secured Creditors have been unconditionally and irrevocably paid in full;
- (e) arising under a foreign exchange transaction for spot or forward delivery entered into in connection with protection against fluctuation in currency rates where that foreign exchange exposure arises in the ordinary course of trade or in respect of Utilisations made in Optional Currencies but not a foreign exchange transaction for investment or speculative purposes;
- (f) arising under or in respect of a Permitted Transaction, a Permitted Joint Venture, a Permitted Loan or a Permitted Guarantee or as permitted by paragraph 27 (Treasury Transactions) of part 3 (General Covenants) of schedule 2 (Security Group Covenants) to the Common Terms Agreement;
- (g) of any person acquired by a member of the Security Group after the Closing Date which is incurred under arrangements in existence at the date of acquisition, but not incurred or increased or having its maturity date extended in contemplation of, or since, that acquisition, and outstanding only for a period of three months following the date of acquisition;
- (h) under finance or capital leases of vehicles, plant, equipment or computers, provided that the aggregate capital value of all such items so leased under outstanding leases by members of the Security Group does not exceed SEK200,000,000 (Indexed) (or its equivalent in other currency) at any time;
- (i) incurred by a member of the Security Group (other than the Parent) pursuant to or in connection with any cash pooling arrangement in place with other members of the Security Group and with an Acceptable Bank provided that Obligors may not have an aggregate exposure at any time of more than SEK400,000,000 (Indexed) (or its equivalent in other currencies) in respect of liabilities of members of the Security Group which are not Obligors in connection with such arrangements;

- (j) until the Closing Date, any Existing Debt;
- (k) not permitted by the preceding paragraphs and the outstanding principal amount of which does not exceed SEK500,000,000 (Indexed) (or its equivalent in other currency) in aggregate for the Security Group at any time; and
- (l) any other Financial Indebtedness approved or consented to by the Majority Secured Creditors,
- (m) provided that, any Financial Indebtedness permitted under the preceding paragraphs which is unsecured shall not in aggregate exceed 3 per cent. of the Relevant Debt then outstanding

#### **Permitted Guarantee**

means:

- (a) the endorsement of negotiable instruments in the ordinary course of trade;
- (b) any performance or similar bond guaranteeing performance by a member of the Security Group under any contract entered into in the ordinary course of trade;
- (c) any guarantee of a Permitted Joint Venture;
- (d) any guarantee permitted under paragraph 21 (*Financial Indebtedness*) of part 3 (*General Covenants*) of schedule 2 (*Security Group Covenants*) to the Common Terms Agreement);
- (e) any guarantee given in respect of the netting or set-off arrangements permitted pursuant to paragraph (c) of the definition of “Permitted Security”;
- (f) any guarantee or indemnity given in the ordinary course of the documentation of an acquisition or disposal transaction which is a Permitted Acquisition or Permitted Disposal which guarantee or indemnity is in a customary form and subject to customary limitations;
- (g) any guarantee by an Obligor of leasehold rental obligations in the ordinary course of business;
- (h) any guarantee granted under the Common Documents;
- (i) any guarantee given by a member of the Security Group in relation to an Obligor’s obligations, provided that if the relevant member of the Security Group granting the guarantee is not an Obligor, it has subordinated its rights in respect of such guarantee under a subordination agreement on terms satisfactory to the Qualifying Secured Creditors;
- (j) any guarantee of a Treasury Transaction which is permitted by paragraph 27 (*Treasury Transactions*) of part 3 (*General Covenants*) of schedule 2 (*Security Group Covenants*) to the Common Terms Agreement);
- (k) a guarantee by an Obligor of the obligations of a member of the Security Group which is not an Obligor, provided the



aggregate amount guaranteed does not exceed in aggregate SEK300,000,000 (indexed) (or its equivalent in other currencies) at any time;

- (l) any guarantee not permitted by the preceding paragraphs or as a Permitted Transaction and the outstanding principal amount of which does not exceed SEK200,000,000 (indexed) (or its equivalent in other currency) in aggregate for the Security Group at any time; and
- (m) any other guarantee approved or consented to prior written notice by the Majority Secured Creditors.

**Permitted Hedge Termination**

means the termination of a Hedging Agreement permitted in accordance with the provisions of the Hedging Policy.

**Permitted Joint Venture**

means any investment in any Joint Venture (other than one made by the Parent) where:

- (a) the Joint Venture is incorporated, or established, and carries on its principal business, in the Nordic Region;
- (b) the Joint Venture is engaged in a Permitted Business;
- (c) the aggregate of:
  - (i) all amounts subscribed for shares in, lent to, or invested in all such Joint Ventures by any member of the Security Group;
  - (ii) the contingent liabilities of any member of the Security Group under any guarantee given in respect of the liabilities of any such Joint Venture;
  - (iii) any commitments given by any member of the Security Group to fund actual or contingent obligations of such Joint Venture; and
  - (iv) the market value of any assets transferred by any member of the Security Group to any such Joint Venture,

does not exceed SEK5,000,000,000 (indexed) (or its equivalent in other currencies) at any time or, to the extent that it does exceed either such amount, the excess is funded by either (A) New Shareholder Injections or (B) amounts which would otherwise be payable at the relevant time by the Borrower as a Permitted Distribution (but has not so been paid) under paragraphs (c) or (d) of that definition;

- (d) the earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation calculated on the same basis as Consolidated EBITDA of the part of the Joint Venture attributable to the Security Group which falls within paragraph (b) of the definition of “Permitted Business”, when aggregated with the earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation calculated on the same basis as Consolidated

EBITDA of all other businesses of the Security Group which fall within paragraph (b) of the definition of “Permitted Business” will not exceed 15 per cent. of Consolidated EBITDA (or, in the case of any unregulated business, 10 per cent. of Consolidated EBITDA) calculated on a pro forma basis for the relevant Joint Venture; and

- (e) at the time of such investment no Default is continuing or would result from such investment being made.

## **Permitted Loan**

means:

- (a) any trade credit extended by any member of the Security Group to its customers on normal commercial terms and any advance payment made in relation to Capital Expenditure, in each case in the ordinary course of its trading activities;
- (b) Financial Indebtedness which is referred to in the definition of, or otherwise constitutes, “Permitted Financial Indebtedness” (except under paragraph (g) of that definition with respect to a Permitted Loan);
- (c) a loan made to a Joint Venture to the extent permitted by paragraph 10 (*Joint Ventures*) of part 3 (*General Covenants*) of schedule 2 (*Security Group Covenants*) to the Common Terms Agreement);
- (d) any Subordinated Intragroup Liabilities, subject always to the terms of the Common Terms Agreement and the STID;
- (e) any loan made by an Obligor (other than the Parent) to a member of the Group which is not an Obligor provided that the aggregate of all such loans does not exceed SEK300,000,000 (Indexed) (or its equivalent in other currency) or any loan made by a member of the Group which is not an Obligor to another member of the Group;
- (f) a loan made by the Issuer to the Parent or by the Parent to its immediate Holding Company to the extent that the amount lent was otherwise available to be paid as a Permitted Distribution and had not previously been paid;
- (g) a loan made by a member of the Security Group to an employee or director of any member of the Security Group if the amount of that loan when aggregated with the amount of all loans to employees and directors by members of the Security Group, or to an employee benefit trust, does not, in either case, exceed SEK40,000,000 (Indexed) (or its equivalent in other currency) at any time;
- (h) any deferred consideration in relation to Permitted Disposals where the amount of such deferred consideration does not exceed 35 per cent. of the aggregate consideration receivable by the Security Group in respect of that Permitted Disposal and where such deferred consideration

has to be paid within 12 months of that date of such disposal;

- (i) any loan made by the Issuer to HoldCo 1 in connection with the proposed acquisition of Laforsen Produktionsnät Aktiebolag by HoldCo 1; and
- (j) any loan (other than a loan made by a member of the Security Group to another member of the Security Group) not permitted by the preceding paragraphs so long as the aggregate amount of the Financial Indebtedness under any such loans does not exceed SEK300,000,000 (Indexed) (or its equivalent in other currency) at any time.

#### **Permitted Refinancing Debt**

means loans made to a Borrower, an Additional Holdco or a Finco by a person other than a member of the Group, or bonds or notes (including any U.S. private placement notes) issued by an Issuer, an Additional Holdco or a Finco held by a person other than a member of the Security Group where the net proceeds of such loans, bonds or notes are to be applied in prepayment of:

- (a) the Initial Authorised Credit Facilities, in accordance with clause 9 (*Illegality, Voluntary Prepayment and Cancellation*) of the Initial Authorised Credit Facilities Agreement; and/or
- (b) the other Authorised Credit Facilities, in accordance with the relevant prepayment or redemption (however described) provisions in such other Authorised Credit Facility Agreements,

and provided that, unless such public bonds or private placement notes issued by such Issuer, Additional Holdco or Finco constitute Class B Debt, such Issuer has (or has procured that the Additional Holdco or Finco (as applicable) has) obtained a confirmation from a Rating Agency that such proposed public bonds or private placement notes will have a long-term credit rating which is Investment Grade

#### **Permitted Additional Financial Indebtedness**

means Class A Permitted Additional Financial Indebtedness and Class B Permitted Additional Financial Indebtedness.

#### **Permitted Security**

means:

- (a) any Security entered into pursuant to any Finance Document;
- (b) any lien arising by operation of law and in the ordinary course of trading and not as a result of any default or omission by any member of the Security Group;
- (c) any netting or set-off arrangement entered into by any member of the Security Group with an Acceptable Bank in the ordinary course of its banking arrangements for the purpose of netting debit and credit balances of members of the Security Group (including a multi-account overdraft) but only so long as (i) such arrangement does not permit

- credit balances of Obligors to be netted or set off against debit balances of the Parent or any members of the Security Group which are not Obligors and (ii) such arrangement does not give rise to other Security over the assets of Obligors (other than the Parent) in support of liabilities of members of the Security Group which are not Obligors;
- (d) any payment or close out netting or set-off arrangement pursuant to any Treasury Transaction or foreign exchange transaction entered into by a member of the Security Group which constitutes Permitted Financial Indebtedness, excluding any Security or Quasi-Security under a credit support arrangement;
  - (e) any Security or Quasi-Security over or affecting any asset acquired by a member of the Security Group after the Closing Date if:
    - (i) the Security or Quasi-Security was not created in contemplation of the acquisition of that asset by a member of the Security Group;
    - (ii) the principal amount secured has not been increased in contemplation of or since the acquisition of that asset by a member of the Security Group; and
    - (iii) the Security or Quasi-Security is removed or discharged within three months of the date of acquisition of such asset;
  - (f) any Security or Quasi-Security over or affecting any asset of any company which becomes a member of the Security Group after the Closing Date, where the Security or Quasi-Security is created prior to the date on which that company becomes a member of the Security Group if:
    - (i) the Security or Quasi-Security was not created in contemplation of the acquisition of that company;
    - (ii) the principal amount secured has not increased in contemplation of or since the acquisition of that company; and
    - (iii) the Security or Quasi-Security is removed or discharged within three months of that company becoming a member of the Security Group;
  - (g) any Security or Quasi-Security arising under any retention of title, hire purchase or conditional sale arrangement or arrangements having similar effect in respect of goods supplied to a member of the Security Group in the ordinary course of trading and on the supplier's standard or usual terms and not arising as a result of any default or omission by any member of the Security Group;

- (h) any Security or Quasi-Security (existing as at the date of the Common Terms Agreement) over assets of any member of the Parent and each of its Subsidiaries so long as the Security or Quasi-Security is irrevocably removed or discharged by no later than the Closing Date, unless otherwise permitted under the Common Terms Agreement;
- (i) any Quasi-Security arising as a result of a disposal which is a Permitted Disposal;
- (j) any Security or Quasi-Security arising as a consequence of any finance or capital lease permitted pursuant to the definition of “Permitted Financial Indebtedness”;
- (k) any Security or Quasi-Security over goods and documents of title to goods arising under letter of credit transactions under an Ancillary Facility;
- (l) any Security or Quasi-Security over rental deposits arising in the ordinary course of trading and on arm’s length terms in respect of any property leased or licensed by a member of the Security Group;
- (m) any Security or Quasi-Security over ownership interests in Permitted Joint Ventures to secure obligations to other Permitted Joint Venture partners;
- (n) any Security or Quasi-Security over bank accounts of members of the Security Group which are not Obligors in favour of an Acceptable Bank and granted as part of that financial institution’s standard terms and conditions;
- (o) any Security or Quasi-Security arising as a result of legal proceedings or by operation of law in respect of Taxes, in each case being contested in good faith;
- (p) any Security securing indebtedness of any member of the Security Group which is not an Obligor, the outstanding principal amount of which (when aggregated with the outstanding principal amount of any other indebtedness of any member of the Security Group which is not an Obligor which is secured over its assets) does not exceed SEK200,000,000 (indexed) (or its equivalent in other currencies) in aggregate at any time; or
- (q) any Security securing indebtedness the outstanding principal amount of which (when aggregated with the outstanding principal amount of any other indebtedness which has the benefit of Security given by any member of the Security Group other than any permitted under paragraphs (a) to (p) above) does not exceed SEK500,000,000 (indexed) (or its equivalent in other currencies).

**Permitted Share Issue**

means an issue of:

- (a) ordinary shares by the Parent to HoldCo 3, paid for in full in cash upon issue and which by their terms are not redeemable and where such shares are of the same class and on the same terms as those initially issued by the Parent;
- (b) shares by a member of the Security Group which is a Subsidiary of the Parent to its immediate Holding Company where (if the existing shares of the Subsidiary are the subject of the Borrower Security) the newly issued shares also become subject to the Borrower Security on the same terms;
- (c) shares where the issue is permitted pursuant to paragraph 10 (*Joint Ventures*) of part 3 (*General Covenants*) of schedule 2 (*Security Group Covenants*) to the Common Terms Agreement); or
- (d) any other issue approved or consented to in writing by the Majority Secured Creditors.

**Permitted Share Pledge Acceleration**

has the meaning given to it in clause 21.3 (*Permitted Acceleration*) of the STID.

**Permitted Share Pledge Enforcement**

means the enforcement of the share pledge provided by the Parent over the shares of Ellevio during a Standstill (or upon full enforcement).

**Permitted Transaction**

means:

- (a) any disposal required, Financial Indebtedness incurred, guarantee, indemnity or Security or Quasi-Security given, or other transaction arising, under the Common Documents;
- (b) the solvent liquidation or reorganisation of any member of the Security Group which is not an Obligor so long as any payments or assets are distributed to another member of the Security Group, or of an Obligor (excluding the Parent, and the Borrower) so long as any payments or assets are distributed to another Obligor and the reorganisation will not have an adverse impact on the Borrower Security or any guarantees;
- (c) transactions (other than (i) any sale, lease, license, transfer or other disposal and (ii) the granting or creation of Security or the incurring or permitting to subsist of Financial Indebtedness) conducted in the ordinary course of trading on arm's length terms;
- (d) any acquisition, disposal, payment or other transactions expressly set out in the Structure Memorandum;
- (e) the incorporation of a company or the acquisition of a newly incorporated shelf company which on incorporation or acquisition (as applicable) becomes the immediate Holding Company of the Borrower and the direct

Subsidiary of the Parent, provided that such new company becomes an Additional Obligor; and

- (f) any other merger of a Security Group member with:
  - (i) another member of the Security Group; or
  - (ii) any wholly owned Subsidiary of a member of the Security Group which is not a member of the Security Group,

provided that the Secured Creditors have the benefit of any professional opinions and reports requested by it), the same or equivalent guarantees from it (or its successor) and the same or equivalent security over the same assets and over the shares in it (or in each case its successor) after the applicable merger as the Secured Creditors had before the merger as determined by the Security Trustee (acting reasonably and consistent with any professional opinions and support requested by it).

**Post-Enforcement Priority of Payments**

means the provisions relating to the order of priority of payments following delivery of an Acceleration Notice as set out in the Common Terms Agreement and detailed in Chapter 16 (*“Summary of the Common Documents, the Finance Documents and the Bond Programme Documents”*) of this Prospectus.

**Potential Event of Default**

means any event or circumstance which, with the lapse of time and/or the giving of any notice and/or the making of any determination (in each case, where the lapse of time and/or giving of notice and/or determination is provided for in the terms of such Event of Default, and assuming no intervening remedy), will become an Event of Default.

**PP Noteholders**

means those institutions which hold PP Notes from time to time.

**PP Note Issuer**

means Ellevio or any successor appointed as issuer of the PP Notes pursuant to the PP Note Purchase Agreement.

**PP Note Purchase Agreement**

means each note purchase agreement pursuant to which the PP Note Issuer issues PP Notes from time to time.

**PP Notes**

means the privately placed notes issued by the PP Note Issuer from time to time under and pursuant to a PP Note Purchase Agreement.

**Preceding Business Day Convention**

has the meaning given to it on page 119 of this Prospectus.

**Pre-Enforcement Priority of Payments**

means the provisions relating to the order of priority of payments prior to delivery of an Acceleration Notice as set out in the Common Terms Agreement and detailed in Chapter 16 (*“Summary of the Common Documents, the Finance Documents and the Bond Programme Documents”*) of this Prospectus.

**Pre-hedges**

has the meaning given to it on page 212 of this Prospectus.

**Pricing Supplement**

means a pricing supplement which will contain the pricing details and any additional terms of an issue by Ellevio of unlisted

	Bonds and/or Bonds not admitted to trading on any regulated or unregulated market.
<b>Primary Account(s)</b>	means any bank account or accounts of an Obligor (including any sub-account or sub-accounts relating to that account and any replacement account from time to time) which is held by an Obligor with Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ).
<b>Primary Account Bank</b>	means Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ).
<b>Principal Amount Outstanding</b>	means: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) in relation to a Bond or Tranche of Bonds, the original face value thereof less any repayment of principal made to the holder(s) thereof in respect of such Bond or Tranche; and/or</li> <li>(b) in respect of any Class A PP Notes, Class B PP Notes, Class A Institutional Loans or Class B Institutional Loans, the principal amount outstanding in respect thereof.</li> </ul>
<b>Prospectus</b>	means the prospectus relating to the Bonds prepared in connection with the Bond Programme and constituting (in the case of Bonds to be listed on a Stock Exchange), to the extent specified in it, a prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Regulation as revised, supplemented or amended from time to time by Ellevio (including by way of a Drawdown Prospectus) and, in relation to each Bond issue, the applicable Final Terms shall be deemed to be included in the Prospectus.
<b>Prospectus Regulation</b>	means Regulation (EU) 2017/1129.
<b>Qualified Investor</b>	as is defined within Article 2(e) of the Prospectus Regulation.
<b>Qualifying Authorised Credit Facilities</b>	means, for so long as Qualifying Class A Debt remains outstanding, the Class A Debt (other than any Class A Hedging Transaction, any Class A PP Notes and any other Class A Bonds) or, following repayment and/or termination in full of all Qualifying Class A Debt and for so long as Qualifying Class B Debt remains outstanding, the Class B Debt (other than any Class B Hedging Transaction, any Class B PP Notes and any other Class B Bonds).
<b>Qualifying Bondholders</b>	has the meaning given to it on page 148 of this Prospectus.
<b>Qualifying Bonds</b>	means, for so long as Qualifying Class A Debt remains outstanding, any Tranche of Class A Bonds or, following repayment and/or termination in full of all Qualifying Class A Debt and for so long as Qualifying Class B Debt remains outstanding, any Sub-Class of Class B Bonds.
<b>Qualifying Class A Debt</b>	means the aggregate Outstanding Principal Amount under any Class A Debt (other than under any Class A Liquidity Facility or any Class A Hedging Transaction) provided by a Class A



	Creditor (other than any Class A LF Providers or any Class A Hedge Counterparties).
<b>Qualifying Class B Debt</b>	means the aggregate Outstanding Principal Amount under any Class B Debt (other than under any Class B Hedging Transaction) provided by a Class B Creditor (other than any Class B Hedge Counterparties).
<b>Qualifying Hedge Counterparties</b>	means, for so long as Qualifying Class A Debt remains outstanding, the Class A Hedge Counterparties or, following repayment and/or termination in full of all Qualifying Class A Debt and for so long as Qualifying Class B Debt remains outstanding, the Class B Hedge Counterparties.
<b>Qualifying Hedging Transaction</b>	means, for so long as Qualifying Class A Debt remains outstanding, each of the Class A Hedging Transactions or, following repayment in full of the Qualifying Class A Debt and for so long as Qualifying Class B Debt remains outstanding, each of the Class B Hedging Transactions
<b>Qualifying PP Noteholders</b>	means, for so long as Qualifying Class A Debt remains outstanding, the Class A PP Noteholders or, following repayment and/or termination in full of all Qualifying Class A Debt and for so long as Qualifying Class B Debt remains outstanding, the Class B PP Noteholders.
<b>Qualifying PP Notes</b>	means, for so long as Qualifying Class A Debt remains outstanding, the Class A PP Notes or, following repayment and/or termination in full of all Qualifying Class A Debt and for so long as Qualifying Class B Debt remains outstanding, the Class B PP Notes.
<b>Qualifying Secured Creditor Instruction Notice</b>	means a notice titled as such, delivered in accordance with clause 23 ( <i>Qualifying Secured Creditor Instructions</i> ) of the STID to the Security Trustee.
<b>Qualifying Secured Creditors</b>	means a Class A Creditor (other than any Class A LF Provider) or following the repayment in full of the Qualifying Class A Debt, a Class B Creditor and " <b>Qualifying Secured Creditors</b> " means the Class A Creditors or following the repayment in full of the Qualifying Class A Debt, the Class B Creditors
<b>Qualifying Secured Debt</b>	means indebtedness owed by the Obligors to the Qualifying Secured Creditors.
<b>Qualifying Senior Debt</b>	means the aggregate of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) in relation to any Qualifying Class A Debt other than any Class A Hedging Transaction, the Outstanding Principal Amount under such Qualifying Class A Debt or, following the repayment and/or termination in full of all Qualifying Class A Debt, the Qualifying Class B Debt at such time; and</li> <li>(b) in relation to any Qualifying Hedging Transaction, an amount calculated in accordance with clause 11.1 (<i>Voting</i></li> </ul>

*in respect of Qualifying Hedging Transactions by Qualifying Hedge Counterparties*) of the STID.

**Quasi-Security**

means an arrangement or transaction described in paragraph 14 (*Negative pledge*) of part 3 (*General Covenants*) of schedule 2 (*Security Group Covenants*) to the Common Terms Agreement).

**Quorum Requirement**

means:

- (a) in relation to an Ordinary Voting Matter, the percentage set forth in Clause 14.2 (*Quorum Requirement for an Ordinary Voting Matter*) of the STID;
- (b) in relation to an Extraordinary Voting Matter, the percentages set forth in Clause 15.2 (*Quorum Requirement for an Extraordinary Voting Matter*) of the STID; and
- (c) in relation to a Direction Notice other than in connection with a Standstill, the percentage set forth in Clause 24.2 (*Quorum and voting requirements in respect of a Direction Notice*) of the STID.

**RAC**

means:

- (a) with respect to any matter, a written confirmation from each of the Rating Agencies that the Rating would not be downgraded, withdrawn or qualified; or
- (b) a written confirmation from the relevant Rating Agency to the effect that it will not issue the confirmation contemplated in (a) because the proposed action in respect of which the confirmation is sought is not “credit matter” (or words substantially to that effect).

**Rating**

means:

- (a) a public or private credit rating of: (i) Ellevio; and/or (ii) the credit rating of any Class A Debt of Ellevio through any loans, bonds, debentures, notes, loan stock or any similar instrument by a Rating Agency; or
- (b) a published issuer or corporate family rating of Ellevio by a Rating Agency,

provided that such a rating of any conduit lending vehicle that is based on loans securitised from Ellevio shall be treated as if it were such a rating of Ellevio for the purpose of this definition.

**Rating Agencies**

means S&P and any successor to any of the aforementioned parties and any further rating agency appointed by the Issuer (and “**Rating Agency**” means any one of them).

**Ratings Confirmation**

means, in respect of a proposed action, a confirmation by the relevant Rating Agencies mandated by Ellevio from time to time (who give such Ratings Confirmations as a part of their mandate), in respect of each Sub-Class of the relevant Bonds, to the effect that the then ratings of such Sub-Class of Bonds would not be reduced below the lower of: (a) the credit ratings of such Bonds as at their Issue Date; and (b) Investment Grade.

<b>Receiptholders</b>	means the several persons who are for the time being holders of the Receipts.
<b>Receipts</b>	means a receipt attached on issue to a Bearer Definitive Bond redeemable in instalments for the payment of an instalment of principal, such receipt being in the form or substantially in the form scheduled to the Trust Deed or in such other form as may be required in any jurisdiction in which a particular Tranche of Bonds may be issued or sold from time to time or as otherwise agreed between Ellevio, the Paying Agent, the Bond Trustee and the Relevant Dealer(s) and includes any replacements for Receipts issued pursuant to Condition 17 ( <i>Replacement of Bonds, Certificates, Receipts, Coupons and Talons</i> ).
<b>Receiver</b>	means any receiver, manager or administrative receiver in respect of the whole or any part of the Security.
<b>Redemption Amount</b>	means the amount provided under Condition 8 ( <i>Redemption, Purchase and Options</i> ), unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms.
<b>Reference Banks</b>	means the principal London offices of any bank or financial institution appointed as such by Ellevio or Facility Agent, as applicable.
<b>Register</b>	has the meaning given to it on page 114 of this Prospectus.
<b>Registered Bonds</b>	means those Bonds (if any) which are for the time being in registered form.
<b>Registered Definitive Bond(s)</b>	means a Registered Bond in definitive form issued or, as the case may require, to be issued by Ellevio in accordance with the provisions of the Dealer Agreement or any other agreement between Ellevio and the Relevant Dealer(s), the Agency Agreement and the Trust Deed either on issue or in exchange for a Registered Global Bond or part thereof (all as indicated in the applicable Final Terms), such Registered Definitive Bond being in the form or substantially in the form set out Schedule 2 ( <i>Form of Bonds, Receipts, Coupons and Talons</i> ) to the Trust Deed with such modifications (if any) as may be required in any jurisdiction in which a particular Tranche of Bonds may be issued or sold from time to time or as otherwise agreed between Ellevio, the Registrar, the Bond Trustee and the Relevant Dealer(s) and having the Conditions endorsed thereon or, if permitted by the relevant Stock Exchange, incorporating the Conditions by reference as indicated in the applicable Final Terms and having the relevant information supplementing, replacing or modifying the Conditions appearing in the applicable Final Terms endorsed thereon or attached thereto and having a Form of Transfer endorsed thereon.
<b>Registered Global Bond</b>	means a Regulation S Global Bond.

<b>Registrar</b>	means Citigroup Europe plc (or, if applicable, any successor registrar appointed pursuant to the Bond Programme Documents) in relation to all or any Tranche of Bonds.
<b>Regulation S</b>	means Regulation S adopted by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act.
<b>Regulation S Global Bond</b>	means a registered global bond in the form or substantially in the form scheduled to the Trust Deed with such modifications (if any) as may be required in any jurisdiction in which a particular Tranche of Bonds may be issued or sold from time to time or as otherwise agreed between Ellevio, the Registrar, the Bond Trustee and the Relevant Dealer(s), together with the copy of the applicable Final Terms annexed thereto, comprising some or all of the Registered Bonds of the same Tranche sold to non-U.S. persons outside the United States in reliance on Regulation S under the Securities Act, issued by Ellevio pursuant to the Dealer Agreement or any other agreement between Ellevio and the Relevant Dealer(s) relating to the Bond Programme, the Agency Agreement and the Trust Deed.
<b>Regulatory Asset Value or RAV</b>	means the annually calculated net present value of the electricity network, derived from the aggregate Replacement Value and weighted average techno-economic lifetime value (as provided by Ei) of all groups of components across the network.
<b>Regulatory Consent</b>	means any Authorisation that is or may in the future be required to be obtained from Ei under the terms of a licence, or under any relevant statutory provision or other law or regulation or any undertaking or assurance agreed with Ei in each case applicable to the activities of the Security Group.
<b>Regulatory Period</b>	means the period in respect of which the maximum charges to electricity network users are fixed by Ei.
<b>Relevant Currency</b>	means the currency specified as such or, if none is specified, the currency in which the Bonds are denominated.
<b>Relevant Dealer</b>	means, in the case of an issue of Bonds being (or intended to be) subscribed by more than one Dealer, all Dealers agreeing to subscribe to such Bonds.
<b>Relevant Debt</b>	means the Secured Debt (other than the notional amount under any Hedging Agreement and the uncanceled commitments under any Class A Liquidity Facility, Class B Liquidity Facility, Class A Capex Facility, Class B Capex Facility and WC Facility).
<b>Relevant Historic Period</b>	means each period of twelve months ending on a Calculation Date.
<b>Relevant Jurisdiction</b>	means, in relation to an Obligor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) its jurisdiction of incorporation;</li> <li>(b) any jurisdiction where any asset subject to or intended to be subject to the Security to be created by it is situated; and</li> </ul>

	(c) the jurisdiction whose laws govern the perfection of any of the Security Documents entered into by it.
<b>Relevant Month</b>	means the month that is to be considered for determining the Index Figure.
<b>Relevant Period</b>	means in respect of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the Financial Covenants, each Relevant Historic Period;</li> <li>(b) the Backward Lock-Up Tests, each Relevant Historic Period;</li> <li>(c) the Forward Lock-Up Tests, each Relevant Projected Period; and</li> <li>(d) the Extended Forward Lock-Up Tests, each period of 36 months ending after each Calculation Date;</li> </ul>
<b>Relevant Projected Period</b>	means each period of twelve months commencing on the day after a Calculation Date.
<b>Repeating Representations</b>	means the representations set out in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) paragraphs 1 (<i>Status</i>) to 6 (<i>Governing law and enforcement</i>), 8 (<i>No filing or stamp taxes</i>), 10.2 (<i>No default or Trigger Event</i>) and 20 (<i>Good title to assets</i>) of part 1 (<i>General</i>) of schedule 1 (<i>Security Group Representations</i>) to the Common Terms Agreement; and</li> <li>(b) in respect of the most recent financial statements only, paragraph 12 (<i>Financial Statements</i>) of part 1 (<i>General</i>) of schedule 1 (<i>Security Group Representations</i>) to the Common Terms Agreement.</li> </ul>
<b>Replacement Value or RV</b>	means the cost of replacing electricity distribution network components, with the price being supplied by Ei.
<b>Representative</b>	means any delegate, agent, manager, administrator, nominee, attorney, trustee or custodian.
<b>Reserved Matters</b>	means matters in respect of which a Secured Creditor will be free to exercise its discretion in accordance with its rights under the Finance Documents to which it is a party (which are not Common Documents). Generally, a Secured Creditor may agree to any modifications to and give consent or grant waiver in respect of the Finance Documents to which it is a party (which are not Common Documents) without the consent of the Security Trustee provided that the modification, consent or waiver does not conflict with any provisions of the Common Documents in which case the terms of the Common Documents would prevail.
<b>Resident Holder</b>	has the meaning given to it on page 232 of this Prospectus.
<b>Residual Call Redemption Date</b>	has the meaning given to it on page 140 of this Prospectus

<b>Restricted Payment</b>	means a payment under paragraph (d) of the definition of “Permitted Distribution”.
<b>Revolving Credit Facility</b>	has the meaning given to it in the Initial Authorised Credit Facilities Agreement.
<b>Rollover Loan</b>	means either a Capex Facility Rollover Loan or a WC Facility Rollover Loan.
<b>RP1, RP2, RP3, RP4 and RP5</b>	means the first, second, third, fourth and fifth regulatory periods respectively under the EA.
<b>S&amp;P and Standard &amp; Poor’s</b>	means Standard & Poor’s Credit Market Services Europe Limited, or any successor to its rating business.
<b>Sanctioned Country</b>	means, at any time, a country, region or territory which is itself the subject or target of any Sanctions (including, at the date of the Common Terms Agreement, Crimea, Cuba, Iran, Burma, North Korea, Sudan, Syria, Russia, the Donetsk People’s Republic, the Luhansk People’s Republic, the non-government controlled areas of Zaporizhzhia and Kherson, and any other territory or region of Ukraine currently under the asserted control of Russia, recognized by Russia, or subject to territorial claims by Russia).
<b>Sanctioned Person</b>	means, at any time: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) any person listed in any Sanctions-related list of designated persons maintained by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Department of the Treasury or the U.S. Department of State, or by the United Nations Security Council, the European Union, His Majesty’s Treasury of the United Kingdom, any EU member state or the Government of Canada;</li> <li>(b) any person operating, organised or resident in a Sanctioned Country; or</li> <li>(c) any person owned or controlled by any such person or persons described in paragraphs (a) and (b) above.</li> </ul>
<b>Sanctioning Authority</b>	means: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the United Nations Security Council;</li> <li>(b) the United States of America;</li> <li>(c) the European Union (or any of its member states);</li> <li>(d) the United Kingdom;</li> <li>(e) Australia; and</li> <li>(f) the governments and official institutions or agencies of any of paragraphs (a) to (e) above, including the Office of Foreign Assets Control, the U.S. Department of State and His Majesty’s Treasury.</li> </ul>
<b>Sanctions</b>	means any trade, economic or financial sanctions laws, regulations or embargoes administered, enacted or enforced by a Sanctioning Authority.

**Secured Creditor Representative**

means the Representative of a Secured Creditor appointed in accordance with clause 9 (*Appointment of Representatives*) of the STID.

**Secured Creditors**

means:

- (a) the Initial ACF Lenders;
- (b) the Class B Senior Term Facility Lenders;
- (c) the Class A Bondholders;
- (d) the Class B Bondholders;
- (e) the Class B Capex Facility Lenders;
- (f) the Initial PP Noteholders;
- (g) any Class A PP Noteholders;
- (h) any Class B PP Noteholders;
- (i) the Initial Authorised Institutional Loan Providers;
- (j) the Class A Institutional Loan Providers;
- (k) the Class B Institutional Loan Providers;
- (l) the Class A LF Providers;
- (m) the Class B LF Providers;
- (n) the Class A Hedge Counterparties;
- (o) the Class B Hedge Counterparties;
- (p) the Super Senior Hedge Counterparties;
- (q) the Account Bank;
- (r) the Security Trustee (in its own capacity and on behalf of the other Secured Creditors);
- (s) the Facility Agent(s);
- (t) the Bond Trustee;
- (u) the Issuing and Paying Agent;
- (v) each Paying Agent;
- (w) the Transfer Agent;
- (x) the Registrar;
- (y) the Exchange Agent;
- (z) each other Authorised Credit Provider;
- (aa) each Secured Creditor Representative;
- (bb) each Calculation Agent;

- (cc) any Receiver or Delegate,
- (dd) the Standstill Cash Manager, and
- (ee) each Additional Secured Creditor,

and “**Secured Creditor**” means any one of them.

**Secured Debt**

means any financial accommodation pursuant to an Authorised Credit Facility that is, for the purposes of the STID, treated as Secured Debt and includes the Security Group’s liabilities under:

- (a) any Class A Debt;
- (b) any Class B Debt;
- (c) any Class A Liquidity Facility;
- (d) any Class B Liquidity Facility;
- (e) any and all net liabilities under the Super Senior Hedging Transactions;
- (f) each other Authorised Credit Facility; and
- (g) any further debt incurred in due course and permitted under the Finance Documents, the provider of which accedes to the relevant Finance Documents.

**Secured Liabilities**

means all present and future obligations and liabilities (whether actual or contingent or in any other capacity whatsoever) of each Obligor to any Secured Creditor under each Finance Document to which such Obligor is a party.

**Securities Act**

means the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

**Security**

means a mortgage, charge, pledge, lien or other security interest securing any obligation of any person or any other agreement or arrangement having a similar effect.

**Security Asset**

means the assets which from time to time are, or are expressed to be, the subject of the Security or any part of those assets.

**Security Documents**

means:

- (a) the Initial Parent Intragroup Loan Pledge;
- (b) the Parent Share Pledge
- (c) the Swedish law security agreement entered into between Ellevio and the Security Trustee relating to real property mortgage certificates issued in certain real properties owned by Ellevio;
- (d) the Swedish law security agreement entered into between Ellevio and the Security Trustee relating to business mortgage certificates issued by Ellevio;
- (e) the English Security Agreement;
- (f) the STID and each deed of accession thereto, together with any deed supplemental to the STID and referred to in the STID as a “Supplemental Deed”; and



	(g) any other document evidencing or creating security over any asset of the Obligors to secure any obligation of the Obligors to a Secured Creditor in respect of the Secured Debt.
<b>Security Group</b>	means Ellevio, the Parent and each of their Material Subsidiaries.
<b>Security Group Agent</b>	means Ellevio.
<b>Security Trustee</b>	means Citibank, N.A., London Branch (if any successor trustee appointed pursuant to the STID) will act as security trustee for itself and on behalf of the Secured Creditors and will hold, and will be entitled to enforce, the security provided by the Obligors subject to the terms of the Security Documents.
<b>Semi-Annual Financial Statements</b>	means the financial statements delivered pursuant to paragraph 1.2 ( <i>Financial Statements</i> ) of part 2 ( <i>Information Covenants</i> ) of schedule 2 ( <i>Security Group Covenants</i> ) to the Common Terms Agreement.
<b>Senior Interest Cover Ratio</b>	means, in respect of any Relevant Period, the ratio of Funds from Operations (after adding Net Finance Charges) to Net Finance Charges in respect of any Relevant Period.
<b>Senior Leverage Ratio</b>	means, in respect of any Relevant Period, the ratio of Class A Net Debt to Consolidated EBITDA on the last day of that Relevant Period.
<b>Series (of Bonds)</b>	means a Sub-Class of Bonds together with any further Sub-Class of Bonds which are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) expressed to be consolidated and form a single series; and</li> <li>(b) identical in all respects (including as to listing) except for their respective Issue Dates, Interest Commencement Dates and/or Issue Prices and the expressions “<b>Bonds of the relevant Sub-Class</b>”, “<b>holders of Bonds of the relevant Sub-Class</b>” and related expressions shall (where appropriate) be construed accordingly.</li> </ul>
<b>SFSA</b>	has the meaning given to it on page 102 of this Prospectus.
<b>Shareholders</b>	has the meaning given to it on page 18 of this Prospectus.
<b>Signing Date</b>	means 19 August 2016.
<b>Specified Currency</b>	means, subject to any applicable legal or regulatory restrictions, Euro, Sterling, U.S. Dollars, SEK, CAD, NOK and such other currency or currencies as may be agreed from time to time by Ellevio, the Relevant Dealer, the Paying Agent and the Bond Trustee and specified in the applicable Final Terms.
<b>Specified Denomination(s)</b>	means, in respect of a Series of Bonds, the denomination or denominations of such Bonds specified in the applicable Final Terms.
<b>Standby Drawing</b>	means either a Class A Standby Drawing or a Class B Standby Drawing as the context may require.

<b>Standstill</b>	means, as provided for in Clauses 19.1 ( <i>Commencement of Standstill</i> ) of the STID, a standstill of claims of the Secured Creditors against Ellevio or the Security Group immediately upon notification to the Security Trustee of the occurrence of an Event of Default.
<b>Standstill Cash Manager</b>	means, initially, Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ) or any other person so appointed in such capacity as the Standstill Cash Manager under the CTA.
<b>Standstill Period</b>	means a period during which a standstill arrangement is subsisting, commencing on the date as determined in accordance with the STID, and ending on the date as determined in accordance with the STID.
<b>Sterling, GBP, pounds or £</b>	means the lawful currency, for the time being, of the UK.
<b>STIBOR</b>	means the Stockholm Interbank Offered Rate.
<b>STID or Security Trust and Intercreditor Deed</b>	means the security trust and intercreditor deed dated 19 August between the parties to the Common Terms Agreement, together with any deed supplemental to the STID and referred to in the STID as a Supplemental Deed.
<b>STID Proposal</b>	means a proposal or request made by the Security Group Agent in accordance with the STID proposing or requesting the Security Trustee to concur in making any modification, giving any consent or granting any waiver under or in respect of any Common Document.
<b>Stock Exchange</b>	means Euronext Dublin or any other or further stock exchange(s) on which any Bonds may from time to time be listed, and references to the relevant stock exchange shall, in relation to any Bonds, be references to the Stock Exchange on which such Bonds are, from time to time, or are intended to be, listed.
<b>Structure Memorandum</b>	means the structure paper entitled “Project Lucia Tax Structure Paper” dated the Closing Date prepared by PwC.
<b>Sub-Class</b>	means a division of a Class.
<b>Subordinated Creditor</b>	means Ellevio Holding 3 AB and any entity which accedes to the in accordance with clause 2.4 ( <i>Accession of Additional Subordinated Creditor</i> ) of the STID and delivers an accession memorandum in the form set out in Part 5 ( <i>Form of Accession Memorandum (New Subordinated Creditor)</i> ) of Schedule 1 ( <i>Form of Accession Memorandum</i> ) to the STID.
<b>Subordinated Hedge Amount</b>	means any termination payment due or overdue to a Hedge Counterparty under any Hedging Agreement which arises as a result of the occurrence of an Event of Default (as defined in the relevant Hedging Agreement) where the relevant Hedge Counterparty is the Defaulting Party (as defined in the relevant Hedging Agreement).

<b>Subordinated Intragroup Creditor</b>	means Ellevio Holding 4 AB and any other member of the Security Group which accedes to the STID as a Subordinated Intragroup Creditor in accordance with clause 2.3 ( <i>Accession of Additional Subordinated Intragroup Creditor</i> ) of the STID and delivers an accession memorandum in the form set out in Part 4 ( <i>Form of Accession Memorandum (New Subordinated Intragroup Creditor)</i> ) of Schedule 1 ( <i>Form of Accession Memorandum</i> ) to the STID.
<b>Subordinated Intragroup Liabilities</b>	means all present and future liabilities at any time of any member of the Security Group to a Subordinated Intragroup Creditor in respect of any Financial Indebtedness.
<b>Subordinated Liabilities</b>	means all present and future liabilities at any time of any member of the Security Group to a Subordinated Creditor in respect of any Financial Indebtedness.
<b>Subordinated Liquidity Payments</b>	means the Class A Subordinated Liquidity Payments and the Class B Subordinated Liquidity Payments, as the case may be.
<b>Subsidiary(ies)</b>	means: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) a subsidiary undertaking within the meaning of section 1162 of the Companies Act 2006 which, for this purpose, shall be treated as providing that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) an undertaking which has granted Security over its shares or other ownership interest in another undertaking, by which the recipient of the Security (or its nominee) holds the legal title to that interest, shall nevertheless be treated as a member of that other undertaking; and</li> <li>(ii) rights attached to shares or other ownership interests which are subject to Security shall be treated as held by the grantor of Security; and</li> </ul> </li> <li>(b) in relation to any person, any entity which at any time is a subsidiary (<i>Sw. dotterföretag</i>) of such person, directly or indirectly, as defined in the Swedish Companies Act (<i>Sw. aktiebolagslagen (2005:551)</i>).</li> </ul>
<b>Super Senior Hedge Counterparty</b>	means the counterparty to any Super Senior Hedging Agreement.
<b>Super Senior Hedging Agreement</b>	means a Hedging Agreement under which the obligations of a Borrower rank in priority to that Borrower's obligations in respect of Secured Debt (other than in respect of amounts under the Liquidity Facility Agreements).
<b>Super Senior Hedging Transaction</b>	means a Hedging Transaction arising under a Super Senior Hedging Agreement.
<b>Supplemental Account(s)</b>	means any bank account or accounts of an Obligor (including any sub-account or sub-accounts relating to that account and any replacement account from time to time) which is held by an Obligor with Nordea Bank AB (publ).

<b>Supplemental Account Bank</b>	means Nordea Bank AB (publ)
<b>Sustainability Policy</b>	means Ellevio's policy on health and safety, among other things, as further described on page 25 of this Prospectus.
<b>SVK or Svenska kraftnät</b>	means Svenska kraftnät, the sole TSO in Sweden.
<b>Swap Transaction</b>	means a swap transaction, or the relevant portion of a swap transaction, entered into pursuant to a Hedging Agreement.
<b>Swedish Consumer Price Index</b>	means the consumer price index (Sw. <i>konsumентprisindex</i> ) as published by Statistics Sweden (Sw. <i>Statistiska centralbyrån</i> ) from time to time.
<b>Swedish Krona or krona or SEK or Kr</b>	means the lawful currency, for the time being, of the Kingdom of Sweden.
<b>Swedish Krona Bond Maturity Date</b>	means the date specified in the relevant Final Terms or Pricing Supplement as the final date on which the principal amount of any Swedish Krona Bond is due and payable.
<b>Swedish Security Agreements</b>	<p>means</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the Swedish law security agreement entered into between Ellevio and the Security Trustee relating to real property mortgage certificates issued in certain real properties owned by Ellevio;</li> <li>(b) the Swedish law security agreement entered into between Ellevio and the Security Trustee relating to business mortgage certificates issued by Ellevio; and</li> <li>(c) the Swedish law security agreement entered into between the Parent and the Security Trustee relating to all shares in Ellevio owned by the Parent,</li> </ul> <p>each entered into or prior to the Closing Date.</p>
<b>Talon</b>	means the talons (if any) appertaining to, and exchangeable in accordance with the provisions therein contained for further Coupons appertaining to, the Bearer Definitive Bonds, such talons being in the form, or substantially in the form, set out in Part E ( <i>Form of Talon</i> ) of Schedule 2 ( <i>Form of Bonds, Receipts, Coupons and Talons</i> ) to the Trust Deed or in such other form as may be required in any jurisdiction in which a particular Tranche of Bonds may be issued or sold from time to time or as otherwise agreed between Ellevio, the Paying Agent, the Bond Trustee and the Relevant Dealer(s) and includes any replacements for Talons issued pursuant to Condition 17 ( <i>Replacement of Bonds, Certificates, Receipts, Coupons and Talons</i> ).
<b>Talonholders</b>	means the several persons who are for the time being holders of the Talons.
<b>TARGET Day</b>	means any day on which T2 is open for the settlement of payments in euro.
<b>T2</b>	means the real time gross settlement system operated by the Eurosystem, or any successor system.

<b>Tax</b>	means any tax, levy, impost, duty or other charge or withholding of a similar nature (including any penalty or interest payable in connection with any failure to pay or any delay in paying any of the same), and Taxes, taxation, taxable and comparable expressions will be construed accordingly.
<b>Temporary Bearer Global Bond</b>	means a temporary global bond comprising some or all of the Bearer Bonds of the same Series issued by the Issuer.
<b>Temporary Global Bond</b>	means a temporary global bond in the form, or substantially in the form, scheduled to the Trust Deed, together with the copy of the applicable Final Terms annexed thereto with such modifications (if any) as may be required in any jurisdiction in which a particular Tranche of Bonds may be issued or sold from time to time or as otherwise agreed between Ellevio, the Paying Agent, the Bond Trustee and the Relevant Dealer(s), comprising some or all of the Bearer Bonds of the same Tranche, issued by Ellevio pursuant to the Dealer Agreement or any other agreement between Ellevio and the Relevant Dealer(s) relating to the Bond Programme, the Agency Agreement and the Trust Deed.
<b>Third Energy Package</b>	means the EU legislation introduced in 2009 to improve the functioning of the internal energy market and resolve structural problems.
<b>Total Backward Lock-Up Tests</b>	means each of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the Total Interest Cover Ratio for the Total Relevant Period not being less than 1.50:1; and</li> <li>(b) the Additional Total Leverage Ratio for the Total Relevant Period not being greater than 11.90:1.</li> </ul>
<b>Total Consolidated EBITDA</b>	has the meaning given to “Consolidated EBITDA” except that paragraph (o) of the definition shall be replaced with “for the purposes of determining compliance with the Total Default Ratios only, adding costs of any expenditure arising out of or in relation to any Certified Storm Event, provided that such addition may only be exercised three times in any Regulatory Period”.
<b>Total Default Ratio</b>	means in respect of the Total Interest Cover Ratio, 1:1.
<b>Total Equity Cure Amount</b>	has the meaning given to it on page 210 of this Prospectus.
<b>Total Equity Cure Right</b>	has the meaning given to it on page 210 of this Prospectus.
<b>Total Forward Lock-Up Tests</b>	means each of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the Total Interest Cover Ratio for the Total Relevant Period not being less than 1.50:1; and</li> <li>(a) the Additional Total Leverage Ratio for the Total Relevant Period not being greater than 11.90:1.</li> </ul>
<b>Total Funds from Operations</b>	means, in respect of any Total Relevant Period, (i) Total Consolidated EBITDA in (or projected to be in) that Total Relevant Period after deducting Total Net Finance Charges and

	tax for that Total Relevant Period, (ii) plus any Equity Cure Amount for that Total Relevant Period and the immediately preceding Total Relevant Period.
<b>Total Interest Cover Ratio</b>	means the ratio of Total Funds from Operations (after adding Total Net Finance Charges) to Total Net Finance Charges in respect of any Total Relevant Period.
<b>Total Leverage Ratio</b>	means, in respect of any Relevant Period, the ratio of Total Net Debt to Consolidated EBITDA on the last day of the relevant period.
<b>Total Lock-Up Event</b>	means: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(o) the Compliance Certificate delivered in respect of the most recent Calculation Date states that any of the Total Lock-Up Tests were not satisfied on that Calculation Date (in each case adjusted to reflect an assumption that any proposed Restricted Payments have been made); and/or</li> <li>(p) a Default has occurred and is continuing.</li> </ul>
<b>Total Lock-Up Tests</b>	means the Total Forward Lock-Up Tests and the Total Backward Lock-Up Tests
<b>Total Net Debt</b>	means, at any time, the aggregate amount of all obligations of members of the Security Group for or in respect of Borrowings at that time, but: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) excluding any such obligations to any other member of the Security Group;</li> <li>(b) excluding any such obligations in respect of any Subordinated Liabilities;</li> <li>(c) including, in the case of Finance Leases only, their capitalised value; and</li> <li>(d) deducting the aggregate amount of Cash and Cash Equivalent Investments held by any member of the Security Group at that time.</li> </ul>
<b>Total Net Finance Charges</b>	means, for any Total Relevant Period, the Finance Charges in respect of Class B Debt or any debt ranking pari passu with or in priority to Class B Debt for that Total Relevant Period after deducting any interest payable in that Total Relevant Period to any member of the Security Group on any Cash or Cash Equivalent Investment.
<b>Total Relevant Period</b>	means in respect of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(q) the New Financial Covenant, each Relevant Historic Period;</li> <li>(r) the Total Backward Lock-Up Tests, each Relevant Historic Period; and</li> </ul>

- (s) the Total Forward Lock-Up Tests, each Relevant Projected Period.

**Trade Instrument**

means any performance bonds, advance payment bonds or documentary letters of credit issued in respect of the obligations of any member of the Security Group arising in the ordinary course of trading of that member of the Security Group.

**Tranche**

means (a) in respect of any Bonds, all Bonds which are identical in all respects (save for the Issue Date, Interest Commencement Date and Issue Price); and (b) in respect of any PP Notes, all PP Notes which are issued under the same PP Note Purchase Agreement.

**Transfer Agent(s)**

means, Citibank, N.A., London Branch (or any successor transfer agent appointed to the Bond Programme Documents) in relation to all or any Tranche of the Registered Bonds, the several institutions at their respective specified offices initially appointed as transfer agents in relation to such Bonds by Ellevio pursuant to the relative Agency Agreement and/or, if applicable, any successor transfer agents at their respective specified offices in relation to all or any Tranche of the Bonds.

**Transparency Directive**

means Directive 2004/109/EC of the European Parliament and the Council of 15 December 2004, as amended, on the harmonisation of transparency requirements in relation to information about issuers whose securities are admitted to trading on a regulated market which came into force on 20 January.

**Treasury Transactions**

means any currency or interest rate purchase, cap or collar agreement, forward rate agreement, interest rate agreement, index-linked agreement, interest rate or currency or future or option contract, foreign exchange or currency purchase or sale agreement, interest rate swap, currency swap or combined similar agreement or any derivative transaction protecting against or benefiting from fluctuations in any rate or price or currency.

**Trigger Event(s)**

means any of the events or circumstances identified as such in the Common Terms Agreement.

**Trust Deed**

means the bond trust deed to be entered into between Ellevio and the Bond Trustee in respect of the Bonds.

**Trust Documents**

means the Trust Deed, the STID, the Security Documents and any deed or other document executed in accordance with the Trust Deed, the STID or the Security Documents and expressed to be supplemental to the Trust Deed and the STID or the Security Documents.

**TSO**

means the transmission system operator, which in Sweden is Svenska kraftnät.

<b>TWh</b>	means terawatt-hour.
<b>UK BMR</b>	has the meaning given to it on page 38 of this Prospectus.
<b>UK MiFIR Product Governance Rules</b>	means the FCA Handbook Product Intervention and Product Governance Sourcebook.
<b>UK PRIIPs Regulation</b>	means Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 as it forms part of domestic law of the UK by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018.
<b>UK Prospectus Regulation</b>	means the Prospectus Regulation ((EU) 2017/1129) as it forms part of domestic law in the United Kingdom by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act.
<b>UK MiFIR</b>	means Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of domestic law of the UK by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018.
<b>Underhedged Position</b>	has the meaning given to it on page 202 of this Prospectus.
<b>U.S.</b>	means the United States of America.
<b>U.S. Dollar Bond</b>	means a U.S. Dollar denominated Bond issued pursuant to the Bond Programme, and “ <b>U.S. Dollar Bonds</b> ” shall be construed accordingly.
<b>U.S. Dollar Bond Maturity Date</b>	means the date specified in the relevant Final Terms or Pricing Supplement as the final date on which the principal amount of any U.S. Dollar Bond is due and payable.
<b>U.S. Dollars or dollars or USD or U.S.\$ or \$</b>	means the lawful currency, for the time being, of the United States of America.
<b>Utilisation</b>	means a utilisation of a loan or Letter of Credit or, in the case of Bonds, Class A PP Notes and/or Class B PP Notes, issuance thereof, under an Authorised Credit Facility.
<b>Utilisation Date</b>	means the date of a Utilisation, being the date on which the relevant loan is to be made, Letter of Credit, Bonds, Class A PP Notes and/or Class B PP Notes issued.
<b>Utilisation Request</b>	means a notice substantially in the form set out in Part 1 ( <i>Utilisation Requests</i> ) of Schedule 3 ( <i>Utilisation Requests</i> ) to the Initial Authorised Credit Facilities Agreement.
<b>VAT</b>	means value added tax on goods and services.
<b>Volcker Rule</b>	means section 13 of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, as described on page 6 of this Prospectus.
<b>Vote(s)</b>	means an instruction from a Bondholder to the Paying Agent or a tabulation agent to vote on its behalf as its proxy in respect of a Voting Matter, such instructions to be given in accordance with the Bond Trust Deed.
<b>Voted Qualifying Debt</b>	means the Qualifying Secured Debt which is actually voted in relation to a STID Matter.



<b>Voting Closure Date</b>	<p>means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) in relation to an Ordinary STID Resolution, the date on which the Security Trustee has received votes sufficient to pass such Ordinary STID Resolution pursuant to Clause 14 (<i>Ordinary Voting Matters</i>) of the STID, respectively; and</li> <li>(b) in relation to an Extraordinary STID Resolution, the date on which the Security Trustee has received votes sufficient to pass such Extraordinary STID Resolution pursuant to Clause 15 (<i>Extraordinary Voting Matters</i>) of the STID, respectively.</li> </ul>
<b>Voting Date</b>	has the meaning given to it in Schedule 3 ( <i>Provisions for Voting</i> ) to the Trust Deed.
<b>Voting Matter</b>	<p>means any matter which is required to be approved by the Secured Creditors including without limitation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) any STID Proposal which requires the approval of the Secured Creditors;</li> <li>(b) any direction to be given by the Secured Creditors to their Secured Creditor Representative (if any) to challenge the determination of the voting category made by the Security Group Agent, in a STID Proposal, and/or (where the Secured Creditors are Affected Secured Creditors) whether a STID Proposal gives rise to an Entrenched Right;</li> <li>(c) any directions required or entitled to be given by Secured Creditors pursuant to the Finance Documents; and</li> <li>(d) any other matter which requires the approval of or consent of the Secured Creditors.</li> </ul>
<b>Voting Period</b>	means the period ending on the Voting Date or, if earlier, the date of the Voting Notice issued by the Security Trustee in respect of such Voting Matter (if applicable).
<b>Voting Qualifying Debt</b>	means the Outstanding Principal Amount (in the case of Bonds, for the time being outstanding) actually voted thereon by the Qualifying Secured Creditors.
<b>WACC</b>	means weighted average cost of capital.
<b>Working Capital or WC Facility</b>	means a revolving working capital facility provided by the WC Facility Lenders and made available pursuant to the Initial Authorised Credit Facilities Agreement or any other revolving working capital facility made available pursuant to an other Class A Permitted Additional Financial Indebtedness.
<b>WC Facility Lenders</b>	means the Original Initial ACF Lenders in their capacity as lenders under the WC Facility and any bank or financial institution which has become a party to the Initial Authorised Credit Facilities Agreement, accedes to the Common Terms Agreement and the STID in its capacity as a WC Facility Lender and provides a Borrower with any WC Facility.



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