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# **Huddlestock Fintech announces successful private placement**

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Oslo, 13 November 2023. Reference is made to the stock exchange announcement by Huddlestock Fintech AS ("Huddlestock" or the "Company") regarding a contemplated private placement of new shares in the Company (the "Private Placement").

Huddlestock is pleased to announce that the Private Placement has been successfully completed, in which Huddlestock raises NOK 17,500,000 in gross proceeds through the allocation of 14,583,333 new shares (the "Offer Shares") each at price per Offer Shares of NOK 1.20 per share (the "Offer Price"). Each investor will receive, without additional payment 0.5 unlisted warrants (the "Warrants") per Offer Share issued and allocated, having a strike price of NOK 1.80 exercisable from registration and until 12 months after registration.

Following registration of the share capital increase relating to the Private Placement with the Norwegian Register of Business Enterprises ("NRBE"), the Company's share capital will be NOK 350.507,343 divided into 184,477,549 shares, each with a par value of NOK 0.0019.

The following persons discharging managerial responsibilities and close associates have been allocated Offer Shares in the Private Placement:

- · John Skajem, CEO, 200,000 Offer Shares
- Vision Invest Stavanger AS, company closely related to Chairman of the Board Øyvind Hovland, 200,000 Offer Shares
- Zolo Konsult AS, a company closely related to CFO Anders Peinert, 50,000 Offer Shares

In addition Robert Fuchsgruber, not being a primary insider but being a key member of the German Huddlestock Team, has subscribed for 133,076 shares.

A stock exchange release on transactions carried out by persons discharging managerial responsibilities and close associates in accordance with the EU Market Abuse Regulation will be published separately.

Notification of allotment and payment instruction (the "Notification") will be sent to the applicant by the Company on or about 13 November 2023. The allocated Offer Shares will not, however, be tradeable before registration of the share capital increase pertaining to the Offer Shares in the NRBE has occurred, expected on or about 1. December 2023.

# Conditions for completion

Completion of the Private Placement is subject to (i) an extraordinary general meeting of the Company (the "EGM") resolving to approve the Private Placement and issue the Offer Shares and the Warrants, and (iii) the Offer Shares being validly issued and registered in the Norwegian Central Securities Depository, Euronext Securities Oslo ("VPS") - (jointly the "Conditions").

# Settlement

The date for settlement of the Private Placement is expected to be on or about 1 December 2023 (the "Settlement Date"), subject to, among other things, any shortening or extensions of the Application Period, the actual date of the EGM, handling time for registration of the share capital increase relating to the Private Placement in the NRBE and fulfilment of the Conditions.

The Offer Shares allocated in the Private Placement will be tradable on Euronext Growth Oslo when the new share capital relating to the Private Placement has been registered with the NRBE and the Offer Shares have been registered by the VPS,

expected on or about 1. December 2023, subject to the Conditions having been met. The Warrants will be registered in the NRBE, but not listed and tradable on Euronext Growth Oslo.

Subsequent offering and equal treatment considerations

The Private Placement represents a deviation from the shareholders' pre-emptive right to subscribe for the Offer Shares. The Board has considered the structure of the equity raise in light of the equal treatment obligations under the Norwegian Securities Trading Act, the Euronext Growth Rule Book Part II and Oslo Børs' circular no. 2/2014. In the view of the Board that the waiver of the preferential rights inherent in a private placement, taking into consideration the time, costs and risk of alternative methods of securing the desired funding, is in the common interest of the shareholders of the Company. When reaching this conclusion, the Board also emphasized that it would consider carrying out the Subsequent Offering (as defined below), depending on, amongst other things, the development in the market price of the Company's shares following settlement of the Private Placement.

The Company may, subject to completion of the Private Placement and certain other conditions, decide to carry out a subsequent repair offering of up to NOK 7,500,000, which is equivalent to 6,250,000 new shares, at the Offer Price in the Private Placement (the "Subsequent Offering"). The Subsequent Offering will comprise new shares offered at the same subscription price as the Offer Shares and warrants towards existing shareholders in the Company as of 10 November 2023 (as registered in the VPS two trading days thereafter), who (i) were not allocated Offer Shares in the Private Placement and (ii) are not resident in a jurisdiction where such offering would be unlawful or would (in jurisdictions other than Norway) require any prospectus, filing, registration or similar action. Launch of a Subsequent Offering, if carried out, may also be contingent on publishing of a prospectus. Due to its size, the Subsequent Offering will be conditional upon, inter alia, the EGM in the Company resolving to grant the Board with an authorization to carry out the Subsequent Offering.

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Through its world-class expert professional services business, Huddlestock delivers strategic technology solutions and process automation for the financial services industry. This range of services has propelled Huddlestock into becoming the preferred supplier of financial consultancy services and technology solutions in the Nordic region. Huddlestock Fintech AS was listed on Euronext Growth Market 26th November 2020, as Norway's first fintech company to be publicly traded.

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