# **Delegation Agreement**

between

**Finanssivalvonta** 

and

Finansinspektionen

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(the "Agreement")

Finanssivalvonta, with its head office at Snellmaninkatu 6, P.O. Box 103, FI-00101 Helsinki, represented by Jarmo Parkkonen;

("FIN-FSA")

of the one part,

and

Finansinspektionen, with its head office at Brunnsgatan 3, Box 8721, SE-103 97, Stockholm, Sweden, represented by Klas Granlund;

("FI")

of the other part,

(Individually a "Party" and collectively the "Parties"),

taking into account the following considerations:

- (1) In accordance with Article 28(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1095/2010 ("ESMA Regulation"), FI as a National Competent Authority (NCA) may delegate tasks and responsibilities to FIN-FSA, another NCA;
- (2) A delegation of tasks and responsibilities may in certain cases be a useful instrument in the network of supervisors forming part of the European System of Financial Supervision in order to reduce the duplication of supervisory tasks, to foster cooperation and to reduce the burden imposed on financial market participants;
- (3) In accordance with Article 25(3) of Directive 2004/39/EC<sup>2</sup> (MiFID), investment firms which execute transactions in any financial instruments admitted to trading on a regulated market shall report details of such transactions to the competent authority as quickly as possible, and no later than the close of the following working day;
- (4) It is the Parties' intention to have FI delegate to FIN-FSA the responsibilities of FI in relation to ensuring that Nordea Bank AB (publ) ("NBAB") complies with the transaction reporting obligation in Article 25(3) of MiFID when executing transactions in financial instruments admitted to trading on a regulated market in Finland, as set out in the Annex;

<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EU) No 1095/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 November 2010 establishing a European Supervisory Authority (European Securities and Markets Authority), amending Decision No 716/2009/EC and repealing Commission Decision 2009/77/EC (OJ L 331, 15.12.2010, p.84-119).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Directive 2004/39/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 April 2004 on markets in financial instruments amending Council Directives 85/611/EEC and 93/6/EEC and Directive 2000/12/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Council Directive 93/22/EEC (OJ L 145, 30.4.2004, p.1).

- (5) The Parties do not intend to include in this delegation any transactions executed by the Finnish branch of Nordea Bank AB, Nordea Bank AB (publ), filial i Finland, as these transactions are already reportable to FIN-FSA in accordance with Article 32(7) MiFID;
- (6) This Agreement is expected to simplify the required IT set-up as well as reduce the burden imposed on the Swedish parent company NBAB and Nordea Bank AB (publ), filial i Finland in preparation for its compliance with the new MiFID regime<sup>3</sup> applicable from 3 January 2018;
- (7) The Parties intend for FIN-FSA to have the supervisory powers that are necessary for the exercise of its functions according to the Tasks and Responsibilities;
- (8) In accordance with Article 28(3) of the ESMA Regulation, the Finnish law of FIN-FSA shall govern the procedure, enforcement and administrative and judicial review relating to the delegated responsibilities, as defined in the Annex, always provided that Finnish law complies with EU law;
- (9) In practice, once implemented, the delegation of Tasks and Responsibilities will imply that the reports of transactions as required under Article 25(3) of MiFID are to be transmitted by NBAB through its branch, Nordea Bank AB (publ), filial i Finland, to FIN-FSA which will then make them available to the relevant NCAs;
- (10) Decisions by FIN-FSA should be recognized by FI and by other NCAs as determinative if those decisions are within the scope of the delegation;
- (11) In accordance with Article 28(4) of the ESMA Regulation, the Parties shall inform the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) of this intended Agreement, in order to allow ESMA to issue an opinion where appropriate;
- (12) This Agreement will apply when it has been signed by the Parties;
- (13) It is the Parties intention to terminate this Agreement on 3 January 2018, the date of application of MiFID II and MiFIR,

have agreed as follows:

## **Article 1: Purpose**

- 1.1 The purpose of this Agreement is to define the mission entrusted to FIN-FSA in the framework of the Delegation. The relevant delegated Tasks and Responsibilities are described in more detail in the Annex (Description of Tasks and Responsibilities). The purpose of this Agreement is furthermore to lay down the rules for the Delegation and the Execution of the Tasks and Responsibilities and to set out the relations between FIN-FSA and FI in this respect.
- 1.2 FIN-FSA is entrusted with the activities related to the Delegation and the Execution of the Tasks and Responsibilities under the terms and conditions set out in this Agreement and the Annex.

## **Article 2: Background**

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Directive 2014/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on markets in financial instruments and amending Directive 2002/92/EC and Directive 2011/61/EU (*OJ*, *L* 163, 12.6.2014, *p.* 349-496) (MiFID II) and Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on markets in financial instruments and amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 (*OJ L* 173, 12.6.2014, *p.* 84–148) (MiFIR).

- 2.1 Nordea group has changed its Nordic legal structure by merging its subsidiaries with the Swedish parent company NBAB. Nordea Bank Danmark A/S, Nordea Bank Finland Plc and Nordea Bank Norge ASA, respectively, have been transformed into branches of NBAB.
- 2.2 With the New Legal Structure NBAB executes transactions in financial instruments admitted to trading on the regulated markets in Denmark, Finland and Norway. According to Article 25(3) of MiFID, NBAB is required to report these transactions to FI.
- 2.3 Without being affected by the Agreement, Nordea Bank AB (publ), filial i Finland is obliged to report transactions related to its forwarded orders to FIN-FSA based on the current Finnish Securities Markets Act chapter 12 (2) and Regulations and Guidelines for Transaction reporting.
- 2.4 NBAB has put forward a request to FI regarding its transaction reporting obligation under Article 25(3) of MiFID. The request put forward entails that NBAB through each branch in Denmark, Finland and Norway may report transactions in financial instruments admitted to trading on the regulated markets in Denmark, Finland and Norway, executed by NBAB, to the NCAs in Denmark, Finland and Norway, until the date of application of MiFID II and MiFIR.
- 2.5 The Parties have decided to cooperate regarding NBAB's proposal for transaction reporting from the effect of the New Legal Structure.
- 2.6 In practice the reports of transactions executed by NBAB as described in 2.4 above are to be transmitted by NBAB through its branch, Nordea Bank AB (publ), filial i Finland, to FIN-FSA instead of FI.

#### **Definitions**

**Decision Makers of the Agreement:** the decision making members of the Agreement.

**Delegation**: the delegation of Tasks and Responsibilities as described in the Annex.

**Execution (of the Tasks and Responsibilities):** the carrying out of the Tasks and Responsibilities as described in the Annex.

**Force Majeure**: any situation or event beyond the Parties' control which is inexorable and inevitable to the point of making impossible for the Party concerned to comply with any of its obligations under the Agreement, which may not be attributed to error or negligence on either part (or the part of their agents or staff), and which could not have been avoided by the exercise of due diligence. Defects in equipment or material or delays in making them available, labour disputes, strikes or financial problems cannot be invoked as *force majeure* by the defaulting Party.

**Infringement**: any infringement of a provision of the Agreement resulting from an act or an omission by either Party which causes or might cause a loss to the other Party.

Irregularities: any improper Execution of the Tasks and Responsibilities.

**New Legal Structure**: Nordea Group has changed its Nordic legal structure by merging its subsidiaries with the Swedish parent company NBAB. Nordea Bank Danmark A/S, Nordea Bank Finland Plc and Nordea Bank Norge ASA, respectively, have been transformed into branches of NBAB.

**Tasks and Responsibilities**: all tasks and responsibilities delegated by virtue of this Agreement, as set out in the Annex.

## **Article 3: General obligations**

#### **Execution of the Tasks and Responsibilities**

- 3.1 FIN-FSA will carry out the activities assigned to it under the Agreement and in accordance with the Tasks and Responsibilities.
- 3.2 FIN-FSA shall be fully responsible towards FI for the activities assigned to it under the Agreement for the Execution of the Tasks and Responsibilities and for ensuring compliance with the provisions of the Agreement.
- 3.3 FIN-FSA shall without undue delay take all appropriate measures to resolve problems encountered during the Execution of the Tasks and Responsibilities.
- 3.4 FIN-FSA shall without undue delay prevent any Irregularities when executing the activities assigned to it under the Agreement, and if not possible, it will without undue delay correct any detected Irregularity.
- 3.5 FI shall provide FIN-FSA with all support to be reasonably expected and to the extent that it is able to do so under national law, always provided that national law complies with EU law.

#### Communication with ESMA

3.6 The Parties shall ensure proper communication with ESMA in relation to the Delegation, in order to ensure proper execution of the applicable legislation.

#### **Article 4: Reimbursement of expenses**

The Parties agree that FI will reimburse FIN-FSA EUR 32,994.71 for expenses incurred in the Execution of the Tasks and Responsibilities under the Agreement.

## Article 5: Obligations regarding information and reporting

#### **General issues**

- 5.1 FIN-FSA shall provide FI with information on missing, incomplete or incorrect reporting in accordance with the Annex.
- 5.2 On the basis of the transaction reports received, FIN-FSA shall provide FI with full information on NBAB's suspicious transactions or possible misbehaviours in order to enable FI to monitor the activities of NBAB to ensure that it acts honestly, fairly and

professionally and in a manner which promote the integrity of the market, as specified in the Annex.

- 5.3 FI may request information, in relation to FI's supervisory tasks and responsibilities, at any time from FIN-FSA, providing the reasons for that request. Such information shall be supplied within 30 calendar days of receipt of the request. The request for information may only relate to information directly available to FIN-FSA, any further analysis shall be performed by the requesting party.
- 5.4 With respect to the Swedish rules on public access to official documents<sup>4</sup>, FIN-FSA shall supply FI with any requested information as soon as possible after receiving a request. That information would be limited to the information that would have been available to FI had this Agreement not been concluded.
- 5.5 FIN-FSA and FI shall promote close collaboration and exchange of information on the Execution of Tasks and Responsibilities.

## **Article 6: Confidentiality**

- 6.1 The Parties agree that information exchanged under this Agreement shall, subject to each Party's national legislation on the right of information, be kept confidential.
- 6.2 The Parties shall, subject to national rules regarding access to information applicable to the Parties and in compliance with EU law, preserve the confidentiality of any document, information or other material directly related to the Agreement in accordance with the provisions of Article 70 of the ESMA Regulation and the provisions of EU law on professional secrecy applicable to the Parties.
- 6.3 Without prejudice to the provisions of and the confidentiality requirements referred to in Article 6.2, the Parties shall obtain each other's prior written consent before disclosing any information related to the Agreement to a third party or the public, unless the disclosure of such information is required by EU law or national law, always provided that such national law complies with EU law.

### **Article 7: Data Protection**

- 7.1 FIN-FSA ensures the protection of personal data through its own rules and procedures in accordance with Article 8 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and the provisions of Directive 95/46/EC<sup>5</sup>.
- 7.2 FIN-FSA is the controller of personal data in accordance with the definition and provisions of Directive 95/46/EC.

## **Article 8: Outside communication**

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Tryckfrihetsförordning (1949:105) and offentlighets- och sekretesslag (2009:400)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Directive 95/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 1995 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data (*OJ L 281, 23/11/1995, p. 31-50*)

Without prejudice to the provisions in Article 6.2 and according to Article 28(4) of the ESMA Regulation, this Agreement must be published.

## Article 9: Ownership and use of results, ownership of data

- 9.1 All results of the Delegation and the reports and other documents relating to it shall be owned jointly by FIN-FSA and FI.
- 9.2 FIN-FSA acting under a delegation of Tasks and Responsibilities in accordance with the provisions of the ESMA Regulation, the data to be transmitted by NBAB through Nordea Bank AB (publ), filial i Finland to FIN-FSA acting under the Delegation belong exclusively to FIN-FSA, which shall decide on the use of, and access to, any such data.

## **Article 10: Amendment to the Agreement**

- 10.1 Any amendment to this Agreement, including its Annex, shall be set out in writing in a document signed by both Parties.
- 10.2 The requesting Party shall submit in writing to the other Party any request for amendment to this Agreement, including the Annex, for information.
- 10.3 The requesting Party shall request any amendment to the extent possible at least 30 calendar days before the amendment is intended to enter into force. If both Parties are in favour of the proposed changes, a revised agreement of appendix shall be produced with a new date and version in the title/header and signed by all of the Decision Makers of the Agreement.

## **Article 11: Suspension and Force Majeure**

- 11.1 Either Party may suspend the Execution of Tasks and Responsibilities in full, in case of Force Majeure. In such case, it shall inform the other Party immediately, and to the extent possible in advance, and provide all the necessary details and the foreseeable effect and date of resumption.
- 11.2 Neither of the Parties shall be held liable for an Infringement if it is prevented from fulfilling its obligations under the Agreement by Force Majeure or by the other Party, provided it takes all possible measures to minimise possible damage.
- 11.3 Each Party shall make its best efforts, within its own respective remit under this Agreement, to minimise the duration of the suspension and FIN-FSA shall, unless the Agreement is terminated, resume the Execution of the Tasks and Responsibilities once the Parties acknowledge that the conditions allow doing so.

#### **Article 12: Termination of the Agreement**

12.1 If, at any time, either Party believes that the purposes of the Agreement can no longer be effectively or appropriately carried out due to Force Majeure or substantial changes affecting the Execution of Tasks and Responsibilities, it shall consult the other Party. Failing agreement on a solution between the Parties within a period of 30 calendar days,

- either Party may terminate the Agreement in relation to the Delegation in full by serving 30 calendar days' written notice.
- 12.2 In the event of termination of this Agreement, regardless for what reason it occurred, the Parties shall take all necessary measures to allow FI to directly execute the Tasks and Responsibilities with respect to NBAB, in order to fully perform its duties under the applicable legislation.

## Article 13: Applicable law and settlement of disputes

- 13.1 The Finnish law of FIN-FSA shall govern the procedure, enforcement and administrative and judicial review relating to the Tasks and Responsibilities, always provided that Finnish law complies with EU law.
- 13.2 This Agreement is governed by EU law and the general principles common to the legal systems of the Member States.
- 13.3 Either Party shall endeavour to consult the other Party and settle amicably any dispute or complaint relating to the interpretation, application or fulfilment of the Agreement, including its existence, validity or termination.
- 13.4 In case of dispute relating to the interpretation, application or fulfilment of the Agreement, any Party shall start an amicable settlement procedure by sending a written 'invitation to negotiate' to the other Party. Such procedure shall consist in the Parties' attempt to resolve the dispute in good faith.
- 13.5 In default of a successful amicable settlement within 30 calendar days either by failure of the Parties to settle or by failure of the requested Party to agree to initiate the amicable settlement procedure- any Party may refer the matter to ESMA. According to article 31(c) of the ESMA Regulation ESMA may take action in order to facilitate an agreement using non-binding mediation.
- 13.6 The language used in the proceedings shall be English.

## **Article 14: Communication language and contacts**

The Parties agree to use English as the working and documentation language.

## Article 15: Entry into force and duration

- 15.1 The Agreement shall apply when it has been signed by the Parties.
- 15.2 The Agreement is terminated as of 3 January 2018.

#### **Article 16: Annex**

16.1 The following document is annexed to this Agreement and forms an integral part of the Agreement:

Annex (Description of Tasks and Responsibilities)

16.2 In the event of a conflict between this Agreement and the Annex thereto, the provisions of this Agreement shall take precedence.

Done in two [2] originals in the English language, one for FI and one for FIN-FSA.

## For FIN-FSA

Name Jarmo Parkkonen

Position Head of Department, Supervision of Markets and Conduct of Business

Signature [signed]

Date 22 August 2017

## For FI

Name Klas Granlund

Position Director Market Analysis and acting Executive Director Markets

Signature [signed]

Date 9 August 2017

## **Description of Tasks and Responsibilities** Annex

## Tasks and responsibilities

- a. Collecting/receiving regulatory transaction reports from NBAB through Nordea Bank AB (publ), filial i Finland.
- b. Establishing and maintaining the necessary arrangements to ensure that the quality of data received in accordance with letter (a) is appropriate for the purposes of transaction reporting under Article 25(3) of MiFID, including i. Validation of the file upon receipt:

  - ii. Validation of the content of the file.
- c. Examining any relevant arrangements and requesting such changes as are strictly needed in order to enforce the obligation under Article 25(3) of MiFID.
- d. Examining whether the transaction reports are received, complete and correct according to Article 25(3) of MiFID.
- e. On the basis of point (d) above, providing FI with full information on missing, incomplete or incorrect reporting in Excel-format. The information shall not contain any personal data as defined in Article 2 of Directive 95/46/EC.
- On the basis of the transaction reports received in accordance with letter (a), providing FI with full information on NBAB's suspicious transactions or possible misbehaviors in order to enable FI to monitor the activities of NBAB to ensure that it acts honestly, fairly and professionally and in a manner which promotes the integrity of the market, as set out in Article 25(1) of MiFID.
- g. For the purposes of points (a) to (e), exercising, as necessary, the following supervisory powers:
  - i. Demanding any information;
  - ii. Carry out on-site inspections.