

# Norske Skog ASA: Applications by primary insiders

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Reference is made to the announcement on 8 October 2019, whereby Norske Skog ASA ("Norske Skog" or the "Company", OSE ticker code "NSKOG") announced that certain primary insiders of the Company had applied for shares in the initial public offering of the Company's shares (the "Offering" or the "IPO").

Certain primary insiders have on 16 October 2019 applied for additional shares, and one additional primary insider has applied for shares in the Offering, thereby resulting in application amounts for these primary insiders as follows:

- Sven Ombudstvedt, President and Chief Executive Officer, has applied for shares in the Offering for a total amount of NOK 1,999,999.
- Rune Sollie, Chief Financial Officer, has applied for shares in the Offering for a total amount of NOK 1,000,000.
- Lars P.S. Sperre, Senior Vice President Corporate Strategy, has applied for shares in the Offering for a total amount of NOK 1,100,000.
- Lars Helge Wik, Vice President Account, has applied for shares in the Offering for a total amount of NOK 100,000.

The applications have been made according to the terms and conditions for the Offering described in the prospectus dated 7 October 2019 (the "Prospectus") prepared in connection with the IPO.

In the employee offering, the abovementioned primary insiders will receive full allocation for their applications up to and including the application amount for which the fixed cash discount of NOK 3,000 will be applied as further described in the Prospectus.

The shares allocated to primary insiders will be subject to a lock-up undertaking with the Global Coordinators for a period of 12 months from the first day of trading of the Company's shares on the Oslo Stock Exchange, subject to certain exemptions. Reference is made to the Prospectus for further details.

The Prospectus is, subject to regulatory restrictions in certain jurisdictions, available at <u>www.norskeskog.com</u>, <u>www.abgsc.no</u>, <u>www.dnb.no/emisjoner</u> and <u>www.carnegie.no</u>.

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