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## **Gränges announces its intention to list on NASDAQ OMX Stockholm**

**Gränges AB (publ) (“Gränges” or the “Company”), a leading global supplier of rolled products for brazed aluminum heat exchangers, is today announcing its intention to list the Company’s shares on NASDAQ OMX Stockholm.**

NASDAQ OMX Stockholm has today decided to admit the Company’s shares to trading, subject to customary conditions, such as that a prospectus is approved by the Swedish Financial Supervisory Authority as well as that the distribution requirements in respect of the Company’s shares being fulfilled no later than on the first day of trading. Depending on market conditions, the listing is expected to be completed during the fourth quarter of 2014.

The initial public offering of Gränges comprises existing shares sold by Orkla Industriinvesteringar AB. The shares will be offered to qualified institutional investors in Sweden and internationally, as well as to the public in Sweden and Norway.

Orkla Industriinvesteringar AB, a fully-owned subsidiary of Orkla ASA, owns 100 per cent of the shares in Gränges. Gränges was previously a part of the Sapa group, which was acquired by Orkla and delisted from the Stockholm Stock Exchange in 2005.

**Johan Menckel**, CEO of Gränges says:

“During the last years, several important strategic initiatives have been taken to create a platform for further growth and improved operational efficiency. We have invested in increased production capacity and worked with efficiency improvements as well as higher production stability. Since Gränges separated from Sapa in 2013, we have prepared the organisation to stand and succeed on its own.”

**Peter A. Ruzicka**, CEO of Orkla ASA says:

“In accordance with Orkla’s strategic priority of focusing on the branded consumer goods sector, we have decided to separate Gränges from the Orkla group in a manner that provides Gränges with improved strategic and operational flexibility. The offering will expand the shareholder base and enable Gränges to

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access the Swedish and international capital markets, which will support the Company's continued growth and development."

Gränges' net sales amounted to SEK 2,333 million (SEK 2,473 million in the same period 2013) during the first six months 2014. The company's operating profit, adjusted for non-recurring items, increased by SEK 65 million to SEK 254 million, corresponding to an adjusted operating margin of 10.9 per cent (7.6 per cent in the same period 2013). In 2013, Gränges' net sales amounted to SEK 4,642 million (SEK 4,946 million) and the operating profit, adjusted for non-recurring items, amounted to SEK 371 million (SEK 362 million), which implied an operating margin of 8.0 per cent (7.3 per cent).

Carnegie and SEB are acting as Joint Global Coordinators and Joint Bookrunners, Danske Bank and Handelsbanken Capital Markets are acting as Joint Bookrunners.

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Gränges is a leading global supplier of rolled products for producers of brazed aluminum heat exchangers. The Company develops, produces and markets highly advanced materials that enhance both the production economy of the customer manufacturing process as well as the performance of the final product, the brazed heat exchanger

Gränges has its headquarters in Stockholm, Sweden and operates in three geographical regions: Europe, Asia and the Americas. The Company operates production, research and development facilities in Finspång and Shanghai with total annual capacity of approximately 210,000 metric tonnes.

The Company was originally founded in 1896, and the current operation was started in 1972 when the Company started to develop brazed heat exchanger material.

Gränges has approximately 1,000 employees, and in 2013 the Company had net sales of SEK 4,642 million.

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