#### PRIVATE PLACEMENT MEMORANDUM



# Sveriges Bostadsfinansieringsaktiebolag, SBAB (publ) The Swedish Housing Finance Corporation, SBAB ("SBAB")

U.S.\$4,000,000,000

## Private Placement of Commercial Paper Notes

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#### **Terms of Commercial Paper Notes**

Issuer: Sveriges Bostadsfinansieringsaktiebolag, SBAB (publ) ("SBAB" or the "Company")

Incorporated in: Kingdom of Sweden

Program Size: Commercial paper notes authorized to a maximum aggregate amount outstanding of

U.S.\$4,000,000,000 of notes (the "Notes").

Status of the Notes The Notes will constitute direct, unsubordinated and unsecured obligations of the Company

which will rank pari passu without any preference amongst themselves with all other unsecured and unsubordinated obligations (save for obligations having statutory priority) of SBAB. The Notes will not constitute covered bonds (*Sw. "säkerställda obligationer"*) for the purposes of the Swedish Act (2003: 1223) on Issuance of Covered Bonds (*Sw. "Lag (2003: 1203) the same of t* 

1223) om utgivning av säkerställda obligationer").

Exemption: The Notes are exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended,

pursuant to Section 4(2) thereof and cannot be resold unless registered or an exemption from

registration is available.

Offering Price: Par less a discount representing an interest factor or, if interest bearing, at par.

Minimum Purchase: U.S.\$250,000 minimum principal amount.

Maturities: Up to 365 days from date of issue.

Redemption: The Notes will not be redeemable prior to maturity or be subject to voluntary prepayment.

Settlement: Unless otherwise agreed to, same day basis, in immediately available funds.

Form of Issuance: The Notes will be issued and purchases thereof will be recorded only through the book-entry

system of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"). Beneficial owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interest in the Notes. The face amount of each Note will be paid upon maturity in immediately available funds to DTC. The Company has been advised by DTC that upon receipt of such payment DTC will credit, on its book-entry records and transfer system, the accounts of the DTC participants through whom Notes are directly or indirectly owned. Payments by DTC to its participants and by such participants to owners of the Notes or their representatives will be governed by customary practices and standing instructions and will be the sole responsibility of DTC, such DTC participants or such

representatives, respectively.

Issuing and

Paying Agent: JPMorgan Chase Bank

#### **Ratings**

Ratings are based on current information furnished to the rating agencies by the Company and information obtained by the rating agencies from other sources. Because ratings may be changed, superseded or withdrawn as a result of changes in, or unavailability of, such information, a prospective purchaser should verify the current long-term and commercial paper ratings of the Company before purchasing Notes.

#### **Description of the Company**

#### Introduction

Sveriges Bostadsfinansieringsaktiebolag, SBAB (publ) (The Swedish Housing Finance Corporation, SBAB) ("SBAB") (formerly Statens Bostadsfinansieringsaktiebolag, SBAB (publ)) is a wholly state-owned public limited liability company. The interest of the Swedish state is represented by the Swedish Ministry of Industry, Employment and Communications. SBAB operates as an independent profit making company regulated by the Swedish Act (2004: 297) on Banking and Financing Activities (Sw. "Lag (2004: 297) om bank- och finansieringsrörelse") and is subject to the supervision of the Swedish Financial Supervisory Authority.

SBAB was registered in Sweden on 21 December 1984. Since its registration, SBAB has had its address and registered office in Stockholm. SBAB's organisation number is 556253-7513.

SBAB's mandate is to contribute to competition in the housing mortgage market by conducting an efficient and profitable mortgage lending operation. SBAB's twofold objective is to operate a low-risk, profitable and cost-efficient business while maintaining ethically high standards and to achieve the rate of return set by the owner. At the end of 2000 a jointly owned credit market company, FriSpar Bolån AB, was established in cooperation with Sparbanken Finn and Sparbanken Gripen AB, within whose geographical area the company provides housing loans. SBAB owns 51 percent of the shares in FriSpar Bolån AB.

#### **Background**

SBAB was formed for the purpose of raising the capital required to finance government housing loans and began lending operations on 1 July 1985. Prior to that time, government housing loans had been financed directly from the government budget. The aim of granting government housing loans was to promote construction and rehabilitation projects approved by central and local government.

In June 1994, Parliament decided to reorganize SBAB in accordance with the proposals set out in a government bill (1993/94: 228). Two subsidiaries of SBAB were established, one for government agency-approved loans, "SBAB, Statens Bostadslåneaktiebolag" (the "M-company") and one for SBAB's own lending on competitive terms, "SBAB, Sveriges Bostadsfinansieringsaktiebolag" (the "K-company"). On 1 January 1995, a portfolio of government agency-approved loans was transferred to the M-company and a portfolio of SBAB-approved loans was transferred to the K-company. The Swedish National Debt Office issued a guarantee in favor of the M-company which guaranteed that the capital ratio of the M-company would at all times exceed the legal minimum. The Swedish National Debt Office also issued a guarantee of SBAB's general indebtedness in an amount of SEK 1,500 million.

As of 1 January 2002, the above described guarantees were cancelled and replaced by a 10-year credit facility with the Swedish National Debt Office on market terms. The credit facility provides that SBAB may borrow up to SEK 10,000 million at any one time. The borrowing limit under the facility, for which SBAB pays a fee, is reduced by SEK 1,000 million each year, and is SEK 7,000 million for 2005. In addition, SBAB is entitled to further reduce the size of the facility at any time and in such amount(s) as it shall from time to time determine.

Following the replacement of the guarantee by the credit facility, the subsidiary structure was no longer necessary and as a consequence, the M-company and the K-company were merged with SBAB on 1 October 2003. All of the assets and liabilities of both subsidiaries were transferred to SBAB and the subsidiaries ceased to exist at the effective date of the merger. Upon the completion of the merger, SBAB changed its name to Sveriges Bostadsfinansieringsaktiebolag, SBAB (publ), or The Swedish Housing Finance Corporation, SBAB, in English.

The merger did not affect the cooperation company FriSpar Bolån AB, previously owned jointly by the K-company, Sparbanken Finn and Sparbanken Gripen AB. After the merger, FriSpar Bolån AB, became a subsidiary of SBAB.

#### Activities

SBAB's principal activity is conducting an efficient and profitable mortgage lending operation through the refinancing of old loans with first mortgages, the provision of financing for housing property reconstruction and new housing property construction. SBAB may also provide funding for such projects by way of construction credits. SBAB also provides loans to the retail mortgage market.

SBAB may also provide financing for office and commercial properties. However, in relation to SBAB's total loan portfolio, lending to commercial properties is not significant.

#### **Funding**

SBAB has an approximately even distribution between international and domestic funding. Swedish Krona ("SEK"), Japanese Yen ("JPY"), U.S. Dollar ("U.S.\$") and Euro are strategic currencies in SBAB's funding. Four securitizations, Mortgage Backed Securities transactions, have been made since 2000. The first securitization, Morfun No 1 plc, phased out in May, 2005, as all mortgages subject to the securitization matured. SBAB's second securitization, SRM Investment No. 1 Ltd, was redeemed according to plan in November, 2005.

In addition to this U.S. Commercial Paper Program, since 1989, SBAB has had a domestic commercial paper program, which was increased from SEK15,000 million to SEK25,000 million in 1999. SBAB also has a U.S.\$2,000 million Euro Commercial Paper Programme, a U.S.\$11,000 million Euro Medium Term Note Programme and presently four Swedish domestic bonds under its Swedish bond program.

#### **Regulatory Framework and Capital Requirements**

SBAB's activities have been regulated by the Swedish Act (2004: 297) on Banking and Financing Activities (*Sw. "Lag (2004: 297) om bank- och finansieringsrörelse"*) since 1 July 2004 and SBAB is subject to the supervision of the Swedish Financial Supervisory Authority.

On 1 July, 2004, the Swedish Act (2003: 1223) on Issuance of Covered Bonds, (Sw. "Lag (2003: 1223) om utgivning av säkerställda obligationer"), became effective. The law enables Swedish financial institutions to issue covered bonds, upon receiving a license from the Swedish Financial Supervisory Authority. For the purpose of the issuance of covered bonds (Sw. "säkerställda obligationer"), SBAB has established a limited liability company wholly owned by SBAB (the "Subsidiary"). In accordance with a resolution of the board of directors of the Subsidiary the Subsidiary has applied for a license by the Swedish FSA to conduct financing business as a credit market company as well as an application for a license for the Subsidiary to issue covered bonds in accordance with the Swedish Act (2003: 1223) on Issuance of Covered Bonds.

In addition, the Swedish Act (1994: 2004) on Capital Adequacy and Large Exposures in Credit Institutions and Securities Companies (Sw. "Lag (1994: 2004) om kapitaltäckning och stora exponeringar för kreditinstitut och värdepappersbolag") sets forth certain requirements applicable to credit market companies. These requirements include adequacy requirements that are based on the Bank for International Settlement regulations. SBAB is also subject to the Swedish Companies Act (1975: 1385) (Sw. "Aktiebolagslag (1985: 1385)") and its Articles of Association.

#### **Governing Law**

The Notes issued by SBAB shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the state of New York except with respect to any matters required to be governed by the laws of the Kingdom of Sweden.

#### **Additional Information**

The Company is offering the opportunity to each prospective purchaser, prior to purchasing any Notes, to ask questions of, and receive answers from, the Company and to obtain relevant information to the extent the Company possesses the same or can acquire it without unreasonable effort or expense. To ask any such questions or request additional information regarding the offering or the Company contact: Sveriges Bostadsfinansieringsaktiebolag, SBAB (publ), Löjtnantsgatan 21, P.O. Box 27308, SE-102 54 STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Attention: Legal Counsel, Financial Matters, Phone: +46 8 614 4300, Fax: +46 8 611 2709. The Company's financial reports are also available on the website maintained by the Company at www.sbab.se. (This website URL is an inactive textual reference only.)

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