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## **Press release**

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### **Black Earth Farming's Rights Issue Oversubscribed**

The rights issue in Black Earth Farming Ltd ("BEF" or the "Company") with preferential rights for the Company's existing holders of Swedish Depository Receipts ("SDRs"), for which the subscription period ended on 7 December 2012, (the "Rights Issue") has been oversubscribed. The Rights Issue will provide BEF with approximately SEK 530 million before issue expenses. Following the Rights Issue, the number of shares (each share represented by one (1) SDR) in BEF will increase by 83,067,778 shares from 124,601,667 shares to a total of 207,669,445 shares and the share capital will increase by USD 830,667.78 from USD 1,246,016.67 to USD 2,076,694.45.

82,202,018 SDRs, corresponding to approximately 99.0 per cent of the Rights Issue, have been subscribed for with subscription rights and 865,760 SDRs, corresponding to approximately 1.0 per cent of the Rights Issue, have been subscribed for without subscription rights. SDRs subscribed for without subscription rights will be allocated in accordance with the principles outlined in the prospectus published 16 November 2012 in relation to the Rights Issue. Notice of allotment of SDRs subscribed for without subscription rights will be sent to those who have been allotted SDRs.

SDRs subscribed for by the exercise of subscription rights are expected to start trading on Nasdaq OMX Stockholm on or around 14 December 2012. SDRs subscribed for without preferential rights are expected to start trading on Nasdaq OMX Stockholm on or around 20 December 2012.

#### **Advisors**

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#### **About Black Earth Farming Ltd.**

Black Earth Farming Ltd. is a leading farming company, publicly listed on Nasdaq OMX Stockholm and operating in Russia. It acquires, develops and farms agricultural land assets primarily in the fertile Black Earth region in southwest Russia. Black Earth Farming has gained a strong market position in the Kursk, Tambov, Lipetsk and Voronezh areas, controlling some 310,000 hectares, of what perhaps is the world's most fertile soil. In 2012 Black Earth Farming intends to harvest over 222,000 hectares, effectively making it one of the world's largest public farming companies by cropped area. The Company's main products are wheat, barley, corn, sunflower, soya and rapeseeds.

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