

### **VOLTA FINANCE – SCRIP DIVIDEND ANNOUNCEMENT**

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Guernsey, 26 March 2014 – The Board of Directors of Volta Finance Limited (the "Company") resolved at its latest Board Meeting (March the 25th) to pay a dividend of €0.30 per share for the semi-annual period ended 31 January 2014, amounting to €10.9 million.

In line with Resolution 7 adopted at the 16 December 2011 AGM shareholders will be able to elect to receive this semi-annual dividend either in cash or in Volta ordinary Euro shares.

In line with the computation mechanism set out in Resolution 7 of this AGM, every Volta's shareholder will have to choose to receive **either €0.30 per share** in cash or to receive **four new shares for every eighty-three shares\*** (a conversion price at 6.23) or any combination of both formulas. The default option will be payment in cash.

Ex dividend date is the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2014, record date the 1<sup>st</sup> April, end of election period the 15<sup>th</sup> April and **payment date the 22<sup>th</sup> of April 2014**. Tradable dividend rights will be issued the 28<sup>th</sup> of March and will be tradable up to the 8<sup>th</sup> April.

\* The payment of dividend in shares in certain jurisdictions may be restricted (for example, such payment may not be offered within the United States or to of the account of US persons without a public offering duly documented and accepted by the relevant U.S. authorities) or prohibited by law. Shareholders are required to inform themselves about and to observe any such restriction and prohibition. [Nothing contained in this notice constitutes legal advice nor is it to be relied on in making an investment or other decision].

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## **CERTAIN REGULATORY INFORMATION**

The Company's shares are traded on the regulated market of Euronext Amsterdam by NYSE Euronext ("Euronext Amsterdam"). For all of the shares to be issued pursuant to the Dividend, application will be made for admission to trading on Euronext Amsterdam (the "Admission"), as required by the Euronext Amsterdam rules. The Company refers to the Euronext Notice that Euronext Amsterdam is expected to publish in connection with the Admission.

As a result of the possibility for shareholders to elect to receive the semi-annual dividend (the "Dividend") either in cash or in shares, the total number of shares to be issued in connection with the Dividend will (subject to rounding) depend on the number of shares for which holders opt to receive the Dividend in the form of shares.

For further information on the shares reference is made to the information available on the Company's website (including the Company's articles of association which contain a description of the rights attached to the Company's shares).

Pursuant to article 4 (1) (d) of Directive 2003/71/EC, as amended (the "**Prospectus Directive**"), implemented for the Netherlands in article 5:3 (2) (d) of the Financial Markets Supervision Act (*Wet op het financiael toezicht*; the "**FMSA**"), there is (in brief) no obligation to publish a prospectus in connection with an offer of shares ("**Offer**") where a dividend is paid out in the form of shares, provided a document containing certain details is made available. For the Offer contained in the Dividend, this announcement constitutes that document. Pursuant to article 4 (2) (e) of the Prospectus Directive, implemented for the Netherlands in article 5:4 (1) (e) of the FMSA there is (in brief) no obligation to publish a prospectus in connection with an admission to trading of shares where a dividend is paid out in the form of shares, provided a document containing certain details is made available. For the Admission this announcement constitutes that document.

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## **ABOUT VOLTA FINANCE LIMITED**



Volta Finance Limited is incorporated in Guernsey under the Companies (Guernsey) Law, 2008 (as amended) and listed on NYSE Euronext Amsterdam. Its investment objectives are to preserve capital and to provide a stable stream of income to its shareholders through dividends. For this purpose, it pursues a multi-asset investment strategy targeting various underlying assets. The assets that the Company may invest in either directly or indirectly include, but are not limited to: corporate credits; sovereign and quasi-sovereign debt; residential mortgage loans; automobile loans. Volta Finance Limited's basic approach to its underlying assets is through vehicles and arrangements that provide leveraged exposure to some of those underlying assets.

Volta Finance Limited has appointed AXA Investment Managers Paris, an investment management company with a division specialised in structured credit, for the investment management of all its assets.

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