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Celsius:

Swedish State Railways places SEK 130 million order

Celsius-owned Kockums Industrier AB, in Malmö, has received an order for 120 heavy goods wagons from Swedish State Railways (SJ). Including an option for a further 60 goods wagons, the total order is estimated to be worth approximately SEK 130 M.

The new heavy goods wagons will be used by SJ and the Swedish forest company Stora to transport reels of paper. These are specially designed container wagons, and feature bogies developed by Kockums Industrier which are approved for axle loads of 25 tonnes.

Production will start in March 1999, and is scheduled to be completed in February 2000.

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