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Song Networks co-ordinating and centralising activities in Sweden

Song Networks Holding AB (NASDAQ: SONW, OM Stockholm Stock Exchange: SONW) is taking further measures to refine and make its business more effective in Sweden. The measures include using the synergies arising from the acquisition of Sonera's Swedish business earlier this year. Furthermore a number of positions will be centralised at the Swedish head office and the activities of the subsidiary Wineasy will be co-ordinated.

Song Networks and its subsidiary Wineasy will continue to consolidate the Swedish business, which is part of the rationalisation and effectivity scheme that the companies carried out during the autumn. This means that a number of central positions will move from local offices to the Swedish head office and that Wineasy's activities will be co-ordinated with Song Networks'. Activities that will be run outside Stockholm will be those close to the customer, such as sales and field service. In total this covers around 50 positions at the Swedish subsidiaries.

"Song Networks AB has rapidly expanded over the last few years through organic growth and acquisitions. It is now necessary to consolidate the business, and we see this as a dynamic measure, where we are centralising our strengths and at the same time maintaining a local presence with seven local sales offices in Sweden. Rationalisation will have a positive impact for our customers regarding our supply and service capacity. Our aim is to continue supplying high quality data and tele-services to companies and organisations that intend to be market leaders in their respective sectors," says Peter Lövgren, MD at Song Networks AB.

"The measures that we are taking will produce annual savings of around SEK 30-35 million for next year," says Ivar Strömberg, CEO at Song Networks Holding AB. "The one-off restructuring expenses are estimated at around SEK 20–25 million, and will be charged to the current quarter. We expect that Song Networks will breakeven at an adjusted EBITDA level before the end of Q1 2002 and for the whole of the second quarter in 2002. Song Networks' business plan will also be fully financed following restructuring," he concludes.



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