



## **Press Release**

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# **Ari-Jussi Knaapila appointed COO of Song Networks**

**Song Networks Holding AB (NASDAQ: SONW, Stockholm Stock Exchange: SONW) announce today that Ari-Jussi Knaapila will become Chief Operational Officer for Song Networks Holding AB. Knaapila has been MD of Song Networks' Finnish subsidiary since it was set up in 1999, as well as Vice President for Products and Services for the Group since the beginning of 2001.**

Ari-Jussi Knaapila, 42, has been appointed COO of Song Networks Holding AB, taking charge of the Nordic Group's operations and reporting to the CEO, Ivar Strömberg. Olli Nuuttila, the Deputy Managing Director of Song Networks Oy, will be the acting Managing Director of the Finnish operations.

Knaapila has successfully built up Song Networks' operations into the number two operator on the Finnish corporate market. The Finnish operation was the first in the Group to achieve positive adjusted EBITDA, doing so in Q3, 2001. Before Song Networks, he set up the Finnish activities of Telenordia. Knaapila started his career in IT related business, and has worked for IBM and Unisys among others.

"Over the past two years Song Networks has cemented its position as the leading alternative broadband operator in the Nordic market. We are ready to meet the challenges set for us by our customers and the financial market," said Knaapila.

"A-J Knaapila has been a vital part of corporate Group management since he joined us in 1999, and I am happy to have him in charge of the Nordic operations as a whole. Together we will continue the work to make Song Networks the number one broadband operator, striving for excellence in the services we provide our customers with," said Ivar Strömberg.

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**About Song Networks**, the former Tele1 Europe, (NASDAQ: SONW, Stockholm Stock Exchange: SONW) Song Networks is a rapidly expanding data and telecommunications operator with activities in Sweden, Denmark, Finland and Norway. The company provides broadband solutions for data, internet, hosting and voice, to businesses in the Nordic region. Song Networks is currently the only



pan Nordic operator investing in local access networks with broadband capacity. The company is constructing networks in the 80 largest cities in the Nordic region. The access networks, which are linked by a long-distance network, will be one of Europe's fastest data and internet super-highways with an initial capacity for customers of up to one gigabit. The company was founded in 1995 in Sweden and has approximately 1,200 employees. The head office is in Stockholm and there are an additional 31 offices located in the Nordic region. For further information, please visit our website at [www.songnetworks.net](http://www.songnetworks.net)

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