

Cardo's acquisition of Hafa approved by German competition authority

The Bundeskartellamt competition authority in Germany has announced that it has decided to approve Cardo's acquisition of the German group Hafa. This acquisition, which meant that Cardo became largest in Europe in dock loading equipment, was carried through in December 1998.

The acquisition of Hafa, with approximately SEK 500 million in turnover and about 170 employees, is part of Cardo's strategy for continued growth in its Cardo Door business area's dock loading segment. Hafa is the market leader in Germany, which is the biggest market in terms of sales, as well as in Denmark. The company also has good market positions in France and the UK. After its acquisition of Hafa, Cardo is largest in Europe in dock loading equipment.

In 1999, the acquisition of Hafa is expected to have a marginally positive effect on Cardo group earnings after financial items.

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Cardo is an international engineering group with a turnover of more than SEK 9 billion. Cardo holds a strong position in the markets for doors, pumps and rail-vehicle brake systems. Cardo has subsidiaries in about 30 countries with the focal point resting in western Europe, and roughly 7,400 employees.