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**Vattenfall sponsors European Athletics Championships**

**Vattenfall will be a main sponsor for the European Athletics Championships to be held in August 2006.**

The 19th European Athletics Championships will be held from 7 to 13 August 2006 at Ullevi in Gothenburg. They are being arranged jointly by the City of Gothenburg and the Swedish Amateur Athletics Association (SFIF) in close co-operation with the local business community and non-profit organisations.

“Vattenfall’s vision is to be a leading European energy company, and the European Championships give us an ideal opportunity to present our brand name to a broad spectre of the European public,” says Knut Leman, Senior Vice President and Head of Group Function Communications.

“This event will attract people to take part in a joint athletics festival in Gothenburg that will help to strengthen relations between people from all over Europe. Vattenfall conducts operations with a wide geographical coverage, and has a large number of employees not only in Sweden but also in Germany, Poland and Finland – all of which are major sporting nations. Furthermore, we have first-class experience of Gothenburg’s capacity to arrange well organised international sports events.”

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