

The Finnish fertilizer company **Kemira GrowHow** is from today, the 18th of October, officially listed on the Main list at the Helsinki Stock Exchange, being the first IPO in four years in the Finnish market. Financial advisor for the IPO has been Alfred Berg and ABN AMRO Rothschild. "We hope the success of the Kemira GrowHow IPO will give the Finnish IPO market some strength going forward", says Panu Paappanen, head of corporate finance at Alfred Berg Finland and responsible for the IPO at Alfred Berg. Panu can be reached for background information and comments on tel. +358 50 60 766.

Pls find below today's press release from the Helsinki Stock Exchange, and attached a one-pager on Kemira GrowHow.

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## Kemira GrowHow to the Main List of the Helsinki Stock Exchange on October 18, 2004

As of October 18, 2004, the shares of Kemira GrowHow Oyj will be traded on the Main List of the Helsinki Stock Exchange.

Kemira GrowHow Oyj is one of the leading companies in the European fertiliser and feed phosphate industry. Kemira GrowHow develops and markets high quality fertilisers, animal feed supplements and chemicals required in various industries. Kemira GrowHow seeks to become the preferred partner in the food chain by providing tailored high-quality products and integrated services. In 2003 net sales (pro forma) of Kemira GrowHow were EUR 1,130.6 million. The company has some 3,000 employees worldwide.

"We warmly welcome Kemira GrowHow to the Helsinki Stock Exchange. I believe that through its extensive networks, the Nordic home-market we are building offers listed companies and investors a strong and liquid marketplace," says Jouni Torasvirta, President of the Cash Markets business area at OMX Exchanges.

"We look forward to the trading of our share on the Helsinki Stock Exchange. The institutional and retail offerings of Kemira GrowHow shares were many times oversubscribed. We believe that this will provide us with a good starting point as a listed company," comments Kemira GrowHow CEO Heikki Sirviö.

Photos of the listing ceremony of Kemira GrowHow will be available on the Helsinki Stock Exchange's website at [www.hex.com](http://www.hex.com) in the afternoon of October 18, 2004.