
Press Release

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ABN AMRO Capital completes management buy-out of Loparex Group

ABN AMRO Capital has today completed its EUR 230 million management buy-out of the Loparex Group, the leading international producer of release liners for adhesive products, from Finnish listed paper and packaging group UPM-Kymmene.

This is ABN AMRO Capital's third acquisition this year in the Nordic region and the eighth transaction across Europe.

Johan Bjurstrom, Executive Director for the Nordic operation of ABN AMRO Capital said: "We expect Loparex to further strengthen its market position and accelerate growth of both revenue and earnings. ABN AMRO Capital will support Loparex with capital, our international networks, and advice that can help advance the company's development."

Loparex has a 21% share of the global release liner market. It has strong positions in North America and Europe and a growing market share in Asia, with operations in India and China.

The company offers the widest range of available technologies and concentrates on developing high quality release liners for the graphic arts, label, medical, hygiene, tape and industrial segments. 2004 turnover for Loparex Group was EUR 337 million.

Pentti Kallio has been appointed as the new Loparex Group President & CEO. The Head Office will be located in Apeldoorn, the Netherlands.

ABN AMRO Capital will hold a controlling stake in Loparex with the operative management holding 8% of the share capital. Sampo Bank provided the senior debt for the transaction.

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ABN AMRO

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