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There has been great interest in Hemtex' shares from the general public in Sweden as well as from institutional investors in Sweden and abroad. The Offer was oversubscribed approximately 18 times. The price has been set through a book-building process to SEK 56 per share, which equals a total market value of Hemtex of SEK 1,619 million¹.

The Offer comprises a total of 10,396,794 shares², with full utilisation of the over-allotment option, corresponding to 37.1 percent of the shares and votes in Hemtex. The total value of the Offer, including the over-allotment option, amounts to SEK 582 million. Approximately 85 percent of the Offer has been allocated to institutional investors, and approximately 15 percent has been allocated to private investors.

After the implementation of the Offer, the total number of shareholders will amount to approximately 5,000. Private investors will hold approximately 49 percent of the shares in Hemtex after the implementation of the Offer, while institutional investors will hold the remaining 51 percent. Foreign ownership is initially expected to amount to around 21 percent.

"After more than 50 investor meetings in nine countries, we can conclude that the interest in our IPO has been great as well in Sweden as internationally. We are now looking forward to return to our daily business and continue to develop our business model as a listed company", says Hemtex' CEO Anders Jansson.

¹ Based on full dilution, which corresponds to 28,908,829 shares.

² The Offer comprises 9,402,720 shares. In addition, at the request of Enskilda Securities, Hemtex' 13 largest shareholder, each with a holding exceeding 500,000 shares, have undertaken to sell a maximum of further 994,074 shares to cover possible over-allotment of shares. The over-allotment option may be utilised until, and including, November 4, 2005.

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"It is satisfying that we have reached a stock exchange listing of Hemtex, our 24th IPO since the start in 1983. We are impressed by the work the company management has put in during the entire listing process and are very pleased with the final result implying that Hemtex has obtained a satisfying spread of ownership and a strong ownership base with a good mix of private investors as well as Swedish and international investors. We are now looking forward to continue being an active owner in the stock exchange listed Hemtex", says Magnus Hardmeier, CEO of Priveq Investment (www.priveq.se), that manages the venture capital fund Skandia Investement – Hemtex' main owner.

The Hemtex share is traded on the O-List of the Stockholm Stock Exchange under the short name "HEMX" as of today, October 6, 2005.

Enskilda Securities is lead manager and sole bookrunner in the Offer.

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Hemtex is the leading home textile retail chain in the Nordic region with a total of 136 stores as of September 30, 2005, of which 113 in Sweden, 16 in Finland and 7 in Denmark. 80 of the stores are today owned by the Hemtex Group and 56 of franchisees. All stores in Finland and Denmark are owned by the Hemtex Group. The stores sell home furnishing products with focus on home textile under the same brand. Sales in the consumer operations (including franchise stores) amounts to over SEK 1.1 billion, excluding VAT. The net sales of the Hemtex Group amounted to a total of SEK 882 million during the period August 2004-July 2005.