

Meda's new share issue oversubscribed

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The 162,817 shares that have not been subscribed for through exercise of subscription rights, corresponding to 0.39 per cent of the total number of offered shares, will be allotted to those shareholders who subscribed for shares without preferential rights in accordance with principles set forth in the prospectus.

Through the rights issue the number of shares in Meda increases by 41,791,743 shares and the share capital increases by 83,583,486 SEK. After the rights issue the total number of shares in Meda amount to 104,479,358 shares and the share capital to 208,958,716 SEK. The last trading day with the paid-up subscribed shares (BTA) is expected to be 9 December 2005. The newly issued shares are expected to be traded on the O-list of the Stockholm Stock Exchange (Stockholmsbörsen) starting Monday 19 December, 2005.

"The acquisition of Viatris positions Meda as a leading European specialty pharma company. It is very gratifying that the company's shareholders have confidence in our further build-up." says Anders Lönner, CEO of Meda.

Enskilda Securities is acting as financial advisor to Meda AB for the rights issue.

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