

Press release



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Proposed Board of Directors and Group Management in Stora Enso

STORA and Enso, the Finnish forest-products company, announced on June 2 that the companies had decided to merge. Agreement has now been reached with respect to the persons being proposed to serve as members of the Board of Directors and Group Management, and in other executive positions.

It is proposed that the Board of Directors of Stora Enso consist of the following members: Josef Ackermann, Krister Ahlström, Claes Dahlbäck, Harald Einsmann, Björn Hägglund, Jukka Härmälä, Raimo Luoma, Paavo Pitkänen, Jan Sjöqvist and Marcus Wallenberg.

Claes Dahlbäck has been designated Chairman and Krister Ahlström Vice Chairman of the Board.

Jukka Härmälä has been designated President and Chief Executive Officer and Björn Hägglund Deputy Chief Executive Officer.

CVs of the above persons may be ordered from STORA, Group Staff Communications, fax +46 23 25329, or from Enso Corporate Communication, fax +358 2046 21 267.

Stora Enso's Steering Committee, consisting of Claes Dahlbäck, Krister Ahlström, Jukka Härmälä, Björn Hägglund and Juhani Pohjolainen, has given to the Board of Directors its proposition for the Stora Enso Group Management team.

Group staffs reporting to CEO Jukka Härmälä:

Financial Control and Legal, headed by Esko Mäkeläinen, SEVP (Senior Executive Vice President):

- Accounting
- Corporate finance
- Controlling
- Insurance
- Legal
- Internal auditing

Investor Relations and Financial Services, headed by Ingvar Petersson, SEVP:

- Investor relations
- Financial services
- Financial risk management
- Information technology

Strategy and Business Development, headed by Kimmo Kalela, SEVP:

- Long range planning
- Portfolio analysis
- Market research
- Merger and acquisitions
- Investments
- Global fiber strategy
- Marketing services

Communication, headed by Kari Vainio, EVP (Executive Vice President):

- External communication
- Internal communication

Group staffs and Groupwide functions plus operating units (divisions) reporting to Deputy CEO Björn Hägglund:

Continuous Productivity Improvement, headed by Per Knuts, SEVP:

- Total quality management
- Productivity programs

Corporate Support, headed by Yngve Ståde, SEVP:

- Purchasing
- Logistics operations
- Research and development including technical support
- Environmental services and policies

Base Resources, headed by Ingvar Petersson, SEVP:

- Power (in Sweden and Finland)
- Forests (in Sweden and Finland)

Human Resources, headed by Christer Ågren, EVP

Fine Papers: Jouko Taukojärvi, SEVP; Lars Bengtsson, EVP:

- Sheets and reels
- UCWF & CWF
- Global marketing and sales

Packaging: Pekka Laaksonen, SEVP:

- Consumer packaging
- Industrial packaging
- Global marketing and sales

Newsprint: Kai Korhonen, SEVP:

- Newsprint
- Catalogue and book papers
- Global marketing and sales

Magazine Papers: Horst Thaler, SEVP:

- SC
- LWC, MWC, MFC
- Global marketing and sales

Sawn Products: Arno Pelkonen, EVP:

- Production
- Global marketing and sales

Pulp: Bert Östlund, EVP:

- Production
- Global marketing and sales

Merchants: Sven Rosman, EVP:

- European marketing and sales

Asia Pacific: Seppo Hietanen, EVP:

- Regional assets
- Regional sales

Negotiations in accordance with the law on codetermination in the work place have been conducted in Sweden.

Country organizations

Stora Enso will operate with a country organization in Sweden, Finland and Germany. Each organization will be responsible for country-specific matters in such areas as industry relations, environmental, employer and personnel issues, communications and legal matters. The country organization will have no responsibility for commercial matters. Björn Hägglund is responsible in Sweden, Kimmo Kalela in Finland and Horst Thaler in Germany.

Continued work related to the merger

The next step will involve the integration and location of divisions, Group functions and staffs. Depending on the approval by European Union competition authorities and by STORA's and Enso's shareholders, this work will continue.

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