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## New organization at Saab Aerospace in Linköping

**Saab Aerospace in Linköping will be given a new organization from 14 July 2003. There will be two new business units: Saab Aerosystems and Saab Aerostructures. In addition, a support organization, Saab Support, will be formed. All units will report directly to Saab's group management.**

Saab Aerosystems will have its business focus on the defence market, with its own long-term systems responsibility for independently developed aircraft such as the Gripen, shared systems responsibility for new advanced air combat systems such as unmanned aerial vehicles, (UAVs), and subsystem responsibility for other aircraft equipment, such as tactical mission system for helicopters. General Manager of Saab Aerosystems will be Lennart Sindahl, who will also be Site Manager in Linköping with responsibility towards authorities, organisations and industry in the region. Deputy manager will be Johan Lehander.

"The time is now ripe for a division of the business area into two units. The recently extended contract with Hungary for the Gripen and the continued export potentials are important business opportunities for Aerosystems," says Åke Svensson, newly appointed President of Saab AB and former Manager of Saab Aerospace.

Saab Aerostructures will have its business focus on subsystem deliveries of fuselage and structural components for the Gripen, Airbus, Boeing and helicopters, among others. Saab Aerostructures will also have extended responsibility for fuselage production for the Gripen. General Manager of Saab Aerostructures will be Pontus Kallén.

"Successful rationalization programs and new programs like the Airbus A380 and other projects have created excellent conditions for a profitable Aerostructures, says Åke Svensson."

Saab Support will supply general group services to the business units in Linköping, coordinated with support units at other sites. Its responsibility will mainly be the cost-efficient supply of services to Saab Aerosystems and Saab Aerostructures in accordance with their defined needs. General Manager of Saab Support will be Kjell Johnsson.

"The new organization will provide greater opportunities for each unit to focus on its respective customers, at the same time as it will be more efficient in managing its own costs. Consequently, operations will be more focused, efficient and clearly defined," says Åke Svensson.

The new organization for Saab in Linköping will take effect from 14<sup>th</sup> July 2003.

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