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The Consortium of Saab, Nokia and Swedia Networks wins the tender for building the joint radio communications network for Sweden's public safety authorities

The Swedish Defence Material Administration (FMV) today decided to assign the Consortium of Saab, Nokia and Swedia Networks to complete the first stage of the new joint radio communications system for the Public Safety authorities in Sweden.

- I am very happy that our Consortium won the tender, says Carl Erik Johansson, Vice President at Saab. It's good that we can get started and to meet all the expectations for the new joint Public Safety communications system. We look forward to realize our tender in close cooperation with the new RAKEL organization and the user organizations.

Saab, Nokia and Swedia Networks' winning tender includes systems, infrastructure based on the TETRA standard and extension, operation and maintenance and training for all Swedish security and safety authorities. The authorities are, among others, the Police, the Swedish Rescue Services Agency, the Swedish Customs, the Coast Guard and the Swedish Armed Forces. The construction of the new radio communications system shall be finalized 2009. The Swedish Parliament has set aside SEK 2.3 billion which until 2011 also includes the starting up operation of the system.

- The decision of FMV's to choose us is a breakthrough for the cooperation of our Consortium. The Consortium is the most experienced and competent in this area, says Carl Erik Johansson. Nokia is the supplier to more than 50 organizations worldwide within digital radio communications and the TETRA standard. Swedia Networks has 30 years of experience of operating and maintaining the radio systems of public safety authorities. Saab's over 40 years of experience within telecommunications systems and systems integration makes the consortium complete. Together, we provide the most powerful, user friendly and cost efficient solution for the public safety authorities.

Saab's consortium share, as Swedia Networks', is approximately one fourth respectively, and Nokia's share is approximately one half.

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About RAKEL (www.sou.gov.se/rakel/index.htm)

RAKEL is the abbreviation for radio communication for efficient command. It is a committee assigned by the Government in September of 2002 to analyse the

prerequisites for purchasing a common, national radio communications systems for public safety authorities. The Government decided in May of 2003 to launch the tender procedures. The offers were handed in to the FMV on November 17, 2003. Starting February 1 of 2004, KBM, the Swedish Emergency Management Agency, is responsible for the purchase and extension of the RAKEL system.

About the offer of the consortium Saab, Nokia and Swedia Networks: A well-tried national infrastructure, which fills the needs of secure radio communications for civil, emergency and military Public Safety authorities. The solution makes users more efficient in their daily routines, which means that public spending can be used for core operations. The solution will also be a tool for coordinating authority resources to reach the optimum effect at all turnouts and it will create organizations and technologies ready to meet the future.

The consortium contributes to the **development of Swedish and Nordic competences** within the field of radio communications and advanced user applications. The solution is **cost efficient**, providing a sound balance between investment, implementation and operation costs.

About Saab (www.saab.se)

Saab is one of the world's leading high tech companies, mainly operating within defence, aviation and space. Saab holds a series of core competences and resources for systems integration. Some of the areas where Saab is highly involved and has great competences are network-based defence systems, security and safety authorities and civil emergency authorities. Further examples include supplying systems within information and telecommunications to businesses and the public sector where telecommunications and radio communications are used in different applications.

Number of employees: 13,600

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About Nokia (www.nokia.com)

Nokia is the world leader in mobile communications and drives the growth of the mobile market. Nokia contributes in making people's lives easier and more productive by supplying them with user friendly and reliable products. Apart from mobile phones, Nokia also offers multi media communications, games and solutions for mobile operators and other business operations. Nokia is listed on five stock exchange markets and has one of the widest ownership structures in the world.

Number of employees: 52,000

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About Swedia Networks (www.swedianet.se)

Within the Public Safety area, Swedia Networks has extensive cooperation with the authorities that are ultimately responsible for the security and safety of society, such as the National Police Board, SOS Alarm AB, the Swedish Rescue Services Agency, municipal rescue authorities and the Swedish Emergency Management Agency. By providing long-standing operation and maintenance services for the Swedish Civil Aviation Administration, Swedia Networks has gained experience of meeting exceptional demands in the field of safety and reliability.

Swedia Networks is one of Europe's leading telecom entrepreneurs, building, supervising and maintaining infrastructure for radio, telecommunications and data communications. The company was founded in 1998 but has its origin as a part of Telia. The company's history accordingly dates back to 1853 when the first infrastructure for telegraphy was built.

Swedia Networks is part of the Telefos group, owned by the Industri Kapital 2000-fund (51%) and TeliaSonera (49%).

Number of employees: 2,300

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