

## **Top name from Framfab joins Semcon**

*Johan de Verdier, previously successful as Managing Director of Guide, and then head of Swedish operations for Framfab and Managing Director of Framfab Software, will join Zipper by Semcon in July 2001.*

Johan de Verdier started at Guide Konsult in 1996 and was very successful in building up operations there. At Semcon, Johan will be Managing Director of the subsidiary, Zipper by Semcon, a consultancy business that works with solutions within IT structure concerning strategy and methods for business development. Zipper by Semcon, which currently has 35 employees, was started in mid 2000 by Ulf Börjel, Jan Hesselgren, Bengt Örnegren and Sten Hellström. All the founders have extensive experience of IT consultancy and specialise in IT infrastructure.

Zipper has developed Insight™, an analysis tool for establishing the current business situation and setting an action plan for the technical infrastructure, and Fasttrack™, a semi-manufacture for automation of large PC platforms. Zipper meets modern business requirements for well-planned and uniform infrastructure for information management and system integration. Orders have recently been received from Vattenfall for 16,000 users, and from Göteborg Municipality for 80,000 users. Other customers include SAS, Ringhals, SCA and Ericsson.

“We see this as a very strong addition to our expanding IT operations, which accounted for over 41 % of Semcon’s total operations in 2000. We will continue establishing Zipper as the leading developer within software and design providing advanced IT solutions that improve efficiency for businesses and organisations,” says Semcon’s CEO, Hans Johansson.

“Increasingly, all products contain or are exposed to IT. It is vital for our customers to keep up with development and use the latest technology. Our work at Zipper will equip our customers with cutting-edge competence within IT strategy,” concludes Hans Johansson.

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