



Press release

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Ratos AB (publ) and 3i Group plc announces, through their jointly owned company Woodrose Invest AB, that the offer to the shareholders of Atle AB (publ) has been declared unconditional.

The acceptance period for the offer ended on 24th April 2001. Shareholders, holding 97 per cent of the share capital and votes in Atle, have accepted the offer and it has also been established that the shares in Studsvik AB have been transferred from Atle's VP-account. Thus, all conditions in the offer have been satisfied. Settlement takes place on or about 3rd May 2001 to Atle shareholders, who have accepted the offer during the ordinary acceptance period.

Extension of the acceptance period and acquisitions in the market

The acceptance period will be extended until 11th May 2001 for shareholders who have not accepted the offer. The settlement date for acceptances during the extension period will take place on or about 18th May 2001. Woodrose Invest also intends to acquire shares in the market on an on-going basis at a price not exceeding the offer.

Compulsory acquisition and de-listing

A compulsory acquisition of the remaining shares in Atle will be commenced as soon as possible. An application for the de-listing of the Atle share will also be submitted to Stockholmsbörsen.

For questions relating to the offer or to order prospectus or acceptance form, please contact ArosMaizels, phone + 46 8 407 92 20.

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