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Go-ahead for distribution of Billerud

The Listing Committee of the Stockholm Stock Exchange (Stockholmsbörsen) has today approved Billerud AB for listing, and the Board of Billerud has also published a prospectus regarding listing of Billerud AB on Stockholmsbörsen's O-list.

On November 9, 2001, AssiDomän AB will acquire 12,548,190 shares in Billerud AB from Stora Kopparbergs Bergslags AB, whereupon AssiDomän AB will hold a total of 43,918,698 shares in Billerud AB, corresponding to approximately 70 percent of the number of shares in Billerud AB. The acquisition will be carried out in accordance with a shareholder agreement signed between AssiDomän AB and Stora Kopparbergs Bergslags AB on November 10, 2000.

The conditions for implementation of the decision at the Annual General Meeting on May 22, 2001, on distribution of AssiDomän AB's shares in Billerud AB have thus been met, and the Board has therefore decided to effect the distribution of 43,918,698 shares. Under the terms, anyone who on the settlement date is a shareholder in AssiDomän AB will receive six shares in Billerud AB for every whole number of thirteen shares in AssiDomän AB.

The settlement date for implementation of the distribution will be November 16, 2001. November 14 is the first day for trading shares in AssiDomän excluding the right to distribution of shares in Billerud.

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