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Thomas Bill appointed new CEO of Protect Data AB (publ)

Thomas Bill has been appointed new CEO of Protect Data AB and will take up his post on 1 May 2002.

Thomas joined the company in February 2001 as Manager of Protect Data's Pointsec business area. During the past year, he has implemented a number of significant changes within the Pointsec organisation and has demonstrated strong, clear and confident leadership.

Between 1995-2000, Thomas held a variety of management posts at Front Capital Systems, a leading Swedish supplier of business solutions for investment banks and, as a result, has a proven track record in selling advanced IT solutions. Thomas was born in 1965 and holds an engineering degree from the Royal Institute of Technology, where he specialised in computer technology.

Departing CEO Carl Rosvall founded the company in 1988 and has been managing the business ever since. For some time now, Carl has wanted to hand over the day-to-day control of the company to a new face.

– As a shareholder and member of the board, I believe it is good for the renewal and future development of the company if a new face takes over. I'm very pleased that Thomas has accepted our offer. After having worked with him over the past twelve months, I have every confidence that he has the ability and drive to lead Protect Data towards new and exciting successes, says Carl Rosvall.

Carl will continue to exercise an active role in the company on a part time basis, primarily in conjunction with major business projects and to maintain a level of continuity for the company's customers and suppliers. At the inaugural meeting of the company's board of directors, which will be held following tomorrow's Annual General Meeting, the board will appoint Carl Rosvall as Vice Chairman of the Board.

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Pictures for downloading can be found on www.protectdata.com and www.pointsec.com

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