

Press Release from Esselte AB

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J.W. Childs Acquisition Sweden AB announced on July 11, 2002 that the conditions for the public tender offer of all shares of Esselte AB (publ) have been met and that the offer will be executed.

Due to the public tender offer, the Board of Directors of Esselte AB (publ) applied to Stockholmsbörsen (the Stockholm Exchange) and to the United Kingdom Listing Authority (UKLA) and the London Stock Exchange for de-listing of the Esselte shares from Stockholmsbörsen, the Official List of the UKLA and from trading on the London Stock Exchange. The applications for de-listing have been approved with effect as from 1 August 2002. Therefore, the final day for trading in Esselte shares on either exchange will be 31 July 2002.

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