

## Ingrid Bahlenberg new Plant Manager at Kockums Karlskrona



Ingrid Bahlenberg has been appointed the new Plant Manager at Kockums Karlskrona, with 900 employees. She currently holds the position of Plant Manager at Volvo Buss in Borås and will take up her new position on February 1, 2003. She succeeds Börje Appelqvist who is retiring.

Ingrid Bahlenberg, 46, has a MSc in mechanical engineering from Luleå University, in Sweden. She has been Plant Manager at Volvo Buss in

Borås since 2000, having previously held the position of Plant Manager for Volvo Parts in Flen from 1996 to 2000. Prior to this she was Marketing Director at Eskilstuna Energi och Miljö, heading this municipal company during the deregulation of the energy market. She has also earlier held a position as Export Manager within the engineering industry.

In her recent positions at Volvo in Borås and Flen, she has been engaged in implementing improvements to the work organisation to promote efficiency gains. She has led and implemented this change process with excellent results.

"We are very pleased to have been able to recruit Ingrid Bahlenberg to Kockums as Plant Manager in Karlskrona, and wish her a very warm welcome. She has just the qualities and experience necessary to the continued development. The challenge she and her colleagues now face is to consolidate Kockums' position as a centre of excellence in surface vessel design, with the emphasis on stealth technology — an area in which Kockums is a world leader — and to enhance production efficiency," says Martin Hagbyhn, president of Kockums, commenting on the appointment.

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**A photo of Ingrid Bahlenberg** is included with this press release, but can also be downloaded from the Kockums website. Visit <a href="www.kockums.se">www.kockums.se</a> and click on News and Photostock.

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Kockums stands for leading-edge, world-class naval technology – above and below the surface. We design and build submarines and naval surface vessels that incorporate the most advanced stealth technology. Other successful products include the Stirling Air Independent Propulsion (AIP) system, the Kockums Submarine Rescue System (URF) and mine clearance systems. The Submarine Division is based in Malmö and the Surface Vessel Division, including all production facilities, in Karlskrona. Kockums has 1200 employees in Sweden, and is part of the German HDW Group.