

# News Release from AstraZeneca

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## **AstraZeneca PLC: MERGER OFFERS FOR ASTRA AB**

As previously announced, the extended acceptance period relating to AstraZeneca's Merger Offers for the shares in Astra AB will close at 3.00 pm (Stockholm time) (9.00 am New York time) today, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1999. The Astra Class A shares and Class B shares will be delisted from the Stockholm Stock Exchange and the London Stock Exchange from and including Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April 1999.

An announcement will be made as to the level of acceptance received during this extended acceptance period on 30<sup>th</sup> April 1999. New AstraZeneca shares will be issued to accepting Astra shareholders on that date.

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