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Fisher Scientific secures 98.7 per cent of Perbio shares

On 26 June 2003, Fisher Scientific International Inc. ("Fisher") announced a recommended cash offer (the "Offer") to purchase all of the outstanding shares and all of the outstanding warrants issued under the 1999 warrant program of Perbio Science AB (publ) ("Perbio" or the "Company").

The Offer was made through FSII Sweden Holdings AB ("Fisher Sweden"), a wholly owned Swedish subsidiary of Fisher. On 20 August 2003, Fisher Sweden increased the Offer to SEK 155 per share and SEK 106 per warrant (the "Final Offer") and the acceptance period was extended until 17.00 on 28 August 2003.

On 3 September Fisher announced that shareholders representing 93.6 per cent of the Company had accepted the Final Offer and that the Final Offer would be completed. In addition, the acceptance period was extended until 19 September 2003, without any remaining conditions.

- **Acceptance level.** At the end of the extended acceptance period, shareholders representing 36,397,286 shares, corresponding to 98.7 per cent of the total number of shares and votes of the Company, have accepted the Final Offer.
- **Cash settlement.** For shareholders who have accepted the Final Offer during the extended acceptance period, cash settlement is expected to begin on or around 29 September 2003.
- **Next Steps.** The Final Offer is now completed without any additional extension. Fisher has initiated a mandatory redemption of the outstanding shares and the Perbio share will, after discussions with the Stockholm Stock Exchange, be delisted from the Stockholm Stock Exchange on 25 September 2003, with last day for trading on 24 September 2003.

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