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Press release December 10, 2003

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The combination of Ramirent Plc and Altima AB (publ) creates one of the largest rental machinery companies in Europe

Ramirent Plc ("Ramirent") and Altima AB (publ) ("Altima") will merge and create one of the largest companies renting machinery and equipment to the construction and industrial sectors in the Nordic and Eastern European markets. The combined company has annual pro forma sales of about EUR 313 million (SEK 2.8 billion) and employs more than 2 400 people.

Ramirent, a Finnish company listed on the Main List of the Helsinki Exchanges, announces herewith an offer to acquire all of the shares in Altima. Altima is today a wholly-owned subsidiary of NCC AB ("NCC"). The Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of NCC decided on April 10, 2003 to distribute all Altima shares as dividend to the shareholders and to apply for listing of the company on the O list of the Stockholm Stock Exchange with a first day of trading on December 16, 2003¹.

- Ramirent offers 0.6054 newly issued Ramirent shares for each Altima share (the "Offer"). Based on the closing price of Ramirent of EUR 14.40 on the Helsinki Exchanges and an exchange rate EUR/SEK of 8.937 as of December 9, 2003 (the last trading day before announcement of the Offer) the implied value of the Offer is approximately SEK 77.91 (EUR 8.72) for each Altima share and approximately SEK 798 million and (EUR 89,3 million) for the total number of shares in Altima.
- The combination creates one of the largest rental machinery companies in Europe with a market leading position in the Nordics and in several Eastern European countries.
- The combination creates potential for annual synergies of at least SEK 90 million (EUR 10 million), fully effective as of 2005. Costs associated with realising these synergies are estimated at SEK 45 million (EUR 5 million).

¹ According to the listing particulars dated November 21, 2003.

- The Board of Directors of Altima unanimously recommends that all future Altima shareholders accept the Offer, as stated in the separate pressrelease from Altima's Board of Directors as of December 10, 2003.
- Nordstjernan AB ("Nordstjernan") and L E Lundbergföretagen AB (publ) ("Lundbergs") together holding approximately 48.9 per cent of the shares and votes in Altima after the distribution of the Altima shares as dividend by NCC, have committed to accept the Offer.
- If the Offer is fully accepted, the future Altima shareholders will hold a total of 48.4 per cent of shares and votes in the combined company². The principal future owner of Altima, Nordstjernan, will hold 17.1 per cent and will therefore become the largest owner of the combined company.
- The Offer period is estimated to commence on or about December 22, 2003 and to expire on or about January 19, 2004.
- Ramirent is currently investigating the possibilities for a secondary listing of the Ramirent shares on the O list of the Stockholm Stock Exchange. The objective is that such listing should take place during the spring of 2004.
- Ramirent will through Evli Bank Plc offer the Altima shareholders, having accepted the Offer, a simplified sales procedure through which up to 605 Ramirent shares (equivalent to 1 000 Altima shares) per shareholder are sold on behalf of the shareholders.

Press conference in Helsinki on December 10, 2003
Place: WTC Helsinki, Marski Hall, 3rd Floor
Time: 9.45 (local time)

Press conference in Stockholm on December 10, 2003
Place: Nordstjernan AB, Stureplan 3, 5th floor
Time: 14.00 (local time)

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² Calculated based on a number of shares, unadjusted for the dilution effect of the options. The equivalent figure based on the number of shares adjusted for the dilution effect of options is 45.7 percent of the shares and votes pertaining to such shares.

Reasons for the combination

The Board of Directors of Ramirent consider the combination of Ramirent and Altima to be well-founded from strategic, industrial and financial point of view.

According to Ramirent's strategy, growth will be seeked through internationalization. Ramirent's objective is to become one of the leading rental machinery companies in Europe. Ramirent considers international growth important for several reasons.

- The combination offers a potential to realise synergies through:
 - a larger and more diversified service offering for the customers and a more efficient rental outlet structure:
 - better bargaining position towards suppliers and thus more cost efficient purchasing;
 - opportunity to relocate machinery between geographical markets and thus achieve a higher capacity-utilization and
 - opportunity to spread fixed IT and overhead costs over a larger number of units.
- The combination creates opportunities to serve large customers with operations in several countries.

The Board of Directors of Ramirent considers the activities of the combining companies to complement each other well and state that the combination creates one of the leading rental machinery companies in Europe. Furthermore it creates a strong platform for further international growth, especially in Central and Eastern Europe. The combined company will have a strong balance sheet and it is expected that it will be able to create substantial synergies. The combination is estimated to create synergies of at least SEK 90 million (EUR 10 million) annually, fully effective as of 2005. Costs associated with realizing these synergies are estimated at SEK 45 million (EUR 5 million).

Based on the above, the Board of Directors of Ramirent makes an offer to the future shareholders of Altima to sell their shares to Ramirent and to receive new shares in Ramirent as consideration. As the offered consideration consist of Ramirent shares, both the shareholders of Ramirent and the shareholders of Altima are given the opportunity to participate in the future development of the new group.

The Board of Directors of Altima unanimously recommends that the shareholders of Altima accept the Offer, as stated in the separate pressrelease from Altima's Board of Directors as of December 10, 2003

Raimo Taivalkoski, Chairman of the Board of Ramirent, comments the combination:

"This combination of two of the leading Nordic rental machinery companies creates real opportunities to actively lead the consolidation on the fragmented European markets. In addition, the combination is estimated to create potential for substantial synergies."

Tryggve Sthen, Chairman of the Board of Altima, comments the combination:

"This is a well reasoned combination of two excellent Nordic companies which together create a leading European rental machinery company."

Offer and certain shareholder commitments

Ramirent offers 0.6054 newly issued shares of the company for each Altima share. Based on the closing price of Ramirent of EUR 14.40 on the Helsinki Exchanges and an exchange rate EUR/SEK of 8,937 as of December 9, 2003 (the last trading date before the announcement of the Offer) the implied value of the Offer is approximately SEK 77.91 (EUR 8,72) for each Altima share. As the Altima shares are not listed³ yet, a traditional premium based on the share price of Altima cannot be calculated. Based on the above and calculated on an equity per share of Altima of SEK 52,02 (EUR 5.82) as of September 30, 2003 the Offer represents a premium of 49,7 per cent compared to the equity per Altima share. When the calculation is based on the average closing price of the Ramirent share during the 30 trading days preceding the announcement of the Offer, the Offer represents a premium of 48.2 per cent compared to the equity per Altima share.

If the Offer is fully accepted, Ramirent will issue approximately 6,2 million new shares. Based on the closing price of the Ramirent share as of December 9, 2003 the market value of these shares is approximately SEK 798 million (EUR 89,3 million).

The newly issued Ramirent shares are entitled to dividend from the financial year 2003 onwards, including the financial year 2003.

If the Offer is fully accepted, the future Altima shareholders will hold a total of 48.4 per cent of the combined company.⁴ The principal future owner of Altima, Nordstjernan, will hold 17.1 per cent and will thus become the largest owner of the combined company.

Altima and Ramirent have entered into a contract on December 9, 2003 according to which the parties shall contribute to and abstain from measures that may prevent the completion of the Offer.

Nordstjernan and Lundbergs, together holding approximately 48.9 per cent of the shares and votes in Altima after distribution of the Altima shares as dividends by NCC, have committed themselves to accept the Offer of Ramirent.⁵

 following the announcement of the Offer, it will not come out that information of material importance made public by Ramirent, based on the conditions that prevailed at the time such information was made public, was erroneous or misleading in a significant respect, or that information of material importance has not been made public;

³ NCC has decided to distribute all the shares in Altima as dividends to its shareholders. Listing of the company on the O list of the Stockholm Stock Exchange is expected to take place with the first trading day on December 16, 2003. The record date for receiving Altima shares is December 12, 2003.

⁴ Calculated based on a number of shares that is unadjusted for the dilution effect of the options. The equivalent figure based on the number of shares adjusted for the dilution effect of the options is 45.7 percent of the shares and votes pertaining to such shares.

⁵ The undertaking made by Nordstjernan and Lundbergs is subject to the following conditions:

b) no incident with a bearing on Ramirent's operations occurs that is beyond Altima's, Nordstjernan's and Lundbergs' control – and which, reasonably speaking, could not have been anticipated by Altima, Nordstjernan or Lundbergs – and which has a significant adverse impact on Ramirent's cash position or earnings. However, if an event of the following magnitude occurs alone, this will not be regarded as constituting an event with a "significant adverse impact:" (i) changes in Ramirent's share price; (ii) circumstances that result from conditions that generally affect the machinery rental industry, the sectors in which Ramirent's customers are active or the economy of a country in which Ramirent conducts operations; and (iii) circumstances that result from conditions that affect general business or economic conditions, including exchange-rate changes and changes in general interest rates or conditions in capital markets; and

c) the Offer is accepted to such an extent that Ramirent will, following the completion of the Offer, become the owner of shares representing more than 80 percent of the shares and votes in Altima.

Veidekke ASA, Oy Julius Tallberg Ab, and Gaspar Oy Ab, which together hold 63,9 per cent of the shares and votes in Ramirent have committed to support the necessary resolutions for completion of the Offer at the Extraordinary General Meeting of Ramirent.

Veidekke ASA, Oy Julius Tallberg Ab, Gaspar Oy Ab, Nordstjernan and Lundbergs have committed themselves not to sell any shares of Ramirent during a period ending 9 April 2004.⁶

Ramirent does not currently own any shares in Altima or NCC.

Conditions for the Offer

The Offer is subject to the satisfaction of the following conditions:

- 1. that the Offer is accepted to such an extent that Ramirent becomes the owner of more than 90 per cent of shares and votes in Altima;
- 2. that the Extraordinary General Meeting of Ramirent passes the resolutions necessary for the completion of the Offer and that such resolutions are valid at the time of distribution of the consideration:⁷
- 3. that the recommendation by the Board of Directors of Altima to accept the Offer is not withdrawn or materially amended;
- 4. that all necessary permits, approvals, decisions and other clearances from authorities or similar are obtained on terms acceptable to Ramirent;
- 5. that, following the announcement of the Offer, it is not discovered that information of material importance included in the Altima listing prospectus, dated 21 November 2003, based on the conditions prevailing at the time the listing prospectus was made public, is erroneous or misleading in any material respect, or that information of material importance is missing in the listing prospectus;
- 6. that neither the Offer, nor the proposed acquisition of Altima, nor the Altima Group, is materially negatively affected by legislation, court decisions, decisions by authorities or similar, in Sweden or abroad, which are actual or anticipated;
- 7. that no event occurs, which is beyond Ramirent's control and which is related to Altima's operations and which could not reasonably have been foreseen by Ramirent and which has a material adverse effect on Altima's liquidity or profits; however, a material adverse effect shall not be regarded to be at hand only due to the following circumstances: (i) changes in Altima's share price; (ii) circumstances resulting from conditions that generally affect the machinery rental industry, the sectors in which Altima's customers are active or the economy of a country in which Altima conducts operations, and; (iii) circumstances resulting from

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⁶ Veidekke ASA, Gaspar Oy Ab, Lundbergs and Nordstjernan have the right to sell shares of Ramirent to Oy Julius Tallberg Ab to the extent Oy Julius Tallberg Ab reaches a share of 10 per cent of the shares and votes of the combined company.

⁷ The resolution means that the General Meeting resolves to issue new shares as consideration for the Altima shares in one or several stages. The resolution of the General Meeting requires that a two-third majority of the votes cast and shares represented at the meeting support the resolution.

- conditions affecting general business or economic conditions, including exchange rate fluctuations and fluctuations in general interest rates or conditions in capital markets; and
- 8. that neither the General Meeting, nor the Board of Directors, nor the Managing Director of Altima do not take any measures which is designed to impair the prerequisites for the issue or completion of the Offer.

Ramirent may withdraw the Offer should any of the above conditions not be fulfilled or not be possible to fulfil. With regards to conditions 3–8 above, such withdrawal may, however, only be made provided that the non-fulfilment is of material importance for Ramirent's acquisition of shares in Altima.

The shareholders of Altima have the right to withdraw their acceptance until Ramirent announces that all the conditions have been fulfilled or, if such announcement is not made, up until the latest point in time for acceptance according to the Offer. If there are conditions still outstanding at the time of an extension of the Offer, the right of withdrawal shall apply equally during such extension.

Ramirent reserves the right to waive, in whole or in part, any or all of the above conditions.

Shareholders that tender their shares in accordance with the Offer will not be charged any fees.

Board of Directors and governance

Veidekke ASA, Oy Julius Tallberg Ab, Gaspar Oy Ab, Nordstjernan and Lundbergs will propose in mutual understanding, the following persons for the Board of Ramirent following the merger with Altima:

Raimo Taivalkoski Chairman of the Board of Directors of Ramirent

Eigil Flaathen Board member of Ramirent

Peter Hofvenstam Board member of Altima Ulf Lundahl Board member of Altima

Erkki Norvio President, CEO and Board member of Ramirent

Thomas Tallberg Board member of Ramirent

In addition to it is intended that the nomination committee of Altima will nominate one additional Board member.

Raimo Taivalkoki will continue as Chairman of the Board and Erkki Norvio will continue as President and CEO or the combined company. Peter Hofvenstam will be appointed deputy Chairman of the Board.

Fractional entitlements to Ramirent shares

Fractional entitlements to Ramirent shares will not be delivered to shareholders of Altima in connection with the Offer. Such fractional entitlements of Ramirent shares will be combined and sold on the Helsinki Exchanges on behalf of, and proceeds of the sales will be distributed pro

rata to, the shareholders of Altima entitled to fractional entitlements. The shareholders of Altima will not be charged any fees for such sales.

Simplified sale process

Ramirent will through Evli Bank plc offer the Altima shareholders having accepted the Offer a simplified sale procedure through which up to 605 Ramirent shares (equivalent to 1 000 Altima shares) per shareholder are sold on behalf of the shareholders and the proceeds will be distributed to the shareholders in Swedish crowns. Detailed information on this procedure will be included in the offer document which will be published on or about December 20, 2003.

Listing

Ramirent will apply for listing of the shares issued as a result of the Offer on the Helsinki Exchanges. Ramirent is currently investigating the possibilities for a secondary listing of the Ramirent shares on the O list of the Stockholm Stock Exchange. The objective is that such listing could take place during the spring of 2004.

Applicable laws

Swedish law shall be applied to the Offer. Disputes arising out of the Offer will be settled in a competent court of which the first instance is the Stockholm district court.

Rules of The Swedish Industry and Commerce Stock Exchange Committee (Näringslivets Börskommitté) regarding public tender offers as well as decisions of the Stock Market Committee regarding their interpretation and appliance are applied to the Offer.

Preliminary timetable

The offer prospectus regarding the Offer is estimated to be announced on or about December 20, 2003 and will be distributed to the shareholders of Altima shortly thereafter. The Offer period is expected to commence on or about December 22, 2003 and to expire on or about January 19, 2004. Provided that Ramirent will complete the Offer on January 23, 2003 at the latest, settlement of the consideration can be effected starting from on or about January 30, 2004. Ramirent will reserve the right to extend the Offer period as well as to postpone the settlement. The Extraordinary General Meeting of shareholders of Ramirent will take place preliminary on 12 January 2004.

Advisor

Ramirent has engaged Evli Bank Plc to act as its financial advisor in the combination and the public tender offer.

The combined company in brief

General information

The combination of Ramirent and Altima creates a new group which will be one of the largest rental machinery companies in Europe with a market leading position in the Nordics and in many Eastern European countries. The combination also creates a strong platform for further growth in other European markets. The combined group will have a large product and service offering in the rental machinery and equipment business to the construction and industrial sectors. The combined group will have operations in 11 countries through a network of 241 rental outlets. The combined group has pro forma net sales of about EUR 313 million during the period of October 1, 2002–September 20, 2003. The number of personnel was 2 435 as of September 30, 2003.

Business idea

The combined group is to increase shareholder value by offering efficient machinery- and equipment rental services to construction and industrial sectors in the Nordic countries and in selected European countries.

Largest shareholders pro forma⁸

Largest shareholders pro forma	
Name	Share of capital and votes (%)
Nordstjernan AB	17.1
Veidekke ASA	16.7
Oy Julius Tallberg Ab	8.5
Gaspar Oy Ab	7.7
L E Lundbergföretagen AB	6.6

⁸ As of November 28, 2003 (Ramirent) and October 31, 2003 (Altima). Assuming that the Offer will be accepted in

Financial overview, pro forma⁹

Income statement (million euros)	Oct 2002- Sep 2003
Not color	212.0
Net sales	312.8
Operating expenses	-235.4
Operating profit before depreciation	77.4
Depreciation	-46.6
Operating profit	30.8
Financial income and expenses	-8.2
Profit before taxes	22.6
Taxes	-5.5
Minority interests	-1.2
Net profit for the year	15.9

Balance sheet (million euros)	Sep 30, 2003
(minion curos)	2003
Assets	
Non-current assets	308.7
Current assets	91.5
Total assets	400.2
Liabilities	
Capital and reserves	148.8
Minority interests	6.0
Interest-bearing debt	183.6
Non interest-bearing debt	61.8
Total liabilities	400.2

Key figures	Oct 2002- Sep 2003
Earnings per share, EUR	1.24
Shareholders' equity per share, EUR	11.62
Gross investment, MEUR	135.0
Equity ratio, %	38.7
Gearing, %	108.0
Return on equity, %	14.6
Return on investment, %	9.1
Personnel at end of period	2 435

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⁹ Pro forma income statement of Ramirent is based on the Ramirent group income statement for the financial period January 1 – September 30, 2002, of which the Ramirent group interim income statement for the period January 1 – September 30, 2003 has been deducted, and to which the Ramirent group interim income statement for the period of January 1 – September 30, 2003 has been added. As regards Altima, the information is based on the proforma income statement of the Altima group for the period October 1 – September 30, 2003 which is presented in the listing particulars of Altima dated November 21, 2003. The accounting principles of Altima differ in some respects from the accounting principles of Ramirent. The proforma financial information of Altima has therefore been restated for the most relevant parts in order to make it reflect the accounting principles of Ramirent for the period. The most relevant restatements of the financial information refer to the preliminary calculated goodwill of 32,4 million euros. Goodwill is written off within 20 years. The financial overview proforma does not take into consideration the estimated synergies or the associated costs estimated to realize these synergies.

Ramirent in brief

Ramirent is one of the leading machinery and equipment rental companies to the construction and industrial sectors in the Nordics and Eastern Europe. As the result of the acquisition of the operations of Norwegian Bautas AS in 2002 Ramirent became a pan-Nordic rental machinery company with a leading market position in Finland, Norway and the Baltic countries as well as a strong position in Sweden, Poland and Russia. The main customer segments are construction companies, installation companies, industrial plants, shipyards, national and local authorities, and private persons. As of September 30, 2003 the Ramirent group employed about 1 475 persons of whom 34 per cent were employed in Finland. Ramirent has 181 permanent rental outlets in 9 countries. The head office of the Ramirent group is located in Helsinki, Finland and the President and CEO is Erkki Norvio.

The shares of Ramirent are listed on the Main List of the Helsinki Exchanges. Based on the closing price on December 9, 2003 the market capitalization of Ramirent is approximately EUR 95 million. Ramirent had about 600 shareholders as of November 28, 2003.

Largest shareholders¹⁰

Name	Share of capital and votes, (%)
Veidekke ASA	32.5
Oy Julius Tallberg Ab	16.4
Gaspar Oy Ab	15.0
Optiomi Oy	7.6
FIM Forte Fund	2.2

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¹⁰ As of November 28, 2003.

Financial overview

Income statement (million euros)	Jan – Sep 2003	Jan – Sep 2002	Jan – Dec 2002
Net sales	126.5	58.1	101.5
Operating expenses	-92.8	-40.0	-71.8
Operating profit before depreciation	33.7	18.1	29.7
Depreciation	-19.8	-7.1	-13.3
Operating profit	13.9	11	16.4
Financial income and expenses	-4.9	-1.2	-2.0
Profit before taxes	9.0	9.8	14.3
Taxes	-	-	-4.1
Minority interests	-	-	-0.7
Net profit for the year	7.0	6.7	9.5

Balance sheet (million euros)	Sep 30, 2003	Sep 30, 2002	Dec 31, 2003
Assets			
Non-current assets	175.5	65.8	179.2
Current assets	47.6	22.2	43.9
Total assets	223.1	88.0	223.1
Liabilities			
Capital and reserves	59.9	32.8	65.2
Minority interests	6.0	3.6	5.6
Interest-bearing debt	126.6	35.9	121.1
Non interest-bearing debt	30.6	15.7	31.2
Total liabilities	223.1	88.0	223.1

Key figures	Jan – Sep 2003	Jan – Sep 2002	Jan – Dec 2002
Earnings per share ¹¹ , EUR	1.06	1.56	1.49
Shareholders' equity per share ¹¹ , EUR	9.05	7.85	10.19
Gross investment, MEUR	26.6	23.2	112.8
Equity ratio, %	29.5	44.6	31.8
Gearing, %	182.0	85.7	160.0
Return on equity, %	-	-	19.7
Average number of personnel	1442	730	884

¹¹ Unadjusted for the dilution effect.

Altima in brief

Altima is one of the largest companies in the Nordics renting machinery and equipment to the construction and industrial sectors. Altima offers machines, equipment, materials and services. Customers include construction companies, industrial plants as well as the public sector. Altima's largest customer is NCC which accounted for approximately 60 per cent of net sales during the first nine months of 2003.

The head office of Altima is located in Göteborg, Sweden and Altima has subsidiaries in Denmark, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway and Russia. The Altima group employed approximately 959 persons as of September 30, 2003.

The Extraordinary General Meeting of NCC decided on April 10, 2003 to distribute all Altima shares as dividends. In connection with the decision the machinery rental operations were separated from NCC. Altima has applied for listing of the company on the O list of the Stockholm Stock Exchange. The listing of the shares is expected to start with the first trading day on December 16, 2003.

Largest shareholders¹²

Largest snarenotaers	
Name	Share of capital and votes, (%)
Nordstjernan AB	35.3
L E Lundbergföretagen AB	13.6
Robur Fonder	5.5
Eikos Fond	4.2
Svenska Industritjänstemannaförbundet	2.2

¹² Pro forma post distribution of the Altima shares as dividends by NCC to its shareholders (based on the shareholders' register of NCC as of October 31, 2003).

Financial overview

Income statement (million Swedish krona)	Jan – Sep 2003	Jan – Sep 2002	Jan – Dec 2002
(inition Swedish Krona)	2003	proforma	proforma
Net sales	934	1023	1390
Operating expenses	-741	-758	-1024
Operating profit before depreciation	193	265	366
Depreciation	-143	-146	-195
Operating profit	50	119	171
Financial income and expenses	-27	-34	-46
Profit before taxes	23	85	125
Taxes	-7	-24	-34
Minority interests			
Net profit for the year	16	61	91

Balance sheet (million Swedish krona)	Sep 30, 2003	Sep 30 2002	Dec 31 2003
(minori Swedish Krona)	2003	proforma	proforma
Assets			
Non-current assets	884	n.a.	1 066
Current assets	404	n.a.	370
Total assets	1288		1436
Liabilities			
Capital and reserves	533	n.a.	230
Interest-bearing debt	509	n.a.	960
Non interest-bearing debt	246	n.a.	246
Total liabilities	1288		1436

Key figures	Jan – Sep 2003	Jan – Sep 2002 proforma	Jan – Dec 2002 proforma
Earnings per share, SEK	1.61	5.99	8.84
Shareholders' equity per share, SEK	52.05	12.7	23.24
Gross investment, MSEK	106	349	413
Equity ratio, %	41.4	8.4	16.6
Gearing	0.8	3.8	3.4
Return on equity, %	15.4	-	38.4
Personnel at end of period	959	1024	1014

Helsinki, December 10, 2003 Ramirent Plc Board of Directors

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