



SOK's purchase of shares in Spar Finland Abp completed

Axfood AB (publ.) today, 12 January 2006, sold its shares in Spar Finland to Centrallaget för Handelslagen i Finland (SOK). The price paid was EUR 46.01 per share, for a total of EUR 36.2 million.

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Axfood AB conducts retail trade through the wholly owned store chains Hemköp, Willys and Willys hemma, comprising roughly 240 stores, and wholesale trade through Dagab and Axfood Närlivs. In addition, Axfood collaborates with a number of proprietor-run stores that are tied to Axfood through agreements. These include stores within the Hemköp chain as well as stores run under the Handlar'n and Tempo profiles. In all, Axfood collaborates with over 500 proprietor-run stores. Axfood is listed on the Stockholm Stock Exchange O-list, Attract 40. Axel Johnson AB is the principal owner, with approximately 45% of the shares.