

## **Roger Gehrman appointed Acting President of Mekonomen AB (publ)**

Mekonomen's Board of Directors has today appointed Roger Gehrman as Acting President of Mekonomen, effective 21 August 2006.

Following Mekonomen's Extraordinary General Meeting, Axel Johnson AB has acquired shares in Mekonomen AB corresponding to 29 per cent of the company's share capital and votes. Accordingly all decisions by the Extraordinary General Meeting have been implemented and the new Board assumed its work today, with Mats Jansson as new Chairman.

Mekonomen has been conducting a recruitment process for some time to find a new CEO and President. This process is expected to be completed not later than during the first quarter of 2007. The current President, Owe Andersson, will leave his position in conjunction with Roger Gehrman's appointment.

"It is extremely satisfying that Roger Gehrman has been appointed Acting President of Mekonomen. Roger's many years of solid experience in retail and distribution will provide the company continued stability," says Mats Jansson, Chairman of Mekonomen and President and CEO of Axel Johnson AB.

Roger Gehrman's earlier positions have included those of President of Wasabröd, Servera R&S and Saba Trading.

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Mekonomen is Scandinavia's leading car spare parts chain, offering service centres and motorists a broad selection of spare parts and car accessories. Its competitive edge lies in a network of wholly owned and co-operating stores offering broad geographical coverage, efficient logistics and high service.