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Settlement in connection with the combination of Hemköp and D&D delayed until 17 March

Due to technical reasons, the settlement relating to acceptances furnished during the ordinary subscription period ending 25 February 2000 is delayed and will be initiated around 17 March 2000.

The newly issued shares are expected to be listed on the OM Stockholm Exchange's A-list around 17 March 2000.

The newly issued shares, temporarily called "AkU" by VPC (the Swedish Securities Register) will be separately listed on the OM Stockholm Exchange's A-list with the designation "U" until the Ordinary General Meeting in Hemköp decides upon dividend payment for the fiscal year 1999. The newly issued shares, "AkU", entitle to dividend payment from the fiscal year 2000. The separate listing will cease after the record day for the dividend payment.

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