

## Press Release

## **Information about SPP funds in mid-May**

In the middle of May, 43,000 companies which are clients of the SPP Group will receive a letter containing a summary of the rules that apply to utilisation of SPP's surplus funds, known as client company funds. This summary has also been available on SPP's website since 28 April. A total of approximately SEK 75 billion will be allocated. In October 1999, each company received notification of the amount allocated to them from these funds.

A first cash payment can start on 31 August. Use of the funds for payment of current ITP premiums can start on 1 November and for payment of other premiums on 1 December. If the funds are used for premium over and above the requirements of the ITP Plan, a cash payment can also be made starting on 1 December.

The initial cash payment will be the highest of the following three amounts:

- SEK 100,000 or such lower amount that corresponds to the employer's client company funds
- 20 per cent of the employer's client company funds
- The employer's premiums for early retirement pensions and FPG/PRI redemption during the period 1 July 1998 30 November 2000.

Companies can pay for 80 per cent of premiums for life and sickness insurance with client company funds. Insurance can be taken out with any insurance company or insurance association, provided the premium is for ITP-insured employees or former employees.

It is the employer who has the right to dispose of the funds. In some cases, a decision must be made in consultation with employee representatives. One basic requirement is that the employer has a pension contract with the parent company Försäkringsbolaget SPP or its subsidiary SPP Liv.

Additional, detailed information about the rules and administrative routines will be sent to client companies in mid-June.

## For additional information

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A summary of the rules can be found at www.spp.se

Försäkringsbolaget SPP is the largest life and pension and insurance company in the Nordic region with 1.9 million individual insurance contracts and approximately SEK 440 billion in total assets under management in the Group. SPP's core business is administering the occupational pension insurance based on the ITP Plan agreed between the Swedish Employers' Confederation (SAF) and the Federation of Salaried Employees in Industry and Services (PTK). Through its subsidiaries SPP Liv and SPP Investment Management, SPP also operates in the segment of the market for occupational pensions that is open to competition and in the market for mutual funds and investment management.