PRESS RELEASE

SCANDINAVIAN EQT PARTNERS

Investor AB, Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken ("S-E-Banken") and AEA Investors Inc. ("AEA")[1)] intend to launch a private equity fund, Scandinavian EQT Partners, ("EQT") to make controlling equity and equity-related investments in buy-out transactions involving companies based in Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden. The intention is to raise approximately SEK 2 billion from Swedish and international institutional investors. The fund will focus on making investments in companies in the medium to large size range (i.e. transactions with a total value of approximately SEK 500 - 2,000 millions).

The fund´s investment strategy is to create superior returns for its investors through active ownership of its portfolio companies. The fund intends to make controlling equity investments in companies with strong market positions and where the fund is able to achieve significant earnings growth by contributing a combination of capital and industrial and financial expertise.

The fund will be supported by a group of distinguished senior Scandinavian professionals within industry, commerce and finance (the "Senior Advisers"). The Senior Advisers will provide a pool of knowledge and experience for the fund that will be used, when appropriate, to identify investment opportunities, to evaluate the operations and management and to assist in the management of portfolio companies. The Senior Advisers include Peter Wallenberg, Bo Berggren, Anders Scharp, Björn Svedberg, Gunnar Bark, Mikael Lilius, Massimo Rossi, Lars Trane and Leif Östling.

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Gösta Bystedt will be the Chairman of the board of EQT. The fund will be advised by a small group of key individuals, headed by Conni Jonsson who currently is member of Investor AB´s Executive Management team with responsibility for Corporate Finance and Mergers & Acquisitions. When he takes up his new position, Mr. Jonsson will leave his position at Investor AB.

The fund will take advantage of significant investment opportunities arising from, among other things, the continued corporate restructuring occurring in Scandinavia. During the last three years, the aggregate value of the Scandinavian buy-out market was in excess of SEK 19,500 million; which makes it the third largest buy-out market in Europe after the United Kingdom and France. The expectation is that EQT, through the extensive network of Investor AB, S-E-Banken, AEA and the Senior Advisers, will not only be able to compete for existing opportunities on attractive terms, but also expand the Scandinavian market for private equity investments.

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1) AEA is one of the oldest management buy-out firms in the United States. Most of AEA´s approximately 100 investors are retired chief executives of major US corporations. AEA has completed approximately 40 management buy-out transactions over the last 20 years.