PRESS RELEASE

SUCCESSFUL CLOSING OF SCANDINAVIAN EQT PARTNERS

Scandinavian EQT Partners ("EQT"), sponsored by Investor AB, Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken and AEA Investors Inc., has been successfully closed with capital commitments in excess of SEK 2,200 million.

The majority of the capital has been committed by Scandinavian institutions. In addition, other European and U.S. investors have committed substantial amounts to the fund's capital. Discussions are still continuing with potential additional investors.

EQT will make controlling equity investments in buy-out transactions involving companies based in Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden. The fund focuses on making investments in medium sized companies.

The investment strategy is to identify companies in which EQT, in close cooperation with the management of these companies, can enhance and realise the profit growth potential, either through development of the companies' existing operations or by follow-on acquisitions. The investments will benefit from EQT's ability to contribute a combination of capital as well as industrial and financial expertise.

The board of EQT includes Gösta Bystedt (Chairman), Claes Dahlbäck[1], Harry Faulkner and Vincent Mai[2]. The fund will be advised by EQT Partners AB, which is headed by Conni Jonsson.

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

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SENIOR ADVISERS TO SCANDINAVIAN EQT PARTNERS

Peter Wallenberg
First Vice Chairman of Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken. Chairman of ASEA, Atlas Copco, Investor AB and the Knut and Alice Wallenberg Foundation. Co-chairman of Asea Brown Boveri. Director of the Executive Board of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the Federation of Swedish Industries, the Nobel Foundation, the Board of the International Advisors of Swiss Bank Corporation, the Board of International Advisory of National Westminster Bank and the GM European Advisory Council, among others. Mr Wallenberg was born in 1926.

Bo Berggren
Chairman of STORA, Astra, SAS and SILA. Vice Chairman of Investor AB. Director of Danisco A/S, Ericsson, Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken, the Federation of Swedish Industries, the J P Morgan International Advisory Council and the Robert Bosch Advisory Board, among others. Mr Berggren was born in 1936.

Anders Scharp
Chairman of Electrolux, Incentive, Saab-Scania and SKF. Vice Chairman of Atlas Copco and Investor AB. Director of Email Ltd (Australia), the Federation of Swedish Industries, the Swedish Employers Confederation and the Association of Swedish Engineering Industries, among others. Mr Scharp was born in 1934.

Björn Svedberg
Managing Director and Group Chief Executive of Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken. Chairman of Ericsson. Director of Asea Brown Boveri, ASEA, SILA, STORA and Volvo. Mr Svedberg was born in 1937.

Göran J. Ehrnrooth
Chairman of Fiskars Oy Ab. Director of Metra Oy Ab. Member of the Supervisory Board of Rautaruukki Oy, Eläke-Varma and Sampo. Mr Ehrnrooth was born in 1934.

Gunnar Bark
Mr Bark became President of Electrolux Autoliv in 1982 and Executive Vice President of Electrolux in 1989. Mr Bark is currently President and Chief Executive Officer of Autoliv which was listed on the Stockholm Stock Exchange in the summer of 1994. Mr Bark is also Chairman of the two listed companies Allgon and Forsheda and a director of Spectra-Physics. He graduated from the Royal Institute of Technology in 1964. Mr Bark was born in 1939.

Åge Korsvold
Mr Korsvold is currently Chief Executive Officer of UNI Storebrand. Prior to this, he was a partner and a 50% owner of Procorp (an independent corporate advising boutique) from 1992 to 1994. Between 1983 and 1992, Mr Korsvold was a partner in Fondsfinans, one of Norway's leading investment banks. Prior to that, he was responsible for investments and strategic development at Orkla Industrier between 1977 and 1983. He graduated from the Wharton School of Business in 1971. Mr Korsvold was born in 1946.

Mikael Lilius
Mr Lilius is currently President and Chief Executive Officer of the Incentive Group. Prior to this, he was President and Chief Executive Officer of KF Industri AB (Nordico AB) from 1989 to 1991. Mr Lilius is Chairman of Garphyttan Industrier AB and Orrefors Crystal Group and a director of Gambro AB and Huhtamäki Oy. Mr Lilius was born in 1949.

Massimo Rossi
Mr Rossi became President and Chief Executive Officer of Swedish Match Consumer Products in 1984. In 1989 the company was divested by STORA with Mr Rossi continuing as President and Chief Executive Officer. In 1992 Swedish Match was acquired by Procordia and merged with Procordia Tobacco United Brands. Mr Rossi then became Executive Vice President and Deputy President of this newly formed entity. Mr Rossi is a director of Volvo's Food & Beverage Group, Wimco Ltd. (India) and Phimco Industries (Philippines). He is a graduate of Business Administration and Economics from the University of Stockholm. Mr Rossi was born in 1942 in Italy.

Lars Trane
Mr Trane was Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Alfa Laval Group from 1980 to 1991, when the group was acquired by Tetra Pak. He was responsible for around 50 acquisitions and 10 divestitures during that period. Mr Trane is currently Chairman of the newly restructured industrial conglomerate Finnveden Invest AB, listed on the Stockholm Stock Exchange, and director of Vattenfall AB, Östgöta Enskilda Bank, Stancia AB, Sparta Holding AB and Tufton Oceanic Investment Ltd (UK). Mr Trane was born in 1936.

Leif Östling
Mr Östling became General Manager of Scania in 1989. He was appointed Executive Vice President of Saab-Scania AB in 1990 and when Scania was incorporated in 1994 Mr Östling was appointed President of Scania AB. Mr Östling is a director of Inexa Profil, S-E-Banken Funds, Beers n.v. (Netherlands), the Royal Institute of Technology and the Swedish Institute of Management. He is a graduate from the Chalmers University of Technology and the Gothenburg School of Economics. Mr Östling was born in 1945.