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Saab and Scania to be independent companies

The Saab-Scania Group is to be divided up into two companies – Saab AB and Scania AB. The decision was made by the Saab-Scania Board at its meeting in Linköping on 22 February 1995. The organizational change will become effective at the Annual General Meeting on 16 May 1995.

The "new" Saab AB will consist of five product companies: Saab Military Aircraft, Saab Dynamics, Saab Training Systems, Saab Aircraft and Saab Combitech. Saab AB will also include Saab Service Partner. The three companies in the defense materiel sector – Military Aircraft, Dynamics and Training Systems – together form Business Area Saab Defense.

Bengt Halse, Licentiate in Technology and currently President of Ericsson Microwave Systems, has been appointed President of Saab AB and will take up his position on 1 April.

The head office of Saab AB will be in Linköping. The company has sales of SEK 4,900 m. and a total of 7,800 employees.

Scania AB, with its head office in Södertälje, has sales of SEK 26,600 m. and a total of 20,400 employees. The President of Scania AB is Leif Östling.

The organizational change means that the Saab-Scania Group and the group coordination between Saab and Scania will come to an end and that Lars V Kylberg will consequently be leaving his position as President and CEO. This will take place at the Annual General Meeting on 16 May.

Saab AB and Scania AB are proposed to be wholly owned subsidiaries of Investor. Saab-Scania's 50 percent holding in Saab Automobile is intended to be transferred to Investor. Within the Investor Group, Saab AB and Scania AB will constitute independent industrial companies each with its own Board. Operations in Saab-Scania Finance will continue to be included in Investor Group Finance, which is responsible for coordination in the financial field.

The new organization is being implemented for a better concentration of operations, thereby strengthening the competitiveness of each company. In view of the external changes in the world and the competitive situation prevailing in the defense and aviation industries, as well as the truck industry, Saab AB and Scania AB have both achieved strong balance sheets. A solid financial position will enable the two companies to act boldly and with a long-term approach to the markets, and to play an active part in the structuring process now taking place internationally.

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