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Novare Kapital AB Opens Office in Linköping

Novare Kapital AB will open an office at the Mjärdevi science park in Linköping, Sweden, at the beginning of 1998. The office is seen as supplementary to Novare's existing activities, with head offices in Stockholm. From an operational standpoint, the Linköping office will be run fully integrated with Novare's other activities. Swante Welander will be responsible for the Linköping office.

Linköping University has an academic tradition based on subjects in the area of high technology. Seen from an international perspective, the Linköping area offers a very competitive milieu for high-technology research and business. For Novare Kapital AB, this means that the investments being made, in the Linköping region, to promote development of small and medium-sized companies, could create interesting investment opportunities.

"We are convinced that an increased presence in the Linköping region will mean better possibilities for sharing in the interesting investment opportunities that present themselves in the area," says Pontus Ekman, president of Novare Kapital AB.

Novare Kapital AB is a wholly owned subsidiary of Investor AB, focusing on minority investments in small fast-growing companies, located primarily in the Nordic countries, with high-technology products.

The branch areas that Novare Kapital focuses on are information technology, healthcare and environmental technology, as well as productivity-enhancing technologies.

To date, Novare has invested in eight companies, one of which – Nordic Sensor Technologies -- is located in Linköping. Novare Kapital works as an active and long-term owner in the companies in which it invests. Desired ownership is 20-49 percent of capital and votes.

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