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Investor's Chairman, Percy Barnevik, is since 1991 a board member in E.I. Du Pont de Nemours (USA). He is also member of the Strategic Direction – and Environment Committees and is Chairman of the Governance Committee at Du Pont.

In the announced merger between Astra and Zeneca, Mr. Barnevik is proposed as the Chairman of the Board of the merged company. Because of possible conflict of interest, Mr. Barnevik has decided to leave the Du Pont board.

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