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Swedish Securities Council does not consider Hakon Invest's offer to be in contravention of good stock market practice

Further to the petition submitted to the Swedish Securities Council (Sw. Aktiemarknadsnämnden) by the Board of Directors of Hemtex AB (publ) ("Hemtex") on 10 June 2009, the Council has today published statement 2009:16. The Council's statement concludes that Hakon Invest AB's (publ) ("Hakon Invest") mandatory offer that was announced on April 28, 2009, to Hemtex shareholders is not in contravention of good stock market practice.

The Swedish Securities Council's full statement is available at www.aktiemarknadsnamnden.se.

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Hakon Invest, which is listed on the OMX Nordic Exchange in Stockholm, conducts active and long-term investment operations in retail-oriented companies in the Nordic region. Hakon Invest owns 40% of ICA AB, the Nordic region's leading retail company with a focus on food. The portfolio also includes shares in Forma Publishing Group, Kjell & Company, Hemma, Cervera and inkClub. Further information about Hakon Invest is available at www.hakoninvest.se

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