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Press release

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Askero increases the offer for Sigma by SEK 0.77 to SEK 7.50 per share

- the increased offer is recommended by the board's special committee and the four largest shareholders have expressed that they are positive in relation to the increased offer

After having pursued a dialogue with and considered the views of both large and small shareholders as well as the Sigma board's special committee and its advisers, followed the stock market developments and worked to find a financing solution, Askero has decided to increase the original Offer of SEK 6.90¹ to SEK 7.67. As a consequence of a dividend of SEK 0.17 having been declared, the increased bid amounts to SEK 7.50 per share.

- The price in the Offer is increased from SEK 6.73 to SEK 7.50 per share, an increase of 11.4 percent.² Compared to the trading in the Sigma share prior to the announcement on 27 March 2008, the increased Offer represents a premium of 38 to 45 per cent depending on the time horizon.
- Shareholders representing more than 50 per cent of the shares and more than 55 per cent of the votes in Sigma have informed Askero that they are positive in relation to the increased Offer. These include Sigma's four largest shareholders.
- The increased Offer is unanimously recommended by the special committee of the Sigma board. The committee bases its recommendation on a fairness opinion from Nordea and a second opinion from HQ, which supports Nordea's opinion. Nordea earlier believed that the Offer was inadequate from a financial perspective. Their conclusion after the increase is that the Offer is now fair.
- The composition of the Askero consortium is changed and expanded with Percy Nilsson and Greg Dingizian.
- The acceptance period is extended up to and including 23 May 2008 at 3:00 p.m. CET.

On 27 March 2008, Askero Utveckling AB³ ("Askero") made a public cash offer to the shareholders of Sigma AB (publ) ("Sigma") (the "Offer"). The increased Offer represents an increase of 11.4 per cent and a premium of:

- 42 per cent compared to the closing price of Sigma's B-share on OMX Nordic Exchange Stockholm on the day prior to announcement of the Offer on 27 March 2008,
- 44 per cent compared to the volume-weighted average price during the last ten business days prior to announcement of the Offer,

¹ In the Offer on 27 March 2008, Askero initially offered SEK 6.90 in cash per Sigma share of either class. However, the offer price was subject to adjustment corresponding to the value of any dividends or other distributions made by Sigma prior to settlement of the Offer. The annual general meeting of Sigma on 23 April 2008 resolved, in accordance with the board's proposal, to declare a dividend of SEK 0.17 per share. As a consequence hereof, Askero adjusted the Offer to SEK 6.73 in cash per Sigma share of either class.

² The offer price is subject to adjustment corresponding to the value of any dividends or other distributions made by Sigma prior to settlement of the Offer.

³ Following a discussion with the Swedish Companies Registration Office, the name of the bidder is Askero Utveckling AB instead of the preliminary name Askerö Utveckling AB.

- 45 per cent compared to the volume-weighted average price during the last 30 days prior to announcement of the Offer, and
- 38 per cent compared to the volume-weighted average price during the last three months prior to announcement of the Offer.

The total value of the increased Offer amounts to approximately SEK 650 million.

The increased acquisition price of slightly above SEK 66 million is financed through equity in Askero. To make this possible, the composition of the Askero consortium has been changed and expanded with entrepreneurs Percy Nilsson and Greg Dingizian. Following this change, Askero is owned to 50 per cent by Epsilon AB, which in turn is wholly owned by Danir AB (Dan Olofsson and family), to 15.1 per cent by Tibia Konsult AB (Sten K Johnson), to 11.5 per cent by AB Grenspecialisten (Martin Gren), to 6.6 percent by Kent Widding-Persson, to 5.8 percent by Percy Nilsson and to 2.9 percent by Grotton Holding AB (Greg Dingizian). For the time being, the remaining approximately 8 per cent are owned by Epsilon AB, Tibia Konsult AB and AB Grenspecialisten. The intention is to offer these shares to key personnel in Sigma at a later point.

As set forth in a separate press release from Sigma, the increased Offer is unanimously recommended by the special committee of the board of directors of Sigma. The committee bases its recommendation on a fairness opinion from Nordea and a second opinion from HQ, which supports Nordea's opinion. Nordea earlier believed that the Offer was inadequate from a financial perspective. Their conclusion after the increase is that the Offer is now fair.

Shareholders representing more than 50 per cent of the shares and more than 55 per cent of the votes in Sigma have informed Askero that they are positive in relation to the increased Offer. These more than 50 per cent consist of AMF Pension, Nordeas fonder, Danske Capital, Konstantin Caliacmanis and Sune Nilsson, and of Danir, as shareholder of Askero, with 27.75 per cent of the shares and 30.85 percent of the votes.

Statement by Askero's owners:

"Prior to announcement of the bid on 27 March, Sigma traded at a level of SEK 4.70 to SEK 5.40. Prior to the bid, Sigma was valued in the light of the 2007 results (excluding amortization of goodwill) and 2008 consensus in line with similar competitors on the Stockholm Stock Exchange.

Following the increased offer, the premium amounts to approximately 40 per cent compared to the trading prior to the bid. Although both the Stockholm Stock Exchange and the IT consultants have been up slightly since the bid was announced, the increased bid values Sigma higher than most of its competitors and in line with the competitor with the highest market valuation. Accordingly, a shareholder who accepts the bid benefits from the premium and may invest in other securities, such as some of Sigma's similar competitors with lower valuations.

We therefore believe that the offer to Sigma's shareholders is fair. This view is supported by the fact that the major shareholders now are positive in relation to the bid as well as the board special committee and the independent valuation firms."

Shareholders who have already accepted the Offer of SEK 6.73 per share will automatically be included in the increased Offer without having to take any further action.

Provided that Askero announces that all conditions to the Offer have been satisfied or waived on or around 28 May 2008, settlement is expected to begin on or about 3 June 2008. All other terms and conditions stated in the offer document apply to the increased Offer, including the right to waive such conditions.

For further information about the Offer, see Askero's offer document which was published on 24 April 2008 and the supplement which was published on 8 May 2008. In light of the above, a further supplement to the offer document will be published shortly.

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