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## ÅF recruits Björn Östlund to support sustained high growth in Infrastructure

ÅF has recruited Björn Östlund, Manager for the Traffic Business Area at the Swedish Transport Administration, to lead the work of the Infrastructure Planning business area in ÅF's Infrastructure Division. This marks yet another step in ÅF's strategic plan for expansion within infrastructure consulting services. Björn will lead and expand the work of an Infrastructure Planning team of more than 450 consultants. (In all, the Infrastructure Division has more than 1,300 highly qualified technical consultants.)

Björn Östlund joins ÅF from the Traffic business area at Sweden's newly formed Transport Administration, where he has been responsible for shaping a new organisation to manage, operate and maintain the nation's public road and rail networks. He has also been a member of the Transport Administration's senior management team. With more than 20 years' experience from what was formerly the Swedish Rail Administration, including positions as Director for the agency's Project Engineering section and acting Director General 2008–2010, Björn has developed a successful leadership style and an extensive network of contacts.

"I am very much looking forward to the challenge of leading and developing the Infrastructure Planning organisation at ÅF. I have been following the progress that ÅF has been making for a number of years now. The company is very much an up-and-coming name in infrastructure consulting and has shown a real appetite to succeed in this sector. I think there is huge potential for the organisation to go from strength to strength," says Björn Östlund. He takes up his position with ÅF on 15 August 2011.

"This is a highly strategic recruitment. Björn is experienced and knowledgeable, and his firm focus on the customer's perspective will help us to continue to reinforce our market position," says Mats Pålsson, President of the ÅF Infrastructure Division.

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