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Ratos sells Superfos

Ratos and co-owner IK Investment Partners have concluded an agreement to sell all the shares in Superfos Industries a/s to RPC Group Plc for approximately EUR 200m (equity value) of which Ratos's share amounts to approximately EUR 64m (approx. SEK 585m). The sale generates an exit result for Ratos of approximately SEK -70m and an average annual return (IRR) of approximately 2%.

Superfos is an international packaging group with operations in 24 countries, mainly in Europe. The company develops, produces and sells injection-moulded plastic packaging for the food, paint and chemical industries. The number of employees amounts to approximately 1,300 and the head office is located in Denmark.

In 1999, Ratos together with IK Investment Partners acquired three divisions in Superfos from the American company Ashland Inc, which bought out Superfos from the Copenhagen Stock Exchange earlier in the year. Ratos has invested a total of SEK 471m and has a holding of 33%. The group has been streamlined towards packaging over the years and today Superfos is one of the major players in Europe within injection-moulded plastic packaging. In 2009, Superfos posted sales of EUR 295m and operating profit (EBITA) amounted to EUR 28m (adjusted for the sold operations in the US and items affecting comparability).

“Superfos has progressed from a conglomerate to a pure-play packaging company. This took several years to achieve and affected the growth of both sales and earnings. This streamlining and re-positioning is now complete and we can state that Superfos today, largely due to implemented restructuring measures and an increased focus on product innovations, enjoys good profitability and a strong position in the European market,” comments Ratos CEO Arne Karlsson.

The selling price for the shares (equity value) amounts to approximately EUR 200m, of which Ratos's share amounts to approximately EUR 64m (approx. SEK 585m) and the exit result for Ratos amounts to approximately SEK -70m, based on the book value in Superfos at 30 September 2010. The final exit result will be affected, among other things, by Ratos's share of profits from Superfos during the period until the deal is finalised. The average annual return (IRR) amounts, over the eleven years Ratos owned Superfos, to approximately 2%.

RPC Group Plc is one of Europe's leading manufacturers of rigid plastic packaging with operations in 11 countries and approximately 6,000 employees. RPC Group is listed on the London Stock Exchange and in the split financial year 2009/2010 had sales of GBP 719.9m and an adjusted operating profit (adjusted EBIT) of GBP 40.9m.

The sale is conditional on approval from the relevant competition authorities and subject to certain funding requirements. The sale is expected to be completed during the first quarter of 2011.

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Financial calendar from Ratos:

Year-end report 2010	17 February 2011
Annual General Meeting 2011	15 April 2011
Interim Report January – March 2011	5 May 2011
Interim Report January – June 2011	19 August 2011
Interim Report January – September 2011	9 November 2011

Ratos is a private equity conglomerate. The company's mission is to maximise shareholder value over time through the professional, active and responsible exercise of its ownership role in primarily medium to large unlisted Nordic companies. Ratos's holdings include AH Industries, Anticimex, Arcus Gruppen, Bisnode, Camfil, Contex, DIAB, EuroMaint, GS-Hydro, Hafa Bathroom Group, HL Display, Inwido, Jøtul, Lindab, Medisize, Mobile Climate Control, SB Seating, Stofa, Superfos and Other holdings. Ratos is listed on NASDAQ OMX Stockholm and market capitalisation amounts to approximately SEK 41 billion.