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## **Billerud to the stock exchange**

- Billerud approved for listing on the O-list
- 20 November first day of listing
- SEK 3.50 per share indicated dividend for 2001
- Proposal for repurchase of own shares

Billerud was today approved for listing on the O-list of the Stockholm Stock Exchange (Stockholmsbörsen), provided that the requirements for trading are met. The requirements will be met through AssiDomän's distribution of Billerud shares. The Board of Directors of Billerud has decided to list Billerud's shares and to publish the listing prospectus. A timetable for listing Billerud is provided below.

The Board's assessment is that the dividend for the 2001 financial year should amount to SEK 3.50 per share, corresponding to approximately SEK 200 million. This assessment in made against the background of Billerud's present financial development and position and the financial targets which have been set. Furthermore, the Board intends to propose that the 2002 AGM authorises the Board to decide on repurchase of shares in Billerud.

## Timetable for the listing of Billerud

Listing prospectus available on Billerud's website Information brochure to AssiDomän's shareholders First day of listing 1 November Approx. 8 November 20 November

Additional information about Billerud is available on the company's website www.billerud.com.

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**Board of Directors** 

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Billerud manufactures and sells packaging paper, in the form of kraft paper and containerboard, as well as market pulp. Production is carried out at the Group's integrated pulp and paper mills in Gruvön, Karlsborg and Skärblacka. Billerud has a world-leading position within several well-defined product segments. The main customer base is Europe but also includes the rest of the world. Billerud has annual sales of approximately SEK 7 billion and 2,400 employees.