

## **Billerud signs finance agreement**

Billerud today signed a finance agreement with a syndicate of international banks arranged by SEB Merchant Banking. The amount of the loan is SEK 2,200 million, with a term of approximately five years. As indicated in Billerud's listing prospectus, the syndicated loan replaces existing short-term financing.

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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 Grevön, 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.*