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Stock options to Billerud's management

In its capacity as principal owner of Billerud AB, Stora Enso has issued a total of 300,000 stock options to nine members of Billerud's management group.

The options, which have a term of five years, entitle the holder after three years to purchase one share in Billerud AB from Stora Enso for SEK 87 per share, provided he or she is still employed at Billerud. The exercise price was based on the share price on the day after Billerud's year-end report, i.e. the price on 8 February 2002, plus 15%.

The issue of stock options does not entail any dilution of ownership for other shareholders or any cost to the company.

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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.