

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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# Billerud Skog takes over wood purchasing organisation in Norrbotten

Billerud Skog AB is taking over the wood supply organisation at BAC Såg & Hyvleri AB including stocks of standing forest. The agreement means that Billerud Skog now has a comprehensive organisation with broad local coverage in Norrbotten, northern Sweden. Billerud Skog has committed to maintain supplies of a large amount of timber back to BAC.

The agreement with BAC Såg & Hyvleri AB covers staff involved in wood purchasing, felling and transport, and administration of supplies amounting to around 200,000 m3 fub per year.

"This wood supply organisation fits very neatly into our existing organisation. We are expanding our purchasing capacity on the local wood market significantly. Together with the organisation we have already established we can now provide a complete and comprehensive service with extensive experience and good local coverage throughout the region where Billerud Karlsborg is based. Co-operation with the local sawmill industry is being strengthened too, now that we can also deliver increased volumes externally," explains Johan Sakari, CEO of Billerud Skog.

The agreement means that BAC Såg & Hyvleri can rationalise its structure and focus on production, development, adding value and selling sawn timber products.

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#### More facts about Billerud Skog

Billerud Skog AB is responsible for supplies to Billerud of fibre materials and biofuel. The company was formed in 2007 to reinforce acquisition of raw materials for Billerud's mills, which amounts to around 5.5 million m3sub of pulpwood and wood chips, and around 350 GWh of biofuel per year. Billerud Skog has focused initially on strengthening purchasing by establishing a field organisation for purchase of standing forest located close to the Billerud Karlsborg mill in northern Sweden. The company has also built up an import organisation for purchasing in the Baltic region and other areas. Billerud Skog currently has over 20 employees.

http://www.billerud.se/Skog

### BAC Såg och Hyvleri AB

BAC Såg och Hyvleri AB was formed in 1944 and is now one of Sweden's most modern sawmills. The company produces roof boards in tongued and grooved board, carpentry products, furniture components and planed products. BAC produces 90,000 cubic metres of wood products per year, of which around 45,000 cubic metres are planed. The company serves customers in Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Greece, Spain and North Africa. BAC has around 60 employees and is based in Luleå.

http://www.bac.nu