

Örnsköldsvik and Utansjö, 13 March 2008

PRESS RELEASE

## **Domsjö Fabriker and Rottneros look into the possibility of continuing debarking and chipping operations at Utansjö Mill**

### **The Rottneros Group and Domsjö Fabriker AB have started looking into the possibility of Domsjö Fabriker continuing to operate the debarking and chipping unit at Utansjö Mill.**

The debarking and chipping facility works with aspen and spruce wood and supplies Utansjö Mill with chips for its CTMP line as well as debarked and cut wood for the groundwood line. The unit currently employs around 20 people.

Domsjö Fabriker, which is located in Örnsköldsvik around 80 kilometres from Utansjö, is interested in using the unit for softwood debarking and chipping, utilising around 50% of today's capacity, which would provide employment for about 10 people.

The reason for Domsjö Fabriker's interest in Utansjö's debarking and chipping unit is that its own debarking and chipping capacity at the Örnsköldsvik plant is limited. The ongoing development programme, Domsjö 2010, which includes investments totalling more than SEK 500 million, will lead to increased production capacity and as a result, the debarking and chipping operation will become a bottleneck. Until this bottleneck is removed through expansion, which is expected to happen in two or three years, Domsjö Fabriker is considering possible solutions and one alternative could be using the debarking and chipping unit at Utansjö.

Both Rottneros and Domsjö Fabriker would like to find a solution that will allow Utansjö to continue operating.

"Even if it is only for a transitional period of a few years and employment will be limited to 10 jobs, it would greatly benefit the local community and Utansjö as an industrial location," Domsjö's Managing Director Ola Hildingsson and Olle Dahlin who is Managing Director at Utansjö Mill say in a joint statement.

For more information, please contact  
Olle Dahlin, Managing Director Utansjö Bruk. Tel. +46 70 366 73 00  
Ole Terland, CEO Rottneros AB. Tel. +46 70 667 04 03  
Ola Hildingsson, Managing Director Domsjö Fabriker AB. Tel. +46 70 602 77 99

#### **Rottneros AB**

Rottneros is one of the world's leading independent producers of market pulp. The Group comprises the parent company Rottneros AB, listed on OMX Nordic Exchange Stockholm, and its subsidiaries Rottneros Bruk AB, Rockhammars Bruk AB, Utansjö Bruk AB and Vallviks Bruk AB in Sweden and Rottneros Miranda, S.A. in Spain, all with operations involving the production and sale of market pulp. The Group also includes the wood procurement companies SIA Rottneros Baltic in Latvia and Rottneros Madeiras in Portugal as well as a sales company, Rottneros S.A., in Belgium. The Group now has a new division, Rottneros Packaging, which produces food packaging made from paper pulp. The Group has around 720 employees and an annual turnover of approximately SEK 2.9 billion.

#### **Domsjö Fabriker AB**

The biorefinery, Domsjö Fabriker, develops, markets and produces specialty cellulose, ethanol and lignosulfonate for the global market. Its annual turnover amounts to around SEK 1.3 billion. The company, which has production units just outside central Örnsköldsvik, has 340 employees in Sweden and 25 in the Baltics.

