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Re: Svenska Cellulosa Aktiebolaget SCA - Rule 12g3-2 (b) Exemption File No. 82-763

Dear Sirs,

On behalf of Svenska Cellulosa Aktiebolaget SCA ("SCA"), enclosed please find a copy of today's dated press release, "SCA acquires remainder of shares outstanding in Scaninge", which is being furnished to you pursuant to Rule 12g3-2 (b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Please acknowledge receipt of this telefax and the enclosure by date-stamping the enclosed copy of this telefax and returning it to our messenger.

Sincerely yours,

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SCA acquires remainder of shares outstanding in Scanninge

SCA has exercised the right to acquire 41% of the share capital (50% of the voting rights) in Scanninge from Graninge AB. In accordance with the terms of the current purchase option, the exercise price for the entire block of shares is SEK 4.9 M. Scanninge owns 390,000 hectares of productive forestland and exercise of the purchase option means that SCA secures full and long-term strategic control of the timber flow in the forestlands.

Computed and on an annual basis, the transaction results in the Group's operating profit increasing by SEK 160 M, earnings after net financial items rising by SEK 50 M and net earnings by SEK 35 M. In addition, consolidation of Scanninge will increase SCA's net debt by SEK 2.200 M. The acquisition results in negative goodwill of SEK 400 M, which SCA will charge to earnings during the fourth quarter of 2003. This negative goodwill is fully attributable to the forestland that was contributed by Graninge AB when Scanninge was formed.

As part of the preparation of the year-end financial statements, SCA has also decided to write down the shareholding in the French packaging company Otor by SEK 50 M, as well as an expected capital loss on a land holding in Taiwan of SEK 80 M.

Stockholm, 19 December 2003

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SCA produces and sells absorbent hygiene products, packaging solutions and publication papers. Based on customer needs, value-added products are produced for consumers, institutions, industry and the retail trade. Net sales amount to more than SEK 68 billion annually. At the beginning of 2003, the number of employees was approximately 44,000 in some 40 countries. The SCA share is traded on the stock exchanges in Stockholm and London, and can also be traded in the US in the form of ADRs (American Depositary Receipts, level 1).