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New factory in Askersund - Minister of Health and Social Affairs Göran Hägglund inaugurates

Family company expands in Sweden

At a time when many companies choose to establish themselves abroad, or start production in another country, family owned pharmaceutical company ABIGO stands out by investing further in Sweden. On September 15 a big, technically advanced factory will be inaugurated in Askersund. Minister of Health and Social Affairs Göran Hägglund will be there.

ABIGO is a Swedish pharmaceutical company with pharmaceutical specialities, developed in house and also medical device products with international possibilities, in primarily the wound healing field.

Increased demand necessitates larger space.

On September 15 ABIGOS new factory of 2200 square meters will be inaugurated. It is primarily the increased demand for Sorbact[®], a unique medical device in the wound healing field which necessitated a new and larger factory.

- To go from 800 to 2200 square meters is a big leap forward but it is based on realistic and concrete plans for the future, says Jan G. Smith, chairman of the Board.

International player, invests in Sweden.

ABIGO is a Swedish pharmaceutical company with head office in Gothenburg, Sweden. The company is on the same time very active internationally with sales in more than 30 countries and an extensive international network. At the inauguration distributors from 14 different countries will be present, among them the President of the Korean distributor.

ABIGO is a Swedish pharmaceutical company with pharmaceutical specialities, developed in house and also medical device products with international possibilities, in primarily the wound healing field. ABIGO is distinguished for the entrepreneurial spirit and belief in the future. The company was founded 1989 by the present owners and brothers Jan G. Smith and Leif Smith, both still active in the company. They see the possibilities and have visions. The company could easily have expanded production abroad but chose to invest in Sweden.





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New job opportunities

The city of Askersund is very positive to the company's expansion. Henrik Olofsson, Industry and Trade manager for the city of Askersund says that the negotiations with Abigo have been positive and in good spirit.

- It is the right company in the right place. This will definitely create more jobs in the future says Henrik Olofsson.

Advanced air purification.

The factory in Askersund holds a high standard with modern and efficient machinery and advanced air purification. There are locks for material as well as for personell, The air is changed 12 times per hour and overpressure in the premises amount to 6000 liter air /second. The factory holds class 8 (100.000 according to earlier classification). ./.

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