3,180,000 Units

Accelerated Return Notes<sup>SM</sup>
Linked to the S&P MidCap 400 Index Due June 4, 2009
\$10 principal amount per unit
Pricing Supplement/Term Sheet No. 126

AB Svensk Exportkredit (Swedish Export Credit Corporation)

Accelerated Return Notes<sup>SM</sup>

3-to-1 upside exposure, subject to a cap of 20.10%

A maturity of approximately 14 months

1-to-1 downside exposure, with no downside limit

No periodic interest payments

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The Notes will have the terms specified in this term sheet as supplemented by the documents indicated herein under "Additional Note Terms" (together the "Note Prospectus"). Investing in the Notes involves a number of risks. See "Risk Factors" on page TS-5 of this term sheet and beginning on page P4 of product supplement ARN.

In connection with this offering, each of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and its broker-dealer affiliate First Republic Securities Company, LLC is acting in its capacity as a principal.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this Note Prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

|   | Per Unit | l otal       |
|---|----------|--------------|
| Public offering price (1)                               | \$10.00  | \$31,800,000 |
| Underwriting discount (1)                               | \$.20    | \$636,000    |
| Proceeds, before expenses, to Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. | \$9.80   | \$31,164,000 |

(1) The public offering price and underwriting discount for any purchase of 500,000 units or more in a single transaction by an individual investor will be \$9.95 per unit and \$.15 per unit, respectively.

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## Merrill Lynch & Co. March 26, 2008



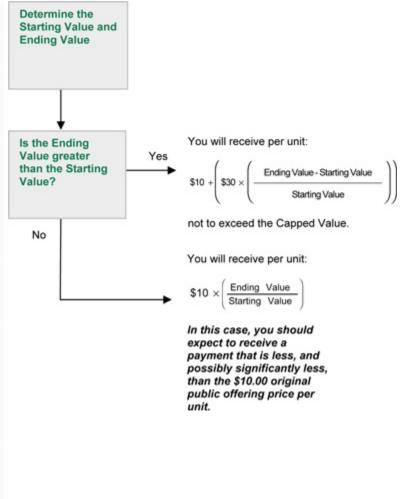
### Summary

The Accelerated Return Notes<sup>SM</sup> Linked to the S&P MidCap 400 Index due June 4, 2009 (the "Notes") are senior, unsecured debt securities of AB Svensk Exportkredit (Swedish Export Credit Corporation) that provide a leveraged return for investors, subject to a cap, if the level of the S&P MidCap 400 (the "Index") increases moderately from the Starting Value of the Index, determined on the Pricing Date, to the Ending Value of the Index, determined on Calculation Days shortly prior to the maturity date of the Notes. Investors must be willing to forego interest payments on the Notes and willing to accept a return that is capped or a repayment that is less, and potentially significantly less, than the original public offering price of the Notes.

### Terms of the Notes

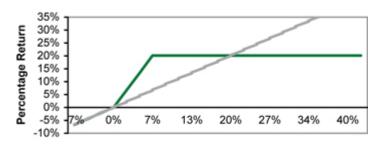
#### Issuer: AB Svensk Exportkredit (Swedish Export Credit Corporation) **Original Public** Offering Price: \$10 per unit Term: Approximately 14 months Market Measure: S&P MidCap 400 Index Starting Value: 788.87 Ending Value: The average of the closing levels of the Index for the first five Calculation Days (as defined in product supplement ARN) during the Calculation Period shortly before the maturity date of the Notes as more fully described in product supplement ARN. Capped Value: Represents a return of 20.10% over the \$10 original public offering price (or \$12.01 per unit of the Notes). The period from and including the Calculation seventh scheduled Market Period: Measure Business Day (as defined in product supplement ARN) before the maturity date to and including the second scheduled Market Measure Business Day before the maturity date. Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Calculation Smith Incorporated Agent:

## Determining Payment at Maturity for the Notes



## Hypothetical Payout Profile

#### **Accelerated Return Note**



Index Movement

This graph reflects the hypothetical returns on the Notes, including the Capped Value of 20.10%. The green line reflects the hypothetical returns on the Notes, while the dotted gray line reflects the hypothetical returns of an investment in the Index excluding dividends.

This graph has been prepared for purposes of illustration only. Your actual return will depend on the actual Ending Value and the term of your investment.

## Hypothetical Payments at Maturity

#### Examples

Set forth below are three examples of payment at maturity calculations, including the Starting Value of 788.87, the closing level of the Index on March 26, 2008, and a Capped Value of \$12.01.

**Example 1**—The hypothetical Ending Value is 80% of the Starting Value:

Starting Value: 788.87

Hypothetical Ending Value: 631.10

$$$10 \times \left( \frac{631.10}{788.87} \right) = $8.00$$

Payment at maturity (per unit) = \$8.00

**Example 2**—The hypothetical Ending Value is 103% of the Starting Value:

Starting Value: 788.87

Hypothetical Ending Value: 812.54

$$$10 + \left( $30 \times \left( \frac{812.54 - 788.87}{788.87} \right) \right) = $10.90$$

Payment at maturity (per unit) = \$10.90

**Example 3**—The hypothetical Ending Value is 120% of the Starting Value:

Starting Value: 788.87

Hypothetical Ending Value: 946.64

$$$10 + \left( $30 \times \left( \frac{946.64 - 788.87}{788.87} \right) \right) = $16.00$$

Payment at maturity (per unit) = \$12.01

(Payment at maturity cannot be greater than the Capped Value)

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The following table illustrates, for the Starting Value of 788.87 and a range of hypothetical Ending Values of the Index:

- the percentage change from the Starting Value to the hypothetical Ending Value;
- the total amount payable on the maturity date per unit;
- the total rate of return to holders of the Notes;
- the pretax annualized rate of return to holders of the Notes; and
- the pretax annualized rate of return of a hypothetical investment in the stocks included in the Index, which includes an assumed aggregate dividend yield of 1.65% per annum, as more fully described below.

The table below reflects the Capped Value of \$12.01.

| Hypothetical<br>Ending Value | Percentage change<br>from the hypothetical<br>Starting Value<br>to the hypothetical<br>Ending Value | Total amount payable on the maturity date per unit | Total<br>rate of<br>return on<br>the Notes | Pretax<br>annualized<br>rate of<br>return on<br>the Notes (1) | Pretax annualized rate of<br>return of the<br>stocks<br>included in the Index (1)(2) |
|------------------------------|---|--|--|---|--|
| 394.44                       | -50.00%   | \$5.00   | -50.00%                                    | -51.40%   | -49.44%  |
| 473.32                       | -40.00%   | \$6.00   | -40.00%                                    | -39.32%   | -37.46%  |
| 552.21                       | -30.00%   | \$7.00   | -30.00%                                    | -28.35%   | -26.57%  |
| 631.10                       | -20.00%   | \$8.00   | -20.00%                                    | -18.24%   | -16.51%  |
| 709.98                       | -10.00%   | \$9.00   | -10.00%                                    | -8.83%  | -7.14%   |
| 725.76                       | -8.00%  | \$9.20   | -8.00%                                     | -7.02%  | -5.34%   |
| 741.54                       | -6.00%  | \$9.40   | -6.00%                                     | -5.23%  | -3.56%   |
| 757.32                       | -4.00%  | \$9.60   | -4.00%                                     | -3.47%  | -1.80%   |
| 773.09                       | -2.00%  | \$9.80   | -2.00%                                     | -1.72%  | -0.06%   |
| 788.87 (3)                   | 0.00%   | \$10.00  | 0.00%                                      | 0.00%   | 1.65%  |
| 804.65                       | 2.00%   | \$10.60  | 6.00%                                      | 5.06%   | 3.35%  |
| 820.42                       | 4.00%   | \$11.20  | 12.00%                                     | 9.95%   | 5.03%  |
| 836.20                       | 6.00%   | \$11.80  | 18.00%                                     | 14.70%  | 6.70%  |
| 851.98                       | 8.00%   | \$12.01 (4)  | 20.10%                                     | 16.33%  | 8.34%  |
| 867.76                       | 10.00%  | \$12.01  | 20.10%                                     | 16.33%  | 9.97%  |
| 946.64                       | 20.00%  | \$12.01  | 20.10%                                     | 16.33%  | 17.86%   |
| 1.025.53                     | 30.00%  | \$12.01  | 20.10%                                     | 16.33%  | 25.40%   |

- (1) The annualized rates of return specified in this column are calculated on a semiannual bond equivalent basis and assume an investment term from April 4, 2008 to June 4, 2009, the term of the Notes.
- (2) This rate of return assumes:
  - (a) a percentage change in the aggregate price of the stocks included in the Index that equals the percentage change in the level of the Index from the Starting Value to the relevant hypothetical Ending Value;
  - (b) a constant dividend yield of 1.65% per annum, paid quarterly from the date of initial delivery of the Notes, applied to the level of the Index at the end of each quarter assuming this value increases or decreases linearly from the Starting Value to the applicable hypothetical Ending Value; and
  - (c) no transaction fees or expenses.
- (3) This is the Starting Value.
- (4) The total amount payable on the maturity date per unit of the Notes cannot exceed the assumed Capped Value of \$12.01.

The above figures are for purposes of illustration only. The actual amount you receive and the resulting total and pretax annualized rates of return will depend on the actual Ending Value and term of your investment.

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#### **Risk Factors**

An investment in the Notes involves significant risks. The following is a list of certain of the risks involved in investing in the Notes. You should carefully review the more detailed explanation of risks relating to the Notes in the "Risk Factors" sections included in the product supplement and prospectus supplement identified below under "Additional Note Terms". We also urge you to consult your investment, legal, tax, accounting and other advisers before you invest in the Notes.

- Your investment may result in a loss.
- Your yield may be lower than the yield on other debt securities of comparable maturity.
- You must rely on your own evaluations regarding the merits of an investment linked to the Index.
- Your return is limited and may not reflect the return on a direct investment in the stocks included in the Index.
- You will not have the right to receive cash dividends or exercise ownership rights with respect to the stocks included in the Index.
- In seeking to provide investors with what we believe to be commercially reasonable terms for the Notes while providing MLPF&S with compensation for its services, we have considered the costs of developing, hedging and distributing the Notes. If a trading market develops for the Notes (and such a market may not develop), these costs are expected to affect the market price you may receive or be quoted for your Notes on a date prior to the stated maturity date.
- The publisher of the Index may adjust the Index in a way that affects its level, and such publisher has no obligation to consider your interests.
- Many factors affect the trading value of the Notes; these factors interrelate in complex ways and the effect of any one factor may offset or magnify the effect of another factor.
- Purchases and sales by Merrill Lynch and its affiliates may affect your return.
- Merrill Lynch may do business with underlying companies.
- Tax consequences are uncertain.

#### **Investor Considerations**

#### You may wish to consider an investment in the Notes if:

- You anticipate that the Index will appreciate moderately from the Starting Value to the Ending Value.
- You accept that your investment may result in a loss, which could be significant, if the level of the Index decreases from the Starting Value to the Ending Value.
- You accept that the return on the Notes will not exceed the Capped Value.
- You are willing to forego interest payments on the Notes, such as fixed or floating rate interest paid on traditional interest bearing debt securities.
- You want exposure to the Index with no expectation of dividends or other benefits of owning the underlying securities.
- You are willing to accept that there is no assurance that the Notes will be listed on AMEX and that any listing will not ensure that a trading market will develop for the Notes or that there will be liquidity in the trading market

#### The Notes may not be appropriate investments for you if:

- You anticipate that the Index will depreciate from the Starting Value to the Ending Value or that the Index will not appreciate sufficiently over the term of the Notes to provide you with your desired return.
- You are seeking principal protection or preservation of capital.
- You seek a return on your investment that will not be capped at 20.10%.
- You seek interest payments or other current income on your investment.
- You want to receive dividends or other distributions paid on the stocks included in the Index.
- You want assurances that there will be a liquid market if and when you
  want to sell the Notes prior to maturity.

### Other Provisions

We may deliver the Notes against payment therefor in New York, New York on a date that is greater than three business days following the Pricing Date. Under Rule 15c6-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, trades in the secondary market generally are required to settle in three business days, unless the parties to any such trade expressly agree otherwise. Accordingly, if the initial settlement on the Notes occurs more than three business days from the Pricing Date, purchasers who wish to trade Notes more than three business days prior to the original issue date will be required to specify alternative settlement arrangements to prevent a failed settlement.

If you place an order to purchase these offered securities, you are consenting to each of MLPF&S and its broker-dealer affiliate First Republic Securities Company, LLC, acting as a principal in effecting the transaction for your account. MLPF&S is acting as an underwriter and/or selling agent for this offering and will receive underwriting compensation from the issuer of the securities.

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## The Index

The S&P MidCap 400 Index is published by Standard & Poor's, a division of The McGraw Hill Companies, Inc. ("Standard & Poor's" or "S&P"). The S&P MidCap 400 Index is intended to measure the performance of the common stock of mid-sized U.S. companies with a market capitalization of between approximately \$1.5 billion. The calculation of the level of the S&P MidCap 400 Index, discussed below in further detail, is based on the relative value of the aggregate market value of the common stocks of 400 similar companies on the base date of June 28, 1991. Standard & Poor's chooses companies for inclusion in the S&P MidCap 400 Index with the aim of achieving a distribution by broad industry groupings that approximates the distribution of these groupings in the common stock population of the U.S. mid-cap equity market. Relevant criteria employed by Standard & Poor's include the viability of the particular company, the extent to which that company represents the industry group to which it is assigned, the extent to which the market price of that company's common stock is generally responsive to changes in the affairs of the respective industry and the market value and trading activity of the common stock of that company. Standard & Poor's may from time to time, in its sole discretion, add companies to, or delete companies from, the S&P MidCap 400 Index to achieve the objectives stated above.

The Index does not reflect the payment of dividends on the stocks included in the S&P MidCap 400 Index. Because of this, the calculation of the Ending Value will not reflect the payment of dividends on these stocks that investors would receive if they were to purchase these stocks and hold them for a period equal to the term of the Notes.

The following graph sets forth the historical performance of the S&P MidCap 400 Index in the period from January 2003 through February 2008. This historical data on the Index is not necessarily indicative of the future performance of the Index or what the value of the Notes may be. Any historical upward or downward trend in the level of the S&P MidCap 400 Index during any period set forth below is not an indication that the Index is more or less likely to increase or decrease at any time over the term of the Notes. On March 26, 2008, the closing level of the Index was 788.87.



All disclosure contained in this index supplement regarding the S&P MidCap 400 Index, including, without limitation, its make-up, method of calculation and changes in its components has been derived from publicly available information prepared by Standard & Poor's. SEK and MLPF&S have not independently verified and make no representation as to the accuracy or completeness of such information. None of SEK, the calculation agent and MLPF&S accepts any responsibility for the calculation, maintenance or publication of the S&P MidCap 400 Index or any successor index.

#### Computation of the S&P MidCap 400 Index

While S&P currently employs the following methodology to calculate the S&P MidCap 400 Index, no assurance can be given that S&P will not modify or change this methodology in a manner that may affect the amount an investor receives on the maturity date of the Notes.

Historically, the market value of any underlying stocks included in the S&P MidCap 400 Index was calculated as the product of the market price per share and the number of the then outstanding shares of that underlying stock. In March 2005, S&P began shifting the S&P MidCap 400 Index half way from a market capitalization weighted formula to a float-adjusted formula, before moving the S&P MidCap 400 Index to full float adjustment on September 16, 2005. S&P's criteria for selecting stocks for the S&P MidCap 400 Index did not change by the shift to float adjustment. However, the adjustment affects each company's weight in the S&P MidCap 400 Index (i.e., its market value).

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Under float adjustment, the share counts used in calculating the S&P MidCap 400 Index reflect only those shares that are available to investors, not all of a company's outstanding shares. Standard & Poor's defines three groups of shareholders whose holdings are subject to float adjustment:

- holdings of other publicly traded corporations, venture capital firms, private equity firms, strategic partners, or leveraged buyout groups;
- holdings by government entities, including all levels of government in the United States or foreign countries; and
- holdings by current or former officers and directors of a company, founders of the company, or family trusts of officers, directors, or founders, as well
  as holdings of trusts, foundations, pension funds, employee stock ownership plans, or other investment vehicles associated with and controlled by
  the company.

However, treasury stock, stock options, restricted shares, equity participation units, warrants, preferred stock, convertible stock, and rights are not part of the float. In cases where holdings in a group exceed 10% of the outstanding shares of a company, the holdings of that group are excluded from the float-adjusted count of shares to be used in the index calculation. Shares held by mutual funds, investment advisory firms, pension funds, or foundations not associated with the company and investment funds in insurance companies, shares of a United States company traded in Canada as "exchangeable shares", shares that trust beneficiaries may buy or sell without difficulty or significant additional expense beyond typical brokerage fees, and, if a company has multiple classes of stock outstanding, shares in an unlisted or non-traded class if such shares are convertible by shareholders without undue delay and cost, are also part of the float.

For each stock, an investable weight factor ("IWF") is calculated by dividing the available float shares, defined as the total shares outstanding less shares held in one or more of the three groups listed above where the group holdings exceed 10% of the outstanding shares, by the total shares outstanding. The float-adjusted index is then calculated by dividing the sum of the IWF multiplied by both the price and the total shares outstanding for each stock by the index divisor. For companies with multiple classes of stock, Standard & Poor's calculates the weighted average IWF for each stock using the proportion of the total company market capitalization of each share class as weights.

The S&P MidCap 400 Index is calculated using a base-weighted aggregate methodology: the level of the S&P MidCap 400 Index reflects the total market value of all 400 component stocks relative to the base data of June 28, 1991 (the "base date"). An indexed number is used to represent the results of this calculation in order to make the value easier to work with and track over time. The actual total market value of the component stocks on the base date has been set to an indexed value of 100. This is often indicated by the notation June 28, 1991 = 100. In practice, the daily calculations of the S&P MidCap 400 Index is computed by dividing the total market value of the component stocks by the "index divisor". By itself, the index divisor is an arbitrary number. However, in the context of the calculation of the S&P MidCap 400 Index, it serves as a link to the original base period level of the S&P MidCap 400 Index. The index divisor keeps the S&P MidCap 400 Index.

#### S&P MidCap 400 Index Maintenance

S&P MidCap 400 Index maintenance includes monitoring and completing the adjustments for company additions and deletions, share changes, stock splits, stock dividends, and stock price adjustments due to company restructuring or spin-offs.

To prevent the level of the S&P MidCap 400 Index from changing due to these corporate actions, all corporate actions which affect the level of the S&P MidCap 400 Index require an index divisor adjustment. By adjusting the index divisor for the change in total market value of an individual company, the level of the S&P MidCap 400 Index remains constant. This helps maintain the level of the S&P MidCap 400 Index as an accurate barometer of stock market performance and ensures that the movement of the S&P MidCap 400 Index is not caused by the corporate action of an individual company. All index divisor adjustments are made after the close of trading and after the calculation of the S&P MidCap 400 Index closing level.

Some corporate actions, such as stock splits and stock dividends, require simple changes in the common shares outstanding and the stock prices of the companies in the S&P MidCap 400 Index and do not require index divisor adjustments.

Changes in a company's shares outstanding of 5% or more due to mergers, acquisitions, public offerings, private placements, tender offers, Dutch auctions, or exchange offers are made as soon as reasonably possible. All other changes of 5% or more (due to, for example, company stock repurchases, redemptions, exercise of options, warrants, subscription rights, conversion or preferred stock, notes, debt, equity participation units, or other recapitalizations) are made weekly and are announced on Tuesday for implementation after the close of trading on Wednesday. Changes of less than 5% are accumulated and made quarterly on the third Friday of March, June, September, and December and are usually announced two days prior.

Also, changes in IWF's of more than ten percentage points caused by corporate actions (such as merger and acquisition activity, restructurings, or spinoffs) will be made as soon as reasonably possible. Other changes in IWFs will be made annually, in September when IWFs are reviewed.

#### License Agreement

Standard & Poor's does not guarantee the accuracy and/or the completeness of the S&P MidCap 400 Index or any data included in the S&P MidCap 400 Index. Standard & Poor's makes no warranty, express or implied, as to results to be obtained by the calculating agent, the holders of the Notes or any other person or entity from the use of the S&P MidCap 400 Index or any data included in the S&P MidCap 400 Index in connection with the rights licensed under the license agreement described in this index supplement or for any other use. Standard & Poor's makes no express or implied warranties and hereby expressly disclaims all warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose with respect to the S&P MidCap 400 Index or any data included in the S&P MidCap 400 Index. Without limiting any of the above information, in no event shall Standard & Poor's have any liability for any special, punitive or consequential damages, including lost profits, even if notified of the possibility of these damages.

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Standard & Poor's and MLPF&S have entered into or, to the extent required, will enter into a non-exclusive license agreement for the license to MLPF&S, in exchange for a fee, of the right to use indices owned and published by Standard & Poor's in connection with some securities, including the Notes. SEK is an authorized sublicense of MLPF&S. The license agreement between Standard & Poor's and MLPF&S provides that the following language must be stated in this term sheet:

"The Notes are not sponsored, endorsed, sold or promoted by S&P. S&P makes no representation or warranty, express or implied, to the holders of the Notes or any member of the public regarding the advisability of investing in securities generally or in the Notes particularly or the ability of the S&P MidCap 400 Index to track general stock market performance. S&P's only relationship to MLPF&S (other than transactions entered into in the ordinary course of business) is the licensing of certain service marks and trade names of S&P and of the S&P MidCap 400 Index which is determined, composed and calculated by S&P without regard to SEK or the Notes. S&P has no obligation to take the needs of SEK or the holders of the Notes into consideration in determining, composing or calculating the S&P MidCap 400 Index. S&P is not responsible for and has not participated in the determination of the timing of the sale of the Notes, prices at which the Notes are to be initially sold, or quantities of the Notes to be issued or in the determination or calculation by which the Notes are to be converted into cash. S&P has no obligation or liability in connection with the administration, marketing or trading of the Notes."

### Certain U.S. Federal Income Taxation Considerations

See the discussion under the section entitled "United States Federal Income Taxation" in the accompanying product supplement ARN.

Prospective purchasers of the Notes should consult their own tax advisors concerning the tax consequences, in light of their particular circumstances, under the laws of the United States and any other taxing jurisdiction, of the purchase, ownership and disposition of the Notes.

#### Additional Note Terms

You should read this term sheet, together with the documents listed below (collectively, the "Note Prospectus"), which together contain the terms of the Notes and supersede all prior or contemporaneous oral statements as well as any other written materials. You should carefully consider, among other things, the matters set forth under "Risk Factors" in the sections indicated on the cover of this term sheet. The Notes involve risks not associated with conventional debt securities. We urge you to consult your investment, legal, tax, accounting and other advisers before you invest in the Notes.

You may access the following documents on the SEC Website at <a href="www.sec.gov">www.sec.gov</a> as follows (or if such address has changed, by reviewing our filings for the relevant date on the SEC Website):

- Product supplement ARN, dated December 27, 2007: http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/352960/000110465907090983/a07-31646\_1424b3.htm
- Prospectus and prospectus supplement, dated January 30, 2006: http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/352960/000104746906001120/a2167086z424b3.htm

Our Central Index Key, or CIK, on the SEC Website is 352960. References in this term sheet to "SEK.", "we", "us" and "our" are to AB Svensk Exportkredit (Swedish Export Credit Corporation), and references to "Merrill Lynch" and "MLPF&S" are to Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated.

We have filed a registration statement (including a prospectus) with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") for the offering to which this term sheet relates. Before you invest, you should read the prospectus in that registration statement, and the other documents relating to this offering that we have filed with the SEC for more complete information about us and this offering. You may get these documents without cost by visiting EDGAR on the SEC Website at <a href="www.sec.gov">www.sec.gov</a>. Alternatively, we, any agent or any dealer participating in this offering, will arrange to send you the Note Prospectus if you so request by calling toll-free 1-866-500-5408.

#### Structured Investments Classification

MLPF&S classifies certain of the Structured Investments it offers ("Structured Investments"), including the Notes, into four categories, each with different investment characteristics. The description below is intended to briefly describe the four categories of Structured Investments offered: Principal Protection, Enhanced Income, Market Participation, and Enhanced Participation. A Structured Investment may, however, combine characteristics that are relevant to one or more of the other categories. As such, a category should not be relied upon as a description of any particular Structured Investment.

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**Principal Protection:** Principal Protected Structured Investments offer full or partial principal protection at maturity, while offering market exposure and the opportunity for a better return than may be available from comparable fixed income securities. Principal protection may not be achieved if the investment is sold prior to maturity.

**Enhanced Income**: Structured Investments offering enhanced income may offer an enhanced income stream through interim fixed or variable coupon payments. However, in exchange for receiving current income, investors may forfeit upside potential on the underlying asset. These investments generally do not include the principal protection feature.

**Market Participation**: Market Participation Structured Investments can offer investors exposure to specific market sectors, asset classes and/or strategies that may not be readily available through traditional investment alternatives. Returns obtained from these investments are tied to the performance of the underlying asset. As such, subject to certain fees, the returns will generally reflect any increases or decreases in the value of such assets. These investments are not structured to include the principal protection feature.

**Enhanced Participation:** Enhanced Participation: Enhanced Participation Structured Investments may offer investors the potential to receive better than market returns on the performance of the underlying asset. Some structures may offer leverage in exchange for a capped or limited upside potential and also in exchange for downside risk. These underlying investments are not structured to include the principal protection feature.

The Enhanced Participation category is most characteristic of the Notes offered hereby; however, the classification of Structured Investments is meant solely for informational purposes and is not intended to describe fully any particular Structured Investment, including the Notes, nor guarantee any particular performance.

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Accelerated Return Notes<sup>5M</sup>



## AB SVENSK EXPORTKREDIT (Swedish Export Credit Corporation)

Medium-Term Notes, Series D, Accelerated Return Notes<sup>SM</sup>

#### The Notes:

- We may offer from time to time Accelerated Return Notes<sup>SM</sup> (the "Notes"). The Notes will be senior unsecured debt securities and part of a series entitled "Medium-Term Notes, Series D". The Notes will be linked to a market measure, which will be described in a term sheet or pricing supplement for the applicable Notes. This product supplement describes some of the general terms that apply to the Notes and the general manner in which they may be offered and sold. When we offer the Notes, we will provide investors with one or more prospectus supplements in the form of term sheets or pricing supplements which will describe the specific terms of that issue of Notes. Such term sheets will identify the market measure that will be used to calculate a return on the Notes offered thereby, and any additions or changes to the terms specified in this product supplement.
- The Notes are designed for investors who are seeking exposure to a specific market measure (the "Market Measure") and who anticipate that the value of such Market Measure will increase from the starting value of the Market Measure on the pricing date to the ending value of the Market Measure on the calculation date or dates as the case may be, shortly before the maturity date of such issue of Notes. Investors must be willing to forego interest payments on the Notes and be willing to accept a return that may be less than the original public offering price of the Notes and that will not be more than the limit described in this product supplement and the applicable term sheet (the "Capped Value").
- A Market Measure may be a commodity- or equity-based index or indices, the
  value of a single commodity or item, any other statistical measure of
  economic or financial performance, including, but not limited to, any
  currency, consumer price or mortgage index, or any combination thereof.
  Each Market Measure allows investors to participate in the movement of the
  levels of the Market Measure, as reflected by changes in the value of the
  Market Measure, from the Starting Value to the Ending Value (each as
  defined in this product supplement).
- There will be no payments on the Notes prior to the maturity date and we cannot redeem the Notes prior to the maturity date.
- There will be no principal protection on the Notes and therefore you will not receive a minimum fixed amount on the Notes at maturity. The return on your Notes will be subject to the Capped Value per unit set forth in the applicable term sheet.

If provided for in the applicable term sheet, we may apply to have the Notes listed on a securities exchange or quotation system. If approval of such an application is granted, the Notes will be listed on the securities exchange or quotation system at the time of such approval. We make no representations, however, that any Notes will be listed or, if listed, will remain listed for the entire term of the Notes.

#### Payment on the maturity date:

- The amount you receive on the maturity date (the "Redemption Amount") will be based upon the direction of and percentage change in the value of the Market Measure from the Starting Value of such Market Measure on the pricing date of such offering of Notes to the Ending Value of such Market Measure determined on a certain calculation date or dates shortly before the maturity date of such Notes, as set forth in the applicable term sheet. If the value of the Market Measure:
  - has increased, on the maturity date you will receive a payment per unit
    equal to the original public offering price of the Notes of such issue (the
    "Original Offering Price") plus an amount equal to the Original Offering
    Price multiplied by triple the percentage increase of the Market Measure,
    up to the Capped Value per unit applicable to such issue of Notes;
  - has decreased, on the maturity date you will receive a payment per unit based upon that percentage decrease and, as a result, you may receive less, and possibly significantly less, than the Original Offering Price per unit; or
  - is unchanged, on the maturity date you will receive a payment per unit equal to the Original Offering Price.
- As set forth in the applicable term sheet, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated will be our agent for purposes of determining, among other things, the Starting Value and the Ending Value, and calculating the Redemption Amount (in such capacity, the "Calculation Agent").

Information included in this product supplement supersedes information in the accompanying prospectus supplement and prospectus to the extent that it is different from that information.

Investing in the Notes involves risks that are described in the "Risk Factors" section beginning on page P-4 of this product supplement and beginning on page S-7 of the accompanying prospectus supplement.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this product supplement or the accompanying prospectus supplement and prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

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References in this product supplement to "Merrill Lynch" are to Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated.

This product supplement, together with the prospectus, the prospectus supplement and the term sheet or pricing supplement which relates to a specific issue of Notes will be referred to herein, collectively, as the "prospectus." You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in the prospectus. Neither we nor Merrill Lynch has authorized any other person to provide you with different or additional information. If anyone provides you with different or additional information, you should not rely on it. Neither we nor Merrill Lynch is making an offer to sell the Notes in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that the information contained or incorporated by reference in the prospectus is accurate only as of the date on the front cover of the applicable term sheet or pricing supplement.

#### RISK FACTORS

Your investment in the Notes will involve risks. You should carefully consider the following discussion of risks and the discussion of risks included in the accompanying prospectus supplement, the applicable term sheet or any other prospectus supplement relating to a specific issue of Notes before deciding whether an investment in the Notes is suitable for you.

#### General

#### Your investment may result in a loss

We will not repay you a fixed amount of principal on the Notes on the maturity date. The Redemption Amount will depend on the direction of and percentage change in the value of the Market Measure from the Starting Value to the Ending Value. Because the value of any Market Measure will be subject to market fluctuations, the Redemption Amount you receive may be less than the Original Offering Price per unit of the Notes. If the Ending Value is less than the Starting Value, the Redemption Amount will be less than the Original Offering Price per unit of the Notes even if the value of the Market Measure is greater than the Starting Value at certain other points during the term of the Notes. As a result, you may receive less, and possibly significantly less, than the Original Offering Price per unit.

#### Your yield may be lower than the yield on other debt securities of comparable maturity

The yield that you will receive on your Notes, which could be negative, may be less than the return you could earn on other investments. Your yield may be less than the yield you would earn if you bought a conventional interest bearing debt security of SEK with the same stated maturity date. Your investment may not reflect the full opportunity cost to you when you take into account factors that affect the time value of money. Unlike conventional interest bearing debt securities, the Notes do not guarantee the return of a principal amount on the maturity date.

## Your return is limited and may not reflect the return on a direct investment in the components included in the Market Measure

The opportunity to participate in the possible increases in the value of the Market Measure through an investment in the Notes is limited because the Redemption Amount will never exceed the Capped Value set forth in the applicable term sheet. However, in the event that the value of the Market Measure declines from the Starting Value to the Ending Value, you will realize the entire decline. As a result, you may receive less, and possibly significantly less, than the Original Offering Price per unit. Even if the Ending Value of Market Measure is greater than the Starting Value of the Market Measure by more than the Capped Value per unit at maturity, you will only receive the Capped Value.

#### You must rely on your own evaluation of the merits of an investment linked to a Market Measure

In the ordinary course of its business, Merrill Lynch or SEK may express views on expected movements in a Market Measure or in the components of a Market Measure, and these views may be communicated to clients in the ordinary course of its business. However, such views are subject to change from time to time. Moreover, other professionals who deal in markets related to a Market Measure may at any time have significantly different views from Merrill Lynch and its affiliates. For these reasons, you are encouraged to derive information concerning a Market Measure or the components of a Market Measure from multiple sources and should not rely on the views expressed by Merrill Lynch and its affiliates.

#### Exchange rate movements may impact the value of the Notes

The Notes will be denominated in U.S. dollars. Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable term sheet, if the value of a Market Measure or any Market Measure component is traded in a currency other than U.S. dollars and, as per the Market Measure, is converted into U.S. dollars or another currency, the amount payable on the Notes on the maturity date will depend in part on the relevant exchange rates.

In seeking to provide investors with what we believe to be commercially reasonable terms for the Notes while providing Merrill Lynch with compensation for its services, we have considered the costs of developing, hedging and distributing the Notes. If a trading market develops for the Notes (and such a market may not develop), these costs are expected to affect the market price you may receive or be quoted for your Notes on a date prior to the stated maturity date

Unless otherwise provided in the applicable term sheet, the Notes will not be listed on any futures or securities exchange and we do not expect a trading market for the Notes to develop. Although Merrill Lynch has indicated that it currently expects to bid for Notes offered for sale to it by holders of the Notes, it is not required to do so and may cease making those bids at any time.

If the applicable term sheet provides that we will apply to have the Notes listed on a securities exchange and if approval of such application is granted, the Notes will be listed on such securities exchange at the time of such approval. We will make no representation, however, that the Notes will be listed on such securities exchange, or, if listed, will remain listed for the entire term of the Notes. In any event, you should be aware that the listing of the Notes on a securities exchange does not necessarily ensure that a trading market will develop for the Notes. If a trading market does develop, there can be no assurance that there will be liquidity in the trading market.

The development of a trading market for the Notes will depend on our financial performance and other factors, including changes in the level of the Market Measure.

If the trading market for the Notes is limited, there may be a limited number of buyers for your Notes if you do not wish to hold your investment until the stated maturity date. This may affect the price you receive.

In determining the economic terms of the Notes, and consequently the potential return on the Notes to you, a number of factors are taken into account. Among these factors are certain costs associated with creating, hedging and offering the Notes. In structuring the economic terms of the Notes, we seek to provide investors with what we believe to be commercially reasonable terms and to provide Merrill Lynch with compensation for its services in developing the securities. If a market-maker (which may be Merrill Lynch) makes a market in the Notes, the price it quotes would reflect any changes in market conditions and other relevant factors. In addition, the price, if any, at which you could sell your Notes in a secondary market transaction is expected to be affected by the factors that we considered in setting the economic terms of the Notes, namely the underwriting discount paid in respect of the Notes and other costs associated with the Notes, and compensation for developing and hedging the product. This quoted price, or listed price in the case of listed Notes, could be higher or lower than the Original Offering Price. Merrill Lynch is not obligated to make a market in the Notes.

Assuming there is no change in the value of the Market Measure to which your Notes are linked and no change in market conditions or any other relevant factors, the price, if any, at which Merrill Lynch or another purchaser might be willing to purchase your Notes in a secondary market transaction is expected to be lower than the Original Offering Price. This is due to, among other things, the fact that the Original Offering Price included, and secondary market prices are likely to exclude, underwriting discounts paid with respect to, and the developing and hedging costs associated with, the Notes.

## If the Market Measure to which your Notes are linked is a basket, changes in the value of one or more basket components may offset each other

For Notes linked to a basket of two or more indices, price movements in the basket components may not correlate with each other. At a time when the value of one or more of the basket components increases, the value of one or more of the other basket components may not increase as much or may even decline in value. Therefore, in calculating the closing value of a basket component on a valuation date, increases in the value of one or more of the basket components may be moderated, or wholly offset, by lesser increases or declines in the value of one or more of the other basket components.

You cannot predict the future performance of any basket components or the basket as a whole, or whether increases in the values of any of the basket components will be offset by decreases in the values of the other basket components, based on their historical performance.

The respective publishers of the Market Measures may adjust such Market Measure or any component of a Market Measure in a way that affects its level, and these respective publishers have no obligation to consider your interests

The publishers of each Market Measure (each a "Market Measure Publisher") can add, delete or substitute the components included in a Market Measure or make other methodological changes that could change the value of such Market Measure. You should realize that the changing of companies, commodities or other components included in a Market Measure may affect such Market Measure, as a newly added component may perform significantly better or worse than the component it replaces. Additionally, a Market Measure Publisher may alter, discontinue or suspend calculation or dissemination of its Market Measure. Any of these actions could adversely affect the value of the Notes. The Market Measure Publishers have no obligation to consider your interests in calculating or revising the Market Measure.

## Many factors affect the trading value of the Notes; these factors interrelate in complex ways and the effect of any one factor may offset or magnify the effect of another factor

The trading value of the Notes will be affected by factors that interrelate in complex ways. The effect of one factor may offset the increase in the trading value of the Notes caused by another factor and the effect of one factor may exacerbate the decrease in the trading value of the Notes caused by another factor. For example, an increase in United States interest rates may offset some or all of any increase in the trading value of the Notes attributable to another factor, such as an increase in the value of the Market Measure. The following paragraphs describe the expected impact on the trading value of the Notes given a change in a specific factor, assuming all other conditions remain constant.

The value of the Market Measure is expected to affect the trading value of the Notes. We expect that the trading value of the Notes will depend substantially on the amount, if any, by which the value of the Market Measure exceeds or does not exceed the Starting Value. However, if you choose to sell your Notes when the value of the Market Measure exceeds the Starting Value, you may receive substantially less than the amount that would be payable on the maturity date based on this value because of the expectation that the value of the Market Measure will continue to fluctuate until the Ending Value is determined. In addition, because the payment on the maturity date on the Notes will not exceed the Capped Value set forth in the applicable term sheet, we do not expect that the Notes will trade in the secondary market above the Capped Value.

Changes in the volatility of the Market Measure are expected to affect the trading value of the Notes. Volatility is the term used to describe the size and frequency of price and/or market fluctuations. If the volatility of the Market Measure increases or decreases, the trading value of the Notes may be adversely affected.

Changes in the levels of interest rates are expected to affect the trading value of the Notes. We expect that changes in interest rates will affect the trading value of the Notes. Generally, if United States interest rates increase, we expect the trading value of the Notes will decrease and, conversely, if United States interest rates decrease, we expect the trading value of the Notes will increase. If the Market Measure to which your Notes are linked, or any components of such Market Measure, are traded in currencies other than the U.S. dollar, the level of interest rates in the relevant foreign countries may also affect their economies and in turn the level of such related Market Measure or component and, thus, the trading value of the Notes may be adversely affected.

Changes in dividend yields on stocks included in equity-based, excess return Market Measures are expected to affect the trading value of the Notes linked to such Market Measures. In general, if dividend yields on the stocks included in a Market Measure increase, we expect that the trading value of such Notes will decrease and, conversely, if dividend yields on the such stocks decrease, we expect that the trading value of such Notes will increase.

As the time remaining to the stated maturity date of the Notes decreases, the "time premium" associated with the Notes is expected to decrease. We anticipate that before their stated maturity date, the Notes may trade at a value above that which would be expected based on the level of interest rates and the value of the Market Measure. This difference will reflect a "time premium" due to expectations concerning the value of the Market Measure during the period before the stated maturity date of the Notes. However, as the time remaining to the stated maturity date of the Notes decreases, we expect that this time premium will decrease, lowering the trading value of the Notes.

Changes in our credit ratings may affect the trading value of the Notes. Our credit ratings are an assessment of our ability to pay our obligations. Consequently, real or anticipated changes in our credit ratings may affect the trading value of the Notes. However, because the return on your Notes is dependent upon factors in addition to our ability to pay our obligations under the Notes, such as the percentage increase, if any, in the value of the Market Measure from the Starting Value to the Ending Value, an improvement in our credit ratings will not reduce the other investment risks related to the Notes.

In general, assuming all relevant factors are held constant, we expect that the effect on the trading value of the Notes of a given change in some of the factors listed above will be less if it occurs later in the term of the Notes than if it occurs earlier in the term of the Notes. We expect, however, that the effect on the trading value of the Notes of a given change in the value of the Market Measure will be greater if it occurs later in the term of the Notes than if it occurs earlier in the term of the Notes.

#### Purchases and sales by Merrill Lynch and its affiliates may affect your return

Merrill Lynch and its affiliates may from time to time buy or sell the Market Measures, components of Market Measures or options contracts on Market Measures or components of the Market Measures for our own accounts for business reasons and expect to enter into these transactions in connection with hedging our obligations under the Notes. These transactions could affect the price of these components and, in turn, the value of a Market Measure in a manner that could be adverse to your investment in the Notes. Any purchases or sales by us, our affiliates or others on our behalf on or before the date an issue of the Notes are priced for initial sale to the public (the "Pricing Date") may temporarily increase or decrease the prices of a Market Measure or components of a Market Measure. Temporary increases or decreases in the market prices of the Market Measure or component of a Market Measure may also occur as a result of the purchasing activities of other market participants. Consequently, the prices of such Market Measure or component may change subsequent to the Pricing Date of an issue of Notes, affecting the value of the Market Measure and therefore the trading value of the Notes.

#### Merrill Lynch may do business with underlying companies

Merrill Lynch or its affiliates may presently or from time to time engage in business with one or more of the companies whose stocks are included in an equity-based Market Measure, including extending loans to, or making equity investments in, those companies or providing advisory services to those companies, including merger and acquisition advisory services. In the course of business, Merrill Lynch or its affiliates may acquire non-public information relating to those companies and, in addition, one or more affiliates of Merrill Lynch may publish research reports about those companies. Merrill Lynch does not make any representation to any purchasers of the Notes regarding any matters whatsoever relating to the companies corresponding to the stocks included in an equity-based Market Measure. Any prospective purchaser of the Notes should undertake an independent investigation of the companies included in an equity-based Market Measure as in its judgment is appropriate to make an informed decision regarding an investment in the Notes. The composition of those companies does not reflect any investment recommendations of Merrill Lynch or its affiliates.

#### Tax consequences are uncertain

You should consider the tax consequences of investing in the Notes, aspects of which are uncertain. No statutory, judicial or administrative authority directly addresses the characterization of the Notes or instruments similar to the Notes for U.S. federal income tax purposes. As a result, significant aspects of the U.S. federal income tax consequences of an investment in the Notes are not certain. No ruling is being requested from the Internal Revenue Service with respect to the Notes and no assurance can be given that the Internal Revenue Service will agree with the conclusions expressed under "United States Federal Income Tax Considerations" in this product supplement. It is also possible that future United States legislation, regulations or other IRS guidance would require you to accrue income on the Notes on a current basis at ordinary income rates (as opposed to capital gains rates) or to treat the Notes in another manner that significantly differs from the agreed-upon treatment discussed under "United States Federal Income Tax Considerations" in this product supplement, and that any such guidance could have retroactive effect.

#### **Equity-Based Market Measures**

If the Market Measure to which your Notes are linked is equity-based, you will not have the right to receive cash dividends or exercise ownership rights with respect to the component stocks included in such Market Measure

If the Market Measure to which your Notes are linked is equity-based, you will not have voting rights or rights to receive cash dividends or other ownership rights in the stocks included in such Market Measure and your return on the Notes will not reflect the return you would realize if you actually owned the component stocks included in the Market Measure and received the dividends paid on those stocks. This is because the Calculation Agent will calculate the

amount payable to you on the maturity date by reference to the Ending Value. Additionally, the Ending Values of certain equity based indices reflect only the prices of the common stocks included in the component stocks and do not take into consideration the value of dividends paid on those stocks.

## If the Market Measure to which your Notes are linked includes stocks traded on foreign exchanges, your return may be affected by factors affecting international securities markets

Equity-based Market Measures that include stocks traded on foreign exchanges are computed by reference to the value of the equity securities of companies listed on a foreign exchange or exchanges. The return on the Notes will be affected by factors affecting the value of securities in the relevant markets. The relevant foreign securities markets may be more volatile than United States or other securities markets and may be affected by market developments in different ways than United States or other securities markets. Direct or indirect government intervention to stabilize a particular securities market and cross-shareholdings in companies in the relevant foreign markets may affect prices and the volume of trading in those markets. Also, there is generally less publicly available information about foreign companies than about United States companies that are subject to the reporting requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Additionally, accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards and requirements in foreign countries differ from those applicable to United States reporting companies.

The prices and performance of securities of companies in foreign countries may be affected by political, economic, financial and social factors in those regions. In addition, recent or future changes in government, economic and fiscal policies in the relevant jurisdictions, the possible imposition of, or changes in, currency exchange laws or other laws or restrictions, and possible fluctuations in the rate of exchange between currencies, are factors that could negatively affect the relevant securities markets. Moreover, the relevant foreign economies may differ favorably or unfavorably from the United States economy in economic factors such as growth of gross national product, rate of inflation, capital reinvestment, resources and self-sufficiency.

#### Commodity-Based Market Measures

## If the Market Measure to which your Notes are linked is commodity-based, ownership of the Notes will not entitle you to any rights with respect to any futures contracts or commodities included in or tracked by the Market Measure

If the Market Measure to which your Notes are linked is commodity-based, you will not own or have any beneficial or other legal interest in, and will not be entitled to any rights with respect to, any of the commodities or commodity futures included in such Market Measure. SEK will not invest in any of the commodities or commodity futures contracts included in such Market Measure on behalf or for the benefit of holders of the Notes.

## Trading in the components of a commodity-based Market Measure can be volatile based on a number of factors that we cannot control

Trading in commodities is speculative and can be extremely volatile. Market prices of the commodities may fluctuate rapidly based on numerous factors, including: changes in supply and demand relationships; weather; agriculture; trade; fiscal, monetary and exchange control programs; domestic and foreign political and economic events and policies; disease; technological developments; and changes in interest rates. These factors may affect the level of a commodity-based Market Measure and the value of the Notes in varying ways, and different factors may cause the value of the commodities, and the volatilities of their prices, to move in inconsistent directions at inconsistent rates. Additionally, certain commodity-based Market Measures may be concentrated in only a few, or even a single industry (*i.e.* energy). These Market Measures are likely to be more volatile than those comprised of a variety of commodities.

## With respect a to commodity-based Market Measure, suspension or disruptions of market trading in the commodity and related futures markets, or in the Market Measure, may adversely affect the value of the Notes

The commodity markets are subject to disruptions due to various factors, including the lack of liquidity in the markets and government regulation and intervention. In addition, U.S. futures exchanges and some foreign exchanges have regulations that limit the amount of fluctuation in futures contract prices that may occur during a single business day. These limits are generally referred to as "daily price fluctuation limits" and the maximum or minimum price of a contract on any given day as a result of these limits is referred to as a "limit price." Once the limit price has been reached in a particular contract, no trades may be made at a different price. Limit prices have the

effect of precluding trading in a particular contract or forcing the liquidation of contracts at disadvantageous times or prices. There can be no assurance that any such disruption or any other *force majeure* (such as an act of God, fire, flood, severe weather conditions, act of governmental authority, labor difficulty, etc.) will not have an adverse affect on the level of or trading in the Market Measure, or the manner in which it is calculated, and therefore, the value of the Notes.

#### Notes linked to a commodity-based Market Measure will not be regulated by the CFTC

Unlike an investment in the Notes linked to a commodity-based Market Measure, an investment in a collective investment vehicle that invests in futures contracts on behalf of its participants may be regulated as a commodity pool and its operator may be required to be registered with and regulated by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "CFTC") as a "commodity pool operator" (a "CPO"). Because Notes linked to a commodity-based Market Measure will not be interests in a commodity pool, such Notes will not be regulated by the CFTC as a commodity pool, we will not be registered with the CFTC as a CPO and you will not benefit from the CFTC's or any non-United States regulatory authority's regulatory protections afforded to persons who trade in futures contracts or who invest in regulated commodity pools. Notes linked to a commodity-based Market Measure will not constitute investments by you or by us or Merrill Lynch or any of its affiliates on your behalf in futures contracts traded on regulated futures exchanges, which may only be transacted through a person registered with the CFTC as a "futures commission merchant" ("FCM"). We are is not registered with the CFTC as an FCM and you will not benefit from the CFTC's or any other non-United States regulatory authority's regulatory protections afforded to persons who trade in futures contracts on a regulated futures exchange through a registered FCM.

## A commodity-based Market Measure may include futures contracts on foreign exchanges that are less regulated than U.S. markets

A commodity-based Market Measure may include futures contracts on physical commodities on exchanges located outside the United States. The regulations of the CFTC do not apply to trading on foreign exchanges, and trading on foreign exchanges may involve different and greater risks than trading on United States exchanges. Certain foreign markets may be more susceptible to disruption than United States exchanges due to the lack of a government-regulated clearinghouse system. Trading on foreign exchanges also involves certain other risks that are not applicable to trading on United States exchanges. Those risks include: (a) exchange rate risk relative to the U.S. dollar; (b) exchange controls; (c) expropriation; (d) burdensome or confiscatory taxation; and (e) moratoriums, and political or diplomatic events. It will also likely be more costly and difficult for a Market Measure Publisher (as defined below to enforce the laws or regulations of a foreign country or exchange, and it is possible that the foreign country or exchange may not have laws or regulations which adequately protect the rights and interests of investors in the Market Measure.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF THE NOTES**

We will issue Notes as part of series of senior unsecured debt securities entitled "Medium-Term Notes, Series D," under the Indenture. The Notes and the Indenture are more fully described in the accompanying general prospectus supplement. The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. is the successor trustee under the Indenture. The Notes will mature on the date set forth in the applicable term sheet relating to a specific issue of Notes. Information included in this product supplement supersedes information in the accompanying prospectus supplement and prospectus to the extent that it is different from that information.

The Notes will not be subject to redemption by us or repayment at the option of any holder of the Notes prior to the maturity date, other than as a result of changes in Swedish tax law, as set forth in "— Tax Redemption".

We will issue the Notes in the denominations of whole units, each with a public offering price per unit as set forth in the applicable term sheet (the "Original Offering Price"). You may transfer the Notes only in whole units. You will not have the right to receive physical certificates evidencing your ownership except under limited circumstances. Instead, we will issue the Notes in the form of a global certificate, which will be held by The Depository Trust Company, also known as DTC, or its nominee. Direct and indirect participants in DTC will record your ownership of the Notes. You should refer to the section entitled "Description of Debt Securities—Depositary" in the accompanying general prospectus supplement.

The Notes will not have the benefit of any sinking fund and there is no principal protection on the Notes and therefore you will not receive a minimum fixed amount on the maturity date.

#### **Payment on the Maturity Date**

On the maturity date, you will be entitled to receive a cash payment per unit in United States dollars equal to the Redemption Amount per unit, as provided below. There will be no other payment of interest, periodic or otherwise, on the Notes.

#### Determination of the Redemption Amount

The "Redemption Amount" per unit, denominated in U.S. dollars, will be determined by the Calculation Agent and will equal:

(i) If the Ending Value of the Market Measure is greater than its Starting Value:

Original Offering Price + Original Offering Price 
$$\times 3 \times \left(\frac{\text{Ending Value - Starting Value}}{\text{Starting Value}}\right)$$
;

provided, however, the Redemption Amount will not exceed an amount per unit as set forth in the applicable term sheet (the "Capped Value"). The Capped Value will be determined on the date the Notes are priced for initial sale to the public (the "Pricing Date") and will be set forth in the applicable term sheet or pricing supplement made available in connection with sales of a specific issue of the Notes.

(ii) If the Ending Value is less than or equal to the Starting Value:

Original Offering Price 
$$\times \left(\frac{\text{Ending Value}}{\text{Starting Value}}\right)$$

The "Starting Value" will be the value of the Market Measure on the Pricing Date as determined by the Calculation Agent.

Ending Value Calculation - Equity-Based Market Measures

If the Market Measure to which your Notes are linked is equity-based, the "Ending Value" will be determined by the Calculation Agent and will equal the average of the closing values of such Market Measure determined on each of a certain number of Calculation Days during the Calculation Period. The timing and exact number of Calculation Days in the Calculation Period, which may be one or more, will be set forth in the applicable

term sheet. We may calculate the Ending Value by reference to a fewer number of days than set forth in the applicable term sheet if, during the period shortly before the maturity date of an issue of Notes, there is a disruption in the trading of the Market Measure or a sufficient number of components included in the Market Measure or certain futures or options contracts relating to a Market Measure or components of a Market Measure. If there is only one Calculation Day during the Calculation Period, then the Ending Value will equal the closing value of the Market Measure on that Calculation Day. If no Calculation Days occur during the Calculation Period, then the Ending Value will equal the closing value of the Market Measure determined (or, if not determinable, estimated by the Calculation Agent in a manner which is considered commercially reasonable under the circumstances) on the last scheduled Market Measure Business Day in the Calculation Period, regardless of the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event (as defined below) on that scheduled Market Measure Business Day.

Ending Value Calculation – Commodity Based Market Measures

If the Market Measure to which your Notes are linked is commodity-based, the "Ending Value" with respect to the Redemption Amount payable on the stated maturity date will equal the closing level of the Market Measure on a specific Calculation Day, as set forth in the applicable term sheet, provided that if a Market Disruption Event occurs on that date, the Ending Value will be determined according to the Market Disruption Calculation (as described below).

The "Calculation Period" means the period shortly before the maturity date the timing and length of which will be set forth in the applicable term sheet.

A "Calculation Day" means any Market Measure Business Day during the Calculation Period on which a Market Disruption Event has not occurred.

A "Market Measure Business Day" means a day on which (1) the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE"), the American Stock Exchange and the Nasdaq Stock Market are open for trading and (2) the Market Measure or any successor thereto is calculated and published.

*Market Disruption Event – Equity-Based Market Measures* 

For equity-based Market Measures, "Market Disruption Event" means either of the following events as determined by the Calculation Agent:

- (A) the suspension of or material limitation on trading, in each case, for more than two hours of trading, or during the one-half hour period preceding the close of trading, on the primary exchange where component stocks of a Market Measure trade as determined by the Calculation Agent (without taking into account any extended or after-hours trading session), in 20% or more of the stocks which then comprise Market Measure or any successor market measure; or
- (B) the suspension of or material limitation on trading, in each case, for more than two hours of trading, or during the one-half hour period preceding the close of trading, on the primary exchange that trades options contracts or futures contracts related to the Market Measure as determined by the Calculation Agent (without taking into account any extended or after-hours trading session), whether by reason of movements in price otherwise exceeding levels permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise, in options contracts or futures contracts related to the Market Measure, or any successor market measure.

For the purpose of determining whether a Market Disruption Event has occurred:

- (1) a limitation on the hours in a trading day and/or number of days of trading will not constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the relevant exchange;
- (2) a decision to permanently discontinue trading in the relevant futures or options contracts related to the Market Measure, or any successor market measure, will not constitute a Market Disruption Event;
- (3) a suspension in trading in a futures or options contract on the Market Measure, or any successor market measure, by a major securities market by reason of (a) a price change violating limits set by that securities market, (b) an imbalance of orders relating to those contracts or (c) a disparity in

- bid and ask quotes relating to those contracts will constitute a suspension of or material limitation on trading in futures or options contracts related to the Market Measure;
- (4) a suspension of or material limitation on trading on the relevant exchange will not include any time when that exchange is closed for trading under ordinary circumstances; and,
- (5) if applicable to equity-based Market Measures with component stocks listed on the NYSE, for the purpose of clause (A) above, any limitations on trading during significant market fluctuations under NYSE Rule 80B, or any applicable rule or regulation enacted or promulgated by the NYSE or any other self regulatory organization or the Securities and Exchange Commission of similar scope as determined by the Calculation Agent, will be considered "material".

Market Disruption Event - Commodity-Based Market Measures

For commodity-based Market Measures, "Market Disruption Event" means one or more of the following events as determined by the Calculation Agent:

- (1) A material limitation, suspension, or disruption of trading in one or more Market Measure components which results in a failure by the exchange on which each applicable Market Measure component is traded to report an exchange published settlement price for such contract on the day on which such event occurs or any succeeding day on which it continues.
- (2) The exchange published settlement price for any Market Measure component is a "limit price", which means that the exchange published settlement price for such contract for a day has increased or decreased from the previous day's exchange published settlement price by the maximum amount permitted under applicable exchange rules.
- (3) Failure by the applicable exchange or other price source to announce or publish the exchange published settlement price for any Market Measure component.
- (4) A suspension of trading in one or more Market Measure components, for which the trading does not resume at least ten (10) minutes prior to the scheduled or rescheduled closing time.
- (5) Any other event, if the Calculation Agent determines in its sole discretion that the event materially interferes with our ability or the ability of any of our affiliates to unwind all or a material portion of a hedge with respect to the Notes that we or our affiliates have effected or may effect as described below under "Use of Proceeds and Hedging."

For Notes linked to a commodity-based Market Measure, in the event a Market Disruption Event has occurred on the Calculation Day, the Market Measure level will be determined by the Calculation Agent pursuant to the following "Market Disruption Calculation":

- (1) With respect to each Market Measure component, which is not affected by the Market Disruption Event, the Market Measure level will be based on the exchange published settlement price on the Calculation Day.
- (2) With respect to each Market Measure component which is affected by the Market Disruption Event, the Market Measure level will be based on the exchange published settlement price of each such contract on the first day following the Calculation Day on which no Market Disruption Event occurs with respect to such contract. In the event that a Market Disruption Event occurs with respect to any contract included in the Market Measure on the Calculation Day and on each day to and including the second scheduled Market Measure Business Day prior to maturity (the "Cut-Off Date"), the price of such contract used to determine the Ending Value will be estimated by the Calculation Agent in a manner which the Calculation Agent considers commercially reasonable under the circumstances.
- (3) The Calculation Agent shall determine the Market Measure level by reference to the exchange published settlement prices or other prices determined in clauses (1) and (2), above, using the then current method for calculating the Market Measure. The exchange on which a futures contract included in the Market Measure is traded for purposes of the foregoing definition means the exchange used to value such futures contract for the calculation of the Market Measure.

All determinations made by the Calculation Agent, absent a determination of a manifest error, will be conclusive for all purposes and binding on us and the holders and beneficial owners of the Notes.

#### **Adjustments to the Market Measure**

If at any time a Market Measure Publisher makes a material change in the formula for or the method of calculating a Market Measure, or Market Measure component in the case of a basket, or in any other way materially modifies that Market Measure so that the Market Measure does not, in the opinion of the Calculation Agent, fairly represent the level of the Market Measure had those changes or modifications not been made, then, from and after that time, the Calculation Agent will, at the close of business in New York, New York, on each date that the closing value of the Market Measure is to be calculated, make any adjustments as, in the good faith judgment of the Calculation Agent, may be necessary in order to arrive at a calculation of a level of a stock index, in the case of equity-based Market Measures, or of a level of a commodity futures index, in the case of a commodity-based Market Measure, comparable to such specific Market Measure as if those changes or modifications had not been made, and calculate the closing level with reference to the Market Measure, as so adjusted. Accordingly, if the method of calculating a Market Measure is modified so that the level of the Market Measure is a fraction or a multiple of what it would have been if it had not been modified, then the Calculation Agent will adjust the Market Measure in order to arrive at a level of the Market Measure as if it had not been modified.

#### **Discontinuance of the Market Measure**

If a Market Measure Publisher discontinues publication of a Market Measure to which an issue of Notes is linked, or one or more components of a Market Measure in the case of a basket, and such Market Measure Publisher or another entity publishes a successor or substitute market measure that the Calculation Agent determines, in its sole discretion, to be comparable to that Market Measure (a "successor market measure"), then, upon the Calculation Agent's notification of that determination to the trustee and us, the Calculation Agent will substitute the successor market measure as calculated by the relevant Market Measure Publisher or any other entity and calculate the Ending Value as described above under "—Payment on the Maturity Date". Upon any selection by the Calculation Agent of a successor market measure, we will cause the Calculation Agent to give notice of that selection to holders of the Notes.

In the event that a Market Measure Publisher discontinues publication of a Market Measure and:

- the Calculation Agent does not select a successor market measure; or
- the successor market measure is not published on any of the Calculation Days or the Calculation Day, as applicable,

the Calculation Agent will compute a substitute level for the Market Measure in accordance with the procedures last used to calculate the Market Measure before any discontinuance. If a successor market measure is selected or the Calculation Agent calculates a level as a substitute for a Market Measure as described below, the successor market measure or level will be used as a substitute for that Market Measure for all purposes, including the purpose of determining whether a Market Disruption Event exists.

If a Market Measure Publisher discontinues publication of the Market Measure before the Calculation Period or Calculation Day, as applicable, and the Calculation Agent determines that no successor market measure is available at that time, then on each Business Day until the earlier to occur of:

- the determination of the Ending Value; and
- a determination by the Calculation Agent that a successor market measure is available,

the Calculation Agent will determine the value that would be used in computing the Redemption Amount as described in the preceding paragraph as if that day were a Calculation Day. The Calculation Agent will cause notice of each value to be published not less often than once each month in *The Wall Street Journal* or another newspaper of general circulation and arrange for information with respect to these values to be made available by telephone.

A "Business Day" is any day on which (i) the Market Measure or a successor market measure, if any, that has not been discontinued, is calculated and published and (ii) with respect to the Market Measure, or any successor market measures, which have been discontinued, a day on which the applicable exchanges listing the stocks of companies or exchanges quoting the commodities futures contracts, as applicable to the Market Measure, used to

calculate a substitute level for a Market Measure following a discontinuance, as discussed above, are open for trading.

Notwithstanding these alternative arrangements, discontinuance of the publication of the specific Market Measure to which your Notes are linked may adversely affect trading in the Notes.

#### **Events of Default and Acceleration**

In case an Event of Default with respect to any issue of Notes has occurred and is continuing, the amount payable to a holder of a Note upon any acceleration permitted by the Notes, with respect to each Original Offering Price per unit, will be equal to the Redemption Amount per unit, calculated as though the date of acceleration were the stated maturity date of the Notes.

In case of default in payment of the Notes, whether on the stated maturity date or upon acceleration, from and after that date the Notes will bear interest, payable upon demand of their holders, at the then current Federal Funds Rate, reset daily, as determined by reference to Reuters page FEDFUNDS1 under the heading "EFFECT", to the extent that payment of such interest shall be legally enforceable, on the unpaid amount due and payable on that date in accordance with the terms of the Notes to the date payment of that amount has been made or duly provided for. "Reuters page FEDFUNDS1" means such page or any successor page, or page on a successor service, displaying such rate. If the Federal Funds Rate cannot be determined by reference to Reuters page FEDFUNDS1, such rate will be determined in accordance with the procedures set forth in the accompanying prospectus supplement relating to the determination of the Federal Funds Rate in the event of the unavailability of Moneyline Telerate page 120.

#### **Tax Redemption**

We may redeem the Notes prior to maturity if, due to the imposition by Sweden or one of its taxing authorities of any tax, assessment or governmental charge subsequent to the date of the issuance of the Notes, we would become obligated to pay additional amounts as set forth in the accompanying prospectus under "Description of Debt Securities—Optional Redemption Due to Change in Swedish Tax Treatment". If such an imposition occurs, we may at our option redeem all, but not less than all, the Notes by giving notice specifying a redemption date at least 30 days, but not more than 60 days, after the date of the notice. In such event, the redemption price per Note will be determined by the Calculation Agent and will be equal to the Redemption Amount plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to but excluding the redemption date, calculated as though the applicable Calculation Day were the third Business Day prior to the redemption date.

#### THE MARKET MEASURE

#### General

The Market Measure to which a specific issue of Notes are linked will be set forth in one or more term sheets or pricing supplements. Each Market Measure allows investors to participate in the movement of the levels of the Market Measure, as reflected by changes in the value of the Market Measure, from the Starting Value to the Ending Value.

A Market Measure may be a commodity- or equity-based index or indices, the value of a single stock, commodity or item, any other statistical measure of economic or financial performance, including, but not limited to, any currency, consumer price or mortgage index, or any combination thereof. The Market Measure applicable to your Notes may also be a basket of two or more of these indices or statistical measures, in which case each one will be referred to as a "basket component."

#### **Baskets**

A basket is designed to allow investors to participate in the percentage changes in the levels of the basket components from the Starting Value to the Ending Value of the basket. If the Market Measure to which your Notes are linked is a basket, the basket components will be set forth in the applicable term sheet. Each basket component will be assigned a weighting (the "Initial Weighting") so that each basket component represents a portion of the value of the basket on the Pricing Date. The basket components may be assigned equal Initial Weightings or the basket components may be assigned unequal Initial Weightings. The Initial Weighting of any basket component will be set forth in the applicable term sheet.

Determination of the Multiplier for each Basket Component

A fixed factor (the "Multiplier") will be determined for each basket component, based upon the weighting of that Basket Component. The Multiplier for each basket component will be calculated on the Pricing Date and will equal:

- the weighting (as a percentage) for that basket component, multiplied by 100; and
- divided by the closing level of that basket component on the Pricing Date and rounded to eight decimal places.

The Multipliers will be calculated in this way so that the value of the basket will equal 100 on the Pricing Date. The Multipliers will not be revised subsequent to their determination on the Pricing Date except that the Calculation Agent may in its good faith judgment adjust the Multiplier of any basket component in the event that basket component is materially changed or modified in a manner that does not, in the opinion of the Calculation Agent, fairly represent the level of that basket component had those material changes or modifications not been made.

#### Computation of the Basket

The Calculation Agent will calculate the value of the basket by summing the products of the closing level for each basket component on a Calculation Day and the Multiplier applicable to each basket component. The value of the basket will vary based on the increase or decrease in the level of each basket component. Any increase in the level of a basket component (assuming no change in the level of the other basket component or basket component (assuming no change in the value of the basket. Conversely, any decrease in the level of a basket component (assuming no change in the level of the other basket component or basket components) will result in a decrease in the value of the basket.

The following tables are for illustration purposes only, and do not reflect the actual composition, Initial Weightings or Multipliers, which will be set forth in the applicable term sheet or pricing supplement.

#### Example 1:

The hypothetical basket components are Index ABC and Index XYZ, each weighted equally on a hypothetical pricing date:

| Basket Component | Initial<br>Weighting | Closing<br>Level <sup>(1)</sup> | Hypothetical<br>Multiplier <sup>(2)</sup> | Initial Basket<br>Level<br>Contribution |
|------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|---|---|
| Index ABC        | 50.00%               | 500.00                          | 0.10000000                                | 50.00                                   |
| Index XYZ        | 50.00%               | 3,500.00                        | 0.01428571                                | 50.00                                   |
| Starting Value   |                      |                                 |   | 100.00                                  |

#### Example 2:

The hypothetical basket components are Index ABC, Index XYZ and Index RST, with their initial weightings being 50.00%, 25.00% and 25.00%, respectively:

| Basket Component | Initial<br>Weighting | Closing<br>Level <sup>(1)</sup> | Hypothetical<br>Multiplier <sup>(2)</sup> | Initial Basket Level Contribution |
|------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Index ABC        | 50.00%               | 500.00                          | 0.10000000                                | 50.00                             |
| Index XYZ        | 25.00%               | 2,420.00                        | 0.01033057                                | 25.00                             |
| Index RST        | 25.00%               | 1,014.00                        | 0.02465483                                | 25.00                             |
| Starting Value   |                      |                                 |   | 100.00                            |

<sup>(1)</sup> This is the closing level of each basket component on the hypothetical pricing date.

<sup>(2)</sup> The hypothetical Multiplier equals the initial weighting of the basket component (as a percentage) multiplied by 100, and then divided by the closing level of that basket component Index on the hypothetical pricing date and rounded to eight decimal places. The actual basket components, Initial Weightings, Multipliers and the Pricing Date will be set forth in the applicable term sheet.

#### UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

The following is a discussion of the principal U.S. federal income tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of the Notes by a U.S. holder who purchases Notes in the initial offering at their original offering price and holds the Notes as capital assets. This discussion is based upon the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), Treasury regulations and proposed Treasury regulations issued under the Code, Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") rulings and pronouncements and judicial decisions now in effect, all of which may change, possibly with retroactive effect.

This discussion does not address all aspects of U.S. federal income taxation that may be relevant to U.S. holders in light of their particular circumstances, such as holders to whom special tax treatment applies, including (1) banks, regulated investment companies, real estate investment trusts, insurance companies, dealers in Notes or currencies or tax-exempt organizations, (2) persons holding Notes as part of a straddle, hedge, conversion transaction or other integrated investment, (3) persons whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar, or (4) traders in Notes that elect to use a mark to market method of accounting for their Notes holdings. In addition, this discussion does not address alternative minimum taxes or state, local or foreign taxes.

This summary addresses only Notes that are linked to a Market Measure other than the performance of one or more currencies. The U.S. federal income tax considerations relevant to the Notes linked to currency Market Measures will be addressed in the relevant pricing supplement for such Notes.

"U.S. holder" means a beneficial owner of the Notes that is, for United States federal income tax purposes, (i) an individual citizen or resident of the United States, (ii) a U.S. domestic corporation or (iii) any other entity or person generally subject to U.S. federal income tax on a net income basis.

No statutory, administrative or judicial authority directly addresses the treatment of holders of Notes for U.S. federal income tax purposes. As a result, no assurance can be given that the IRS or a court will agree with the tax consequences described in this discussion. A differing treatment from that assumed below could adversely affect the amount, timing and character of income, gain or loss in respect of an investment in the Notes. Prospective investors are urged to consult their own tax advisors with respect to the U.S. federal income tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of the Notes in light of their own particular circumstances, as well as the effect of any state, local or foreign tax laws.

#### **Consequences to U.S. holders**

We intend to take the position that the Notes will be treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a prepaid forward contract to purchase the Market Measure and, by purchasing a Note, you will be deemed to have agreed to that treatment. The remainder of this discussion assumes that Notes will be so treated. We also will take the position that at the time of issuance of your Note you deposit irrevocably with us a fixed amount of cash equal to the purchase price of your Note to assure the fulfillment of your purchase obligation, which deposit will be non-interest bearing and will be unconditionally and irrevocably applied at the stated maturity date to satisfy that obligation at the stated maturity date. Although you will be obligated to treat the purchase price as a deposit for U.S. federal income tax purposes, the cash proceeds that we will receive from the offering will not be segregated by us during the term of your Note, but instead will be commingled with our other assets.

Sale, exchange or other taxable disposition of Notes. A U.S. holder's initial tax basis in the Notes will be the price at which the U.S. holder purchased the Notes. Upon the sale, exchange or other disposition of Notes in a taxable disposition, the holder generally will recognize gain or loss equal to the difference between the proceeds received (including amounts received at maturity) and the holder's adjusted tax basis in the Note. The gain or loss generally will be capital gain or loss. The gain or loss generally will be long-term capital gain or loss if the U.S. holder held the Note more than one year immediately before the disposition. Long-term capital gains of individuals are eligible for reduced rates of taxation. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to limitations.

*Possible alternative treatment.* It is possible that the IRS could seek to characterize the Notes in a manner that results in tax consequences different from those described above. Under alternative characterizations of

the Notes, it is possible, for example, that the Notes could be treated as contingent payment debt instruments, or as including a debt instrument and a forward contract or two or more options. Under these alternative characterizations, the timing and character of income from the Notes could differ substantially.

It is also possible that future regulations or other IRS guidance would require you to accrue income on the Notes on a current basis at ordinary income rates (as opposed to capital gains rates) or to treat the Notes in another manner that significantly differs from the agreed-upon treatment discussed above. The IRS and U.S. Treasury Department recently issued a notice (the "Notice") that requests public comments on a comprehensive list of tax policy issues raised by prepaid forward contracts, which include financial instruments similar to the Notes. The Notice contemplates that such instruments may become subject to taxation on a current accrual basis under one or more possible approaches, including a mark-to-market methodology; a regime similar to the Contingent Payment Debt Regulations; categorization of prepaid forward contracts as debt; and treatment of prepaid forward contracts as "constructive ownership transactions". The Notice also contemplates that all (or significant portions) of an investor's returns under prepaid forward contracts could be taxed at ordinary income rates (as opposed to capital gains rates). It is currently impossible to predict what guidance, if any, will be issued as a result of the Notice, and whether any such guidance could have retroactive effect.

In addition, legislation recently has been introduced for consideration in the United States Congress that, if enacted into law, would require current accrual of interest income on prepaid derivative contracts with a term of more than one year (which would include financial instruments similar to the Notes) acquired after the date of the legislation's enactment. The legislation also would implement special income accrual rules for publicly traded prepaid derivative contracts. The schedule for consideration of this legislation and the outcome of the legislative process currently is uncertain.

The IRS and U.S. Treasury Department have also issued proposed regulations that require the accrual of income on a current basis with respect to contingent non-periodic payments made under certain notional principal contracts. The preamble to the proposed regulations states that the "wait and see" method of accounting does not properly reflect the economic accrual of income on such contracts, and requires current accrual of income with respect to some contracts already in existence at the time the proposed regulations were released. While the proposed regulations do not apply to derivative financial instruments other than notional principal contracts, the preamble to the proposed regulations expresses the view that similar timing issues exist in the case of prepaid forward contracts. If the IRS published future guidance requiring current accrual of income with respect to contingent payments on prepaid forward contracts, it is possible that you could be required to accrue income over the term of the Notes.

Backup withholding tax and information reporting. Unless a U.S. holder is an exempt recipient, such as a corporation, payments on the Notes and the proceeds received from the sale of Notes will be subject to information reporting and may also be subject to U.S. federal backup withholding tax if the U.S. holder fails to supply an accurate taxpayer identification number or otherwise fails to comply with applicable U.S. information reporting or certification requirements. Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules will be allowed as a credit against a U.S. holder's U.S. federal income tax liability if the holder provides the required information to the IRS.

#### Consequences to non-U.S. holders

Gain or loss on disposition. A non-U.S. holder will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax on gain realized on the sale, exchange, maturity or repurchase by SEK of a Note unless (1) the gain is effectively connected with the conduct by the holder of a trade or business in the United States or (2) in the case of gain realized by an individual holder, the holder is present in the United States for 183 days or more in the taxable year of the sale and certain other conditions are met.

Information reporting and backup withholding. In general, backup withholding and information reporting will not apply to payments made by us or our paying agents, in their capacities as our paying agents, to a non-U.S. holder as long as the income associated with the payments is otherwise exempt from U.S. federal income tax and the holder has provided the required certification that it is a non-U.S. holder, unless either we or our paying agent has actual knowledge that the holder is a U.S. person.

#### **USE OF PROCEEDS AND HEDGING**

The net proceeds from the sale of the Notes will be used as described under "Use of Proceeds" in the accompanying prospectus. While we are not required to do so, we may elect to hedge our obligations under the Notes with Merrill Lynch or one of its affiliates. Such hedging activity is expected to result in a profit to those engaging in the hedging activity, which could be more or less than initially expected, but which could also result in a loss for the hedging counterparty.

#### SUPPLEMENTAL PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

Merrill Lynch has advised us that it will initially offer all or part of the Notes directly to the public on a fixed price basis at the offering prices set forth on the applicable term sheet and it may offer the Notes to dealers at that price less a concession not in excess of the underwriting discount set forth on the cover of the applicable term sheet or pricing supplement. After the initial public offering, the public offering price and concession may be changed. The obligations of Merrill Lynch are subject to certain conditions and it is committed to take and pay for all of the Notes offered pursuant to a specific term sheet or pricing supplement if any are taken.

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Capitalized terms used in this product supplement and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the accompanying prospectus supplement and prospectus, as applicable.



# AB SVENSK EXPORTKREDIT (Swedish Export Credit Corporation) Medium-Term Notes, Series D

Accelerated Return Notes<sup>SM</sup>

PRODUCT SUPPLEMENT

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#### AB SVENSK EXPORTKREDIT

(Swedish Export Credit Corporation) (incorporated in Sweden with limited liability)

## Medium-Term Notes, Series D Due Nine Months or More from Date of Issue

We may offer an unlimited principal amount of notes. The following terms may apply to the notes, which we may sell from time to time. We may vary these terms and will provide the final terms for each offering of notes in a pricing supplement. If the information in a pricing supplement differs from the information contained in this prospectus supplement or the prospectus, you should rely on the information contained in the relevant pricing supplement.

- Fixed or floating interest rate. The floating interest rate formula may be based on:
  - LIBOR
  - · Commercial Paper Rate
  - Treasury Rate
  - · CD Rate
  - · Federal Funds Rate
  - Any other rate specified in the relevant pricing supplement
- We may sell the notes as indexed notes or discount notes
- The notes may be subject to redemption at our option or repurchase at our option
- The notes will be in registered form and may be in book-entry or certificated form
- The notes will be denominated in U.S. dollars or other currencies
- U.S. dollar-denominated notes will be issued in denominations of U.S.\$1,000 and integral multiples of U.S.\$1,000
- The notes will not be listed on any securities exchange, unless otherwise indicated in the applicable pricing supplement
- We will make interest payments on the notes without deducting withholding or similar taxes imposed by Sweden

See "Risks Associated With Foreign Currency Notes and Indexed Notes" beginning on page S-7 to read about certain risks associated with foreign currency notes and indexed notes which you should consider before investing in the notes.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any other regulatory body has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus supplement or the related prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

**Deutsche Bank Securities** 

Goldman, Sachs & Co.

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Merrill Lynch & Co.

**Morgan Stanley** 

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#### ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

This prospectus supplement supplements the accompanying prospectus dated January 30, 2006 relating to our debt securities. If the information in this prospectus supplement differs from the information contained in the accompanying prospectus, you should rely on the information in this prospectus supplement.

You should read this prospectus supplement along with the accompanying prospectus. Both documents contain information you should consider when making your investment decision. You should rely only on the information provided or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. We have not authorized anyone else to provide you with different information. We and the agents are offering to sell the notes and seeking offers to buy the notes only in jurisdictions where it is lawful to do so. The information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus is current only as of its date.

#### SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF THE NOTES

This summary highlights information contained elsewhere in this prospectus supplement and in the prospectus. It does not contain all the information that you should consider before investing in the notes. You should carefully read the pricing supplement relating to the terms and conditions of a particular issue of notes along with this entire prospectus supplement and the prospectus.

#### **Swedish Export Credit Corporation**

We, Swedish Export Credit Corporation (or SEK), are a public stock corporation wholly owned by the Kingdom of Sweden through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Our principal executive office is located at Västra Trädgårdsgatan 11B, 10327 Stockholm, Sweden and our telephone number is (+46) 8-613-8300.

#### The Notes

| Issuer:              | Swedish Export Credit Corporation  |
|----------------------|--|
| Agents:              | Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. Goldman, Sachs & Co. Lehman Brothers Inc. Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated                                     |
| Trustee:             | JP Morgan Trust Company, National Association  |
| Paying Agent:        | JP Morgan Trust Company, National Association, unless otherwise specified in the applicable pricing supplement   |
| Amount:              | We may offer an unlimited amount of notes.   |
| Issue Price:         | We may issue the notes at par, or at a premium over, or discount to, par and either on a fully paid or partly paid basis.  |
| Maturities:          | The notes will mature at least nine months from their date of issue.   |
| Fixed Rate Notes:    | Fixed rate notes will bear interest at a fixed rate.   |
| Floating Rate Notes: | Floating rate notes will bear interest at a rate determined periodically by reference to one or more interest rate bases plus a spread or multiplied by a spread multiplier.                     |
| Indexed Notes:       | Payments of principal or interest on indexed notes will be calculated by reference to a specific measure or index.   |
| Discount Notes:      | Discount notes are notes that are offered or sold at a price less than their principal amount and called discount notes in the applicable pricing supplement. They may or may not bear interest. |

Redemption and Repayment: . . . . . . If the notes are redeemable at our option (other than on the occurrence of the tax events described under "Description of Debt Securities—Optional Redemption Due to Changes in Swedish Tax Treatment" in the accompanying prospectus) or repayable at the option of the holder before maturity, the pricing supplement will specify: the initial redemption date on or after which we may redeem the notes or the repayment date or dates on which the holders may elect repayment of the notes; the redemption or repayment price or how this will be calculated; and the required prior notice to the holders or to us. The notes will constitute our direct, unconditional and unsecured indebtedness and will rank equally in right of payment with all our unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness. The notes will not be obligations of the Kingdom of Sweden. Subject to certain exceptions, we will make all payments on the notes without withholding or deducting any taxes imposed by Sweden. For further information, see "Description of the Notes—Additional Amounts." We may from time to time, without the consent of existing Further Issues: . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . holders, create and issue notes having the same terms and conditions as any other outstanding notes offered pursuant to a pricing supplement in all respects, except for the issue date, issue price and, if applicable, the first payment of interest thereon. Additional notes issued in this manner will be consolidated with, and will form a single series with, any such other outstanding notes. We have not applied to list the notes on any securities exchange. However, we may apply to list any particular issue of notes on a securities exchange, as provided in the applicable pricing supplement. We are under no obligation to list any issued notes and may in fact not do so. In connection with issues of notes, a stabilizing manager or any person acting for the stabilizing manager may over-allot or effect transactions with a view to supporting the market price of the notes at a level higher than that which might otherwise prevail for a limited period after the issue date. However, there may be no obligation of the stabilizing manager or any agent of the stabilizing manager to do this. Any such stabilizing, if commenced, may be discontinued at any time, and must be brought to an end after a limited period. Such stabilizing shall be in compliance with all applicable laws, regulations and rules.

| Governing Law:        | The notes will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, New York law, except that matters relating to the authorization and execution of the notes by us will be governed by the law of Sweden. Furthermore, if the notes are at any time secured by property or assets in Sweden, matters relating to the enforcement of such security will be governed by the law of Sweden.  |
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| Purchase Currency:    | You must pay for notes by wire transfer in the specified currency. You may ask an agent to arrange for, at its discretion, the conversion of U.S. dollars or another currency into the specified currency to enable you to pay for the notes. You must make this request on or before the fifth business day preceding the issue date, or by a later date if the agent allows. The agent will set the terms for each conversion and you will be responsible for all currency exchange costs. |
| Certain Risk Factors: | For information about risks associated with foreign currency notes and indexed notes, see "Risks Associated with Foreign Currency Notes and Indexed Notes" beginning on page S-7.  |
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## RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH FOREIGN CURRENCY NOTES AND INDEXED NOTES

An investment in a foreign currency note or an indexed note entails significant risks that are not associated with an investment in a non-indexed note denominated in U.S. dollars. This section describes certain risks associated with investing in such notes. The applicable pricing supplement may describe additional risks. You should consult your financial and legal advisors about the risks of investing in the notes and the suitability of your investment in light of your particular situation. We disclaim any responsibility for advising you on these matters.

Fluctuations in currency exchange rates and the imposition of exchange controls could cause the U.S. dollar equivalent of any interest payments and/or principal payable at maturity of a foreign currency note or a currency indexed note to be lower than the U.S. dollar equivalent amount you paid to purchase the note.

In general, the currency markets can be extremely volatile. Significant changes in the rate of exchange between the U.S. dollar and the specified currency for a foreign currency note (or, in the case of a currency indexed note, the rate of exchange between the specified currency and the indexed currency or currencies or between two or more indexed currencies for such note) during the term of any foreign currency note or currency indexed note may significantly reduce the U.S. dollar equivalent value of any interest payable in respect of such note and, consequently, the U.S. dollar equivalent rate of return on the U.S. dollar equivalent amount you paid to purchase such note. Moreover, if at maturity the specified currency for such note has depreciated against the U.S. dollar (or, in the case of a currency indexed note, if significant changes have occurred in the rate of exchange between the specified currency and the indexed currency or currencies or between two or more indexed currencies for such note), the U.S. dollar equivalent value of the principal amount payable in respect of such note may be significantly less than the U.S. dollar equivalent amount you paid to purchase such note.

In certain circumstances such changes could result in a net loss to you on a U.S. dollar equivalent basis. If any currency indexed note is indexed to an indexed currency on a greater than one to one basis, the note will be leveraged and the percentage of the potential loss (or gain) to the investor as a result of the changes in exchange rates between currencies discussed above may be greater than the actual percentage of the change in the rate of exchange between the U.S. dollar and the currency or currencies in which the note is denominated or to which it is indexed.

Currency exchange rates are determined by, among other factors:

- changing supply and demand for a particular currency;
- trade, fiscal, monetary, foreign investment and exchange control programs and policies of governments;
- U.S. and foreign political and economic events and policies;
- restrictions on U.S. and foreign exchanges or markets;
- changes in balances of payments and trade;
- U.S. and foreign rates of inflation;
- · U.S. and foreign interest rates; and
- · currency devaluations and revaluations.

In addition, governments and central banks from time to time intervene, directly and by regulation, in the currency markets to influence prices and may, from time to time, impose or modify foreign exchange controls for a specified currency or indexed currency. Changes in exchange controls could affect exchange rates for a particular currency as well as the availability of a specified currency for making payments in respect of notes denominated in that currency.

We have no control over the factors that affect rates of exchange between currencies. In recent years, rates of exchange have been highly volatile and such volatility may be expected to continue in the future. Fluctuations in any particular exchange rate that have occurred in the past, however, are not necessarily indicative of fluctuations in the rate that may occur during the term of any note.

The information set forth above is directed to prospective purchasers of foreign currency notes and currency indexed notes that are residents of the United States. If you are a resident of a country other than the United States, you should consult your own financial and legal advisors with respect to any matters that may affect your purchase or holding of, or receipt of payments of any principal, premium or interest in respect of, foreign currency notes or currency indexed notes.

THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT AND THE ACCOMPANYING PROSPECTUS DO NOT DESCRIBE ALL THE RISKS OF AN INVESTMENT IN FOREIGN CURRENCY NOTES OR CURRENCY INDEXED NOTES. AS A RESULT, YOU SHOULD ALSO CONSULT YOUR OWN FINANCIAL AND LEGAL ADVISORS AS TO THE RISKS, IN LIGHT OF YOUR PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES, POSED BY AN INVESTMENT IN SUCH NOTES. SUCH NOTES ARE NOT AN APPROPRIATE INVESTMENT FOR PERSONS WHO ARE UNSOPHISTICATED WITH RESPECT TO FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSACTIONS.

The pricing supplement relating to any foreign currency notes or currency indexed notes will contain information concerning historical exchange rates for the relevant specified currency or indexed currency against the U.S. dollar and a brief description of such currency and any exchange controls then in effect with respect to such currency.

If we are unable to make payments in the specified currency of a foreign currency note, you may experience losses due to exchange rate fluctuations.

Exchange controls may restrict or prohibit us from making payments of any principal, premium or interest in respect of any note in any currency or composite currency. Even if there are no actual exchange controls, it is possible that, on a payment date with respect to any particular note, the currency in which amounts then due in respect of such note are payable would not be available to us. In that event, we will make such payments in the manner set forth under "Description of the Notes—Payment of Principal and Interest".

If we are required to make payment in respect of a note in a specified currency other than U.S. dollars and such currency is unavailable due to the imposition of exchange controls or other circumstances beyond our control or is no longer used by the government of the country issuing such currency or for the settlement of transactions by public institutions of or within the international banking community, then we will make all payments in respect of such note in U.S. dollars until such currency is again available or so used. Any amounts payable in such currency on any date will be converted by the exchange rate agent (which may be us, the trustee or a bank or financial institution we select) into U.S. dollars on the basis of the most recently available market exchange rate for such currency or as otherwise indicated in the applicable pricing supplement. Any payment made under such circumstances in U.S. dollars will not constitute an event of default under the indenture.

You may not be able to secure a foreign currency judgment in the United States.

The notes generally will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the law of the New York. See "Description of Debt Securities—Governing Law" in the accompanying prospectus. Courts in the United States customarily have not rendered judgments for money damages denominated in any currency other than the U.S. dollar. The Judiciary Law of New York provides, however, that an action based upon an obligation denominated in a currency other than U.S. dollars will be rendered in the foreign currency of the underlying obligation and converted into U.S. dollars at the rate of exchange prevailing on the date of the entry of the judgment or decree.

An investment in indexed notes entails significant risks not associated with a similar investment in fixed or floating rate debt securities.

An investment in notes that are indexed, as to principal, premium, if any, and/or interest, to one or more currencies or composite currencies, including exchange rates and swap indices between currencies or composite currencies, commodities, commodity indices or baskets securities, or securities baskets or indices, interest rates or other indices or measures, either directly or inversely, entails significant risks that are not associated with investments in a conventional fixed rate or floating rate debt security.

These risks include the possibility that an index or indices may be subject to significant changes, that the resulting interest rate will be less than that payable on a conventional fixed or floating rate debt security issued by us at the same time, that the repayment of principal and/or premium, if any, can occur at times other than that expected by the investor, and that you, as the investor, could lose all or a substantial portion of principal and/or premium, if any, payable on the maturity date. These risks depend on a number of interrelated factors, including economic, financial and political events, over which we have no control.

Additionally, if the formula used to determine the amount of principal, premium, if any, and/or interest payable with respect to such notes contains a multiplier or leverage factor, the effect of any change in the applicable index or indices will be magnified. In recent years, values of certain indices have been highly volatile; such volatility in the past is not necessarily indicative, however, of fluctuations that may occur in the future.

Any optional redemption feature of any notes might affect their market value. Since we may be expected to redeem notes when prevailing interest rates are relatively low, an investor generally will not be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds in a comparable security at an effective interest rate that is as high as the then-current interest rate on the notes.

The secondary market, if any, for indexed notes will be affected by a number of factors independent of our creditworthiness and the value of the applicable index or indices, including the complexity and volatility of the index or indices, the method of calculating the principal, premium, if any, and/or interest in respect of indexed notes, the time remaining to the maturity of such notes, the outstanding amount of such notes, any redemption features of such notes, the amount of other debt securities linked to such index or indices and the level, direction and volatility of market interest rates generally. Such factors also will affect the market value of indexed notes.

In addition, certain notes may be designed for specific investment objectives or strategies and, therefore, may have a more limited secondary market and experience more price volatility than conventional debt securities. Investors may not be able to sell such notes readily or at prices that will enable them to realize their anticipated yield. You should not purchase such notes unless you understand and are able to bear the risks that such notes may not be readily saleable, that the value of such notes will fluctuate over time and that such fluctuations may be significant.

Finally, our credit ratings may not reflect the potential impact of the various risks that could affect the market value of the notes. Accordingly, prospective investors should consult their own financial and legal advisors as to the risks an investment in the notes may entail and the suitability of the notes in light of their particular circumstances.

The pricing supplement relating to any note indexed to a commodity, commodity index, stock or stock index will contain information concerning the historical prices of the commodity or stock or the historical levels of the commodity or stock index underlying such note.

#### **CURRENCY EXCHANGE INFORMATION**

If you purchase any notes, you must pay for them by wire transfer in the currency we specify. If you are a prospective purchaser of foreign currency notes (that is, notes for which the currency we specify is other than U.S. dollars), you may ask the agent to arrange for, at its discretion, the conversion of U.S. dollars or another currency into the specified currency to enable you to pay for such foreign currency notes. You must make this request on or before the fifth business day preceding the issue date for such notes, or by a later date if the agent allows. The agent will perform each conversion on such terms and subject to such conditions, limitations and charges as such agent may from time to time establish in accordance with its regular foreign exchange practices. You will be responsible for any resulting currency exchange costs.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF THE NOTES**

The following description supplements the information contained in "Description of Debt Securities" in the prospectus. If the information in this prospectus supplement differs from the prospectus, you should rely on the information in this prospectus supplement. Because the information provided in a pricing supplement may differ from that contained in this prospectus supplement, you should rely on the pricing supplement for the final description of a particular issue of notes. The following description will apply to a particular issue of notes only to the extent that it is not inconsistent with the description provided in the applicable pricing supplement.

We will issue the notes under an indenture, dated as of August 15, 1991, between us and the predecessor in interest to JP Morgan Trust Company, National Association, as successor trustee, as supplemented by a first supplemental indenture dated as of June 2, 2004 and further supplemented by a second supplemental indenture dated as of January 30, 2006 (together, the "supplemental indentures"). Except where otherwise indicated or clear from the context, all references to the "indenture" are to the indenture as supplemented by the supplemental indentures. The information contained in this section and in the prospectus summarizes some of the terms of the notes and the indenture. This summary does not contain all of the information that may be important to you as a potential investor in the notes. You should read the indenture, each of the supplemental indentures and the forms of the notes before making your investment decision. We have filed copies of these documents with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) and we have filed or will file copies of these documents at the offices of the trustee and the other paying agents, if any.

#### **General Terms of the Notes**

The following are summaries of the material provisions of the indenture and the notes.

- The notes will constitute a single series of debt securities with an unlimited aggregate principal amount we will issue pursuant to the indenture. We have more fully described the indenture in the accompanying prospectus.
- We are offering the notes on a continuous basis through the agents identified on the cover page of this prospectus supplement.
- The notes will mature at least nine months from their issue dates.
- The notes may be subject to redemption prior to their maturity dates, as described under "—Redemption and Repurchase".
- The notes will constitute our direct, unconditional and unsecured indebtedness and will rank equally in right of payment with all our unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness. *The notes will not be obligations of the Kingdom of Sweden*.
- We will issue the notes in fully registered form only, without coupons.
- Unless otherwise specified, we will issue the notes in authorized denominations of U.S.\$ 1,000 and integral multiples thereof (in the case of notes denominated in U.S. dollars). We will set forth the authorized denominations of foreign currency notes in the applicable pricing supplement;
- We expect to issue the notes initially in book-entry form, represented by a single global master note. Thereafter, the notes may be issued either in book entry form (represented by such master global note or one or more other global notes) or in certificated form. Except as we describe in the accompanying prospectus under the heading "—Description of Debt Securities—Global Securities," we will not issue book-entry notes in exchange for certificated notes. See "—Form of the Notes—Book-Entry Notes" below. You may present certificated notes for registration of

transfer or exchange at the office of the trustee (currently located at 153 West 51<sup>st</sup> Street, New York, NY 10019), or at such other office or agency of the trustee as we may designate for such purpose in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York.

The pricing supplement relating to a note will describe the following terms:

- the principal or face amount of such note;
- the currency we have specified for the note (and, if such specified currency is other than U.S. dollars, certain other terms relating to the note and the specified currency, including the authorized denominations of the note);
- the price (expressed as a percentage of the aggregate principal or face amount thereof) at which we will issue the note;
- the date on which we will issue the note;
- the maturity date for the note;
- if the note is a fixed rate note, the rate per annum at which the note will bear interest;
- if the note is a floating rate note, the initial interest rate, the formula or formulas by which interest on the note will be calculated thereafter, the dates on which we will pay interest and any other terms relating to the particular method and times for calculating the interest rate for such note;
- if the note is an indexed note, a description of the applicable index and the manner of determining the indexed principal amount and/or the indexed interest amount thereof (all as defined in the accompanying prospectus), together with other material information relevant to holders of such note;
- if the note is a discount note, the total amount of original issue discount, the amount of original issue discount allocable to the initial accrual period and the yield to maturity of such note;
- whether such note may be redeemed prior to its maturity date (other than as a result of a change in Swedish taxation as described under "—Redemption and Repurchase") and, if so, the provisions relating to redemption, including, in the case of a discount note or an indexed note, the information necessary to determine the amount due upon redemption;
- · whether the note will be issued initially as a book-entry note or a certificated note; and
- any other material terms of the note.

#### **Business Days**

In this prospectus supplement, the term "business day" with respect to any note means any day, other than a Saturday or Sunday, that is a day on which:

- (1) commercial banks are generally open for business in The City of New York; and
- (2) (a) if such note is a foreign currency note and the specified currency in which such note is denominated is the euro, the Trans-European Automated Real-Time Gross Settlement Express Transfer (TARGET) System or any successor system is open for business; and (b) if such note is a foreign currency note and the specified currency in which the note is denominated is other than the euro, commercial banks are generally open for business in the financial center of the country issuing such currency;

and

- (3) if the note is an indexed note, commercial banks are generally open for business in such other place or places as may be set forth in the applicable pricing supplement; and
- (4) if the interest rate formula for the note is LIBOR, a London banking day. The term "London banking day" with respect to any note means any day on which dealings in deposits in the specified currency for such note are transacted in the London interbank market.

#### **Discount Notes**

Any of the notes we issue may be "discount notes". A discount note is:

- (A) a note, including any note having an interest rate of zero, that has a stated redemption price at maturity that exceeds its issue price by at least 0.25% of its principal or face amount, multiplied by the number of full years from the issue date to the maturity date for such note; and
- (B) any other note that we designate as issued with original issue discount for United States federal income tax purposes.

#### Form of the Notes

The Depository Trust Company, or DTC, is under no obligation to perform or continue to perform the procedures described below, and it may modify or discontinue them at any time. Neither we nor the trustee will be responsible for DTC's performance of its obligations under its rules and procedures. Additionally, neither we nor the trustee will be responsible for the performance by direct or indirect participants of their obligations under their rules and procedures.

We expect to issue the notes initially in the form of a single master global note in fully registered form, without coupons. The master global note will initially be registered in the name of a nominee (Cede & Co.) of DTC, as depositary. Except as set forth in the accompanying prospectus under "Book-Entry Procedures and Settlement," the notes will not be issuable as certificated notes. For more information, see "—Book-Entry Notes" below.

Registered Notes. Registered notes are payable to the order of and registered in the name of a particular person or entity. In the case of book-entry registered notes, the global security is registered in the name of a nominee of the applicable clearing system, and this nominee is considered the sole legal owner or holder of the notes for purposes of the indenture. Beneficial interests in a registered note and transfers of those interests are recorded by the security registrar.

Book-Entry Notes. All book-entry notes with the same issue date and terms will be represented by one or more global securities (which may be the master global note) deposited with, or on behalf of, DTC, and registered in the name of DTC or its nominee (Cede & Co.). DTC acts as a depositary for, and holds the global securities on behalf of, certain financial institutions, called "participants". These participants, or other financial institutions acting through them called "indirect participants", will represent your beneficial interests in the global securities. They will record the ownership and transfer of your beneficial interests through computerized book-entry accounts, eliminating the need for physical movement of the notes. Book-entry notes will not be exchangeable for certificated notes and, except under the circumstances described below, will not otherwise be issued as certificated notes.

If you wish to purchase book-entry securities, you must either be a direct participant or make your purchase through a direct or indirect participant. Investors who purchase book-entry securities will hold them in an account at the bank or financial institution acting as their direct or indirect participant. Holding securities in this way is called holding in "street name".

When you hold securities in street name, you must rely on the procedures of the institutions through which you hold your securities to exercise any of the rights granted to holders. This is because

our legal obligations and those of the trustee run only to the registered owner of the global security, which will be the clearing system or its nominee. For example, once we and the trustee make a payment to the registered holder of a global security, neither we nor the trustee will be liable for the payment to you, even if you do not receive it. In practice, the clearing system will pass along any payments or notices it receives from us to its participants, which will pass along the payments to you. In addition, if you desire to take any action which a holder of the global security is entitled to take, then the clearing system would authorize the participant through which you hold your book-entry securities to take such action, and the participant would then either authorize you to take the action or would act for you on your instructions. The transactions between you, the participants and the clearing system will be governed by customer agreements, customary practices and applicable laws and regulations, and not by any of our or the trustee's legal obligations.

As an owner of book-entry securities represented by a global security, you will also be subject to the following restrictions:

- you will not be entitled to (1) receive physical delivery of the securities in certificated form or (2) have any of the securities registered in your name, except under the circumstances described below under "—Certificated Notes";
- you may not be able to transfer or sell your securities to some insurance companies and other institutions that are required by law to own their securities in certificated form; and
- you may not be able to pledge your securities in circumstances where certificates must be physically delivered to the creditor or the beneficiary of the pledge in order for the pledge to be effective.

Outside the United States, if you are a participant in either of Clearstream Banking, société anonyme (referred to as Clearstream Luxembourg) or Euroclear Bank, S.A./N.V. or its successor, as operator of the Euroclear System (referred to as Euroclear) you may elect to hold interests in global securities through such systems. Alternatively, you may elect to hold interests indirectly through organizations that are participants of such systems. Clearstream Luxembourg and Euroclear will hold interests on behalf of their participants through customers' security accounts in the names of their respective depositaries, which in turn will hold such interests in customers' securities accounts in the names of their respective depositaries, which we refer to as the U.S. depositaries, on the books of the DTC.

As long as the notes are represented by global securities, we will pay principal of and interest on such notes to or as directed by DTC as the registered holder of the global securities. Payments to DTC will be in immediately available funds by wire transfer. DTC, Clearstream Luxembourg or Euroclear, as applicable, will credit the relevant accounts of their participants on the applicable date.

DTC, Clearstream Luxembourg and Euroclear, respectively, advise as follows:

• As to DTC: DTC advises us that it is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity, corporate and municipal debt securities deposited with it by its participants and facilitates the settlement of transactions among its participants in such securities through electronic computerized book-entry changes in accounts of the participants, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of securities certificates. DTC's participants include securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations, some of which (and/or their representatives) own DTC. Access to DTC's book-entry system is also available to others, such as banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies

that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a participant, either directly or indirectly. According to DTC, the foregoing information with respect to DTC has been provided to the financial community for informational purposes only and is not intended to serve as a representation, warranty or contract modification of any kind.

As to Clearstream Luxembourg: Clearstream Luxembourg has advised us that it was incorporated
as a professional depositary under Luxembourg law. Clearstream Luxembourg is owned by
Deutsche Börse AG.

Clearstream Luxembourg holds securities for its participating organizations and facilitates the clearance and settlement of securities transactions between its participants through electronic book-entry changes in accounts of participants, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of certificates. Clearstream Luxembourg provides to its participants, among other things, services for safekeeping, administration, clearance and settlement of internationally traded securities and securities lending and borrowing. Clearstream Luxembourg interfaces with domestic markets in several countries. As a professional depositary, Clearstream Luxembourg is subject to regulation by the Luxembourg Monetary Institute. Clearstream Luxembourg participants are recognized financial institutions around the world, including underwriters, securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations and may include the underwriters. Indirect access to Clearstream Luxembourg is also available to others, such as banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Clearstream Luxembourg participant either directly or indirectly.

Distributions with respect to notes held beneficially through Clearstream Luxembourg will be credited to cash accounts of Clearstream Luxembourg participants in accordance with its rules and procedures, to the extent received by or on behalf of Clearstream Luxembourg.

As a registered bank in Luxembourg, Clearstream Luxembourg is subject to regulation by the Luxembourg Commission for the Supervision of the Financial Sector. Clearstream Luxembourg customers are recognized financial institutions around the world, including underwriters, securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies and clearing corporations. In the United States, Clearstream Luxembourg customers are limited to securities brokers and dealers and banks, and may include the underwriters for the notes. Other institutions that maintain a custodial relationship with a Clearstream Luxembourg customer may obtain indirect access to Clearstream, Luxembourg. Clearstream Luxembourg is an indirect participant in DTC.

Distributions with respect to the notes held beneficially through Clearstream Luxembourg will be credited to cash accounts of Clearstream Luxembourg customers in accordance with its rules and procedures, to the extent received by Clearstream Luxembourg.

• As to Euroclear: Euroclear advises that it was created in 1968 to hold securities for participants of Euroclear and to clear and settle transactions between Euroclear participants through simultaneous electronic book-entry delivery against payment, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of certificates and any risk from lack of simultaneous transfers of securities and cash. Euroclear includes various other services, including securities lending and borrowing and interfaces with domestic markets in several countries. Euroclear is operated by Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V., as operator of the Euroclear System (which we refer to as the Euroclear Operator), under contract with Euroclear Clearance Systems S.C., a Belgian cooperative corporation.

The Euroclear Operator conducts all operations, and all Euroclear securities clearance accounts and Euroclear cash accounts are accounts with the Euroclear Operator, not Euroclear Clearance Systems S.C. On the other hand, Euroclear Clearance Systems S.C. establishes policy for

Euroclear on behalf of Euroclear Participants. Euroclear participants include banks (including central banks), securities brokers and dealers and other professional financial intermediaries and may include the underwriters. Indirect access to Euroclear is also available to other firms that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Euroclear participant, either directly or indirectly.

Securities clearance accounts and cash accounts with the Euroclear Operator are governed by the "Terms and Conditions Governing Use of Euroclear" and the related "Operating Procedures" of the Euroclear System, and applicable Belgian law (we refer to these collectively as the Euroclear Terms and Conditions). The Euroclear Terms and Conditions govern transfers of securities and cash within Euroclear, withdrawals of securities and cash from Euroclear, and receipts of payments with respect to securities in Euroclear.

All securities in Euroclear are held on a fungible basis without attribution of specific certificates to specific securities clearance accounts. The Euroclear Operator acts under the Euroclear Terms and Conditions only on behalf of Euroclear participants, and has no record of or relationship with persons holding through Euroclear participants.

Distributions with respect to notes held beneficially through Euroclear will be credited to the cash accounts of Euroclear participants in accordance with the Euroclear Terms and Conditions, to the extent received by or on behalf of Euroclear.

Certificated Notes. We will issue debt securities in fully registered certificated form in exchange for book-entry securities represented by a global security only under the circumstances described in the prospectus under "Description of Debt Securities—Global Securities". If we do so, you will be entitled to have registered in your name, and have physically delivered to you, debt securities in certificated form equal to the amount of book-entry securities you beneficially own. If we issue certificated debt securities, they will have the same terms and authorized denominations as the global security.

#### **Global Clearance and Settlement Procedures**

You will be required to make your initial payment for the notes in immediately available funds. Secondary market trading between DTC participants will occur in the ordinary way in accordance with DTC rules and will be settled in immediately available funds using DTC's Same-Day Funds Settlement System. Secondary market trading between Clearstream Luxembourg customers and/or Euroclear participants will occur in the ordinary way in accordance with applicable rules and operating procedures applicable to conventional eurobonds in immediately available funds.

Cross-market transfers between persons holding directly or indirectly through DTC on the one hand, and directly or indirectly through Clearstream Luxembourg or Euroclear participants, on the other, will be effected within DTC in accordance with DTC's rules on behalf of the relevant European international clearing system by its U.S. depositary; however, such cross-market transactions will require delivery of instructions to the relevant European international clearing system by the counterparty in such system in accordance with its rules and procedures and within its established deadlines (European time). The relevant European international clearing system will, if the transaction meets its settlement requirements, deliver instructions to its U.S. depositary to take action to effect final settlement on its behalf by delivering or receiving notes in DTC, and making or receiving payment in accordance with normal procedures. Clearstream Luxembourg participants and Euroclear participants may not deliver instructions directly to their respective U.S. depositaries.

Because of time-zone differences, credits of notes received in Clearstream Luxembourg or Euroclear as a result of a transaction with a DTC participant will be made during subsequent securities settlement processing and dated the business day following DTC settlement date. Such credits, or any transactions in the notes settled during such processing, will be reported to the relevant Euroclear

participants or Clearstream Luxembourg participants on that business day. Cash received in Clearstream Luxembourg or Euroclear as a result of sales of notes by or through a Clearstream Luxembourg participant or a Euroclear participant to a DTC participant will be received with value on the business day of settlement in DTC but will be available in the relevant Clearstream Luxembourg or Euroclear cash account only as of the business day following settlement in DTC.

Although DTC, Clearstream Luxembourg and Euroclear have agreed to the foregoing procedures in order to facilitate transfers of securities among participants of DTC, Clearstream Luxembourg and Euroclear, they are under no obligation to perform or continue to perform such procedures and they may discontinue the procedures at any time.

All information in this document on DTC, Clearstream Luxembourg and Euroclear is derived from DTC, Clearstream Luxembourg or Euroclear, as the case maybe, and reflects the policies of these organizations; these policies are subject to change without notice, or the indexed principal amount and/or indexed or indexed notes interest amount.

#### Paying Agents, Transfer Agents, Exchange Rate Agent and Calculation Agent

Until the notes are paid, we will maintain a paying agent and transfer agent in The City of New York. We have initially appointed the trustee to serve as our paying agent and transfer agent.

We will appoint an exchange rate agent to determine the exchange rate for converting payments on notes denominated in a currency other than U.S. dollars into U.S. dollars, where applicable. We have initially appointed the trustee to serve as our exchange rate agent. In addition, as long as any floating rate notes or indexed notes are outstanding, we will maintain a calculation agent for calculating the interest rate and interest payments, or indexed principal amount and/or indexed interest amount on the notes. We have initially appointed the trustee to serve as our calculation agent.

#### Payment of Principal and Interest

#### General

We will pay interest on registered notes (a) to the persons in whose names the notes are registered at the close of business on the record date or (b) if we are paying interest at maturity, redemption or repurchase, we will make this payment to the person to whom principal is payable. The regular record date for registered notes is the date 15 calendar days before the applicable interest payment date, whether or not a business day. If we issue notes between a record date and an interest payment date, we will pay the interest that accrues during this period on the next following interest payment date to the persons in whose names the notes are registered on the record date for that following interest payment date.

#### **Book-Entry Notes**

We will, through our paying agent, make payments of principal, premium, if any, and interest on book-entry notes by wire transfer to the clearing system or the clearing system's nominee as the registered owner of the notes, which will receive the funds for distribution to the holders. We expect that the holders will be paid in accordance with the procedures of the clearing system and its participants. Neither we nor the paying agent will have any responsibility or liability for any of the records of, or payments made by, the clearing system or the clearing system's nominee or common depositary.

#### Registered Certificated Notes

If we issue registered certificated notes, we will make payments of principal, premium, if any, and interest to you, as a holder, by wire transfer if:

- you own at least U.S.\$ 10,000,000 aggregate principal amount or its equivalent of notes; and
- not less than 15 calendar days before the payment date, you notify the paying agent of your election to receive payment by wire transfer and provide it with your bank account information and wire transfer instructions.

If we do not pay interest by wire transfer for any reason, we will, subject to applicable laws and regulations, mail a check to you on or before the due date for the payment at your address as it appears on the security register mailed on the applicable record date.

#### Payment Currency

We will pay any principal, premium or interest in respect of a note in the currency we have specified for such note. In the case of a foreign currency note, the exchange rate agent will arrange to convert all payments in respect of such note into U.S. dollars in the manner described in the next paragraph. However, if U.S. dollars are not available for making payments due to the imposition of exchange controls or other circumstances beyond our control, then the holder of such note will receive payments in such specified currency until U.S. dollars are again available for making such payments. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the holder of a foreign currency note may (if we so indicate in the applicable pricing supplement and note) elect to receive all payments in respect of such note in the specified currency for such note by delivery of a written notice to the trustee not later than 15 calendar days prior to the applicable payment date. The holder's election generally will remain in effect until revoked by written notice to the trustee received not later than 15 calendar days prior to the applicable payment date. The holder's election may not be effective under certain circumstances as described below under "Risks Associated with Foreign Currency Notes and Indexed Notes—If we are unable to make payments in the specified currency of a foreign currency note, you may experience losses due to exchange rate fluctuations."

In the case of a foreign currency note, the exchange rate agent will determine the amount of any U.S. dollar payment in respect of such note based on the following exchange rate: the highest firm bid quotation expressed in U.S. dollars, for the foreign or composite currency in which such note is denominated, received by the exchange rate agent at approximately 11:00 a.m., New York City time, on the second business day preceding the applicable payment date (or, if no such rate is quoted on such date, the last date on which such rate was quoted), from three (or, if three are not available, then two) recognized foreign exchange dealers in The City of New York, for the purchase by the quoting dealer, for settlement on such payment date, of the aggregate amount of the specified currency for such note payable on such payment date in respect of all notes denominated in such specified currency. If no such bid quotations are available, we will make such payments in such specified currency, unless such specified currency is unavailable due to the imposition of exchange controls or to other circumstances beyond our control, in which case we will make such payments as described above under "Risks Associated with Foreign Currency Notes and Indexed Notes—If we are unable to make payments in the specified currency of a foreign currency note, you may experience losses due to exchange rate fluctuations".

All currency exchange costs will be borne by the holders of foreign currency notes by deductions from such payments. Any of the foreign exchange dealers submitting quotes to the exchange rate agent which may be one of the agents soliciting orders for the notes or an affiliate of such an agent. All determinations that the exchange rate agent makes, after being confirmed by us, will be binding unless they are clearly wrong.

If the principal of any discount note is declared to be due and payable immediately due to the occurrence of an event of default, the amount of principal due and payable with respect to such note shall be the issue price of such note plus the amount of original issue discount amortized from the issue date of such note to the date of declaration. Such amortization shall be calculated using the "interest method" (computed in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles in effect on the date of declaration).

#### **Interest Rates**

#### General

The interest rate on the notes will not be higher than the maximum rate permitted by New York law, currently 25% per year on a simple interest basis. This limit may not apply to notes in which U.S.\$ 2,500,000 or more has been invested. Interest payments on the notes will generally include interest accrued from and including the issue date or the last interest payment date to but excluding the following interest payment date or the date of maturity, redemption or repurchase. Each of these periods is called an interest period.

The relevant pricing supplement will specify the day count fraction applicable to the calculation of payments due on the notes:

- if "1/1" is specified, the relevant payment will be calculated on the basis of 1;
- if "actual/365", "act/365", "A/365", "actual/actual" or "act/act" is specified, the relevant payment will be calculated on the basis of the actual number of days in the period in respect of which payment is being made divided by 365 (or, if any portion of that calculation period falls in a leap year, the sum of (i) the actual number of days in that portion of the period falling in a leap year divided by 366 and (ii) the actual number of days in that portion of the calculation period falling in a non-leap year divided by 365);
- if "actual/365 (fixed)", "act/365 (fixed)", "A/365 (fixed)" or "A/365F" is specified, the relevant payment will be calculated on the basis of the actual number of days in the calculation period in respect of which payment is being made divided by 365;
- if "actual/360", "act/360" or "A/360" is specified, the relevant payment will be calculated on the basis of the actual number of days in the calculation period in respect of which payment is being made divided by 360;
- if "30/360", "360/360" or "bond basis" is specified, the relevant payment will be calculated on the basis of the number of days in the calculation period in respect of which payment is being made divided by 360 (the number of days to the calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days with 12 30-day months (unless (i) the last day of the calculation period is the 31st day of a month but the first day of the calculation period is a day other than the 30th or 31st day of a month, in which case the month that includes that last day shall not be considered to be shortened to a 30-day month or (ii) the last day of the calculation period is the last day of the month of February, in which case the month of February shall not be considered to be lengthened to a 30-day month)); and
- if "30E/360" or "eurobond basis" is specified, the relevant payment will be calculated on the basis of the number of days in the calculation period in respect of which payment is being made divided by 360 (the number or days to be calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days with 12 30-day months, without regard to the date of the first day or last day of the calculation period unless, in the case of the final calculation period, the maturity date is the last day of the month of February, in which case the month of February shall not be considered to be lengthened to a 30-day month).

Unless otherwise specified in the relevant pricing supplement, interest on fixed rate notes will be calculated on a 30/360 basis.

The relevant pricing supplement will also specify the relevant business day convention applicable to the calculation of payments due on the notes. The term "business day convention" means the convention for adjusting any relevant date if it would otherwise fall on a day that is not a business day. The following terms, when used in conjunction with the term "business day convention" and a date, shall mean that an adjustment will be made if that date would otherwise fall on a day that is not a business day so that:

- if "following" is specified, that date will be the first following day that is a business day;
- if "modified following" or "modified" is specified, that date will be the first following day that is a business day unless that day falls in the next calendar month, in which case that date will be the first preceding day that is a business day; and
- if "preceding" is specified, that date will be the first preceding day that is a business day.

#### Fixed Rate Notes

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable pricing supplement, each fixed rate note will bear interest from its issue date at the rate per annum (which may be zero) stated on the face of the note until the principal amount of the note is paid or made available for payment. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable pricing supplement, we will pay interest on each fixed rate note semiannually in arrears on each March 15 and September 15 and at maturity. Each payment of interest on a fixed rate note in respect of an interest payment date shall include interest accrued through the day before such interest payment date.

If we are required to make a payment required in respect of a fixed rate note on a date that is not a business day for such note, we need not make the payment on such date, but may make it on the first succeeding business day with the same force and effect as if we had made it on such date, and no additional interest shall accrue as a result of such delayed payment.

#### Floating Rate Notes

Each floating rate note will bear interest during each interest reset period (as defined below) based on the interest rate formula for such note. The pricing supplement for a floating rate note may specify an interest rate for the first interest period. This formula is generally composed of the following:

- a base interest rate with a specified maturity called the index maturity, e.g., three months, six months, etc.;
- plus or minus a spread measured in basis points with one basis point equal to 1/100 of a percentage point; or
- multiplied by a spread multiplier measured as a percentage.

The applicable pricing supplement will specify the base rate, the index maturity and the spread or spread multiplier. The pricing supplement may also specify a maximum (ceiling) or minimum (floor) interest rate limitation. The calculation agent (which will initially be the trustee) will use the interest rate formula, taking into account any maximum or minimum interest rate, to determine the interest rate in effect for each interest period. All determinations made by the calculation agent will be binding unless they are clearly wrong.

We may issue floating rate notes with the following base rates:

- LIBOR:
- Commercial Paper Rate;
- Treasury Rate;
- CD Rate;
- · Federal Funds Rate; or
- any other rate specified in the relevant pricing supplement.

The applicable pricing supplement will also specify the following with respect to each floating rate note:

- the dates as of which the calculation agent will determine the interest rate for each interest period (referred to as the interest determination date);
- the frequency with which the interest rate will be reset, *i.e.*, daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, semiannually or annually;
- the dates on which the interest rate will be reset (referred to as the interest reset date), *i.e.*, the first day of each new interest period, using the interest rate that the calculation agent determined on the interest determination date for that interest period;
- the interest payment dates; and
- if already determined, the initial interest rate in effect from and including the issue date to but excluding the first interest reset date.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable pricing supplement, the date or dates on which interest will be reset will be as follows:

- in the case of notes that reset daily, each business day;
- in the case of notes, other than those whose base rate is the Treasury Rate, that reset weekly, the Wednesday of each week;
- in the case of notes whose base rate is the Treasury Rate that reset weekly, the Tuesday of each week (except as provided below);
- in the case of notes that reset monthly, the third Wednesday of each month;
- in the case of notes that reset quarterly, the third Wednesday of March, June, September and December;
- in the case of notes that reset semi-annually, the third Wednesday of the two months of each year specified in the applicable pricing supplement; and in the case of notes that reset annually, the third Wednesday of the month of each year specified in the applicable pricing supplement;

#### with the following two exceptions:

- the interest rate in effect from the date of issue to the first interest reset date will be the initial interest rate; and
- the interest rate in effect for the 10 days immediately prior to the maturity date will be that in effect on the tenth day preceding the maturity date.

#### Determination of Reset Interest Rates

The interest rate applicable to each period commencing on the respective interest reset date (the "interest reset period") will be the rate determined as of the applicable interest determination date defined below on or prior to the calculation date.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable pricing supplement, the "interest determination date" with respect to an interest reset date for:

- notes for which the base rate is LIBOR, the second London banking day before the interest reset date unless the designated LIBOR currency is pounds sterling, in which case the interest determination date will be the applicable interest reset date;
- notes for which the base rate is the CD Rate, Commercial Paper Rate or Federal Funds Rate, will be the second business day before the interest reset date; and
- notes for which the base rate is the Treasury Rate, the day of the week in which that interest reset date falls on which treasury bills (as defined below under "—Treasury Rate") are normally auctioned. Treasury bills are normally sold at auction on the Monday of each week, unless that day is a legal holiday, in which case the auction is normally held on the following Tuesday, but is sometimes held on the preceding Friday. If as a result of a legal holiday a treasury bill auction is held on the Friday of the week preceding an interest reset date, the related interest determination date will be the preceding Friday; and if an auction falls on any interest reset date, then the interest reset date instead will be the first business day following the auction.

The interest determination date pertaining to a floating rate note the interest rate of which is determined with reference to two or more base rates will be the first business day which is at least two business days prior to the interest reset date for that floating rate note on which each base rate is determined. Each base rate will be determined on that date and the applicable interest rate will take effect on the related interest reset date.

The interest rate in effect with respect to a floating rate note on each day that is not an interest reset date will be the interest rate determined as of the interest determination date for the immediately preceding interest reset date. The interest rate in effect on any day that is an interest reset date will be the interest rate determined as of the interest determination date for that interest reset date, subject in each case to any applicable law and maximum or minimum interest rate limitations. However, the interest rate in effect with respect to a floating rate note for the period from its original issue date to the first interest reset date, to which we refer as the "initial interest rate," will be determined as specified in the applicable pricing supplement.

#### Interest Payment Dates

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable pricing supplement, the date or dates on which interest will be payable are as follows:

- in the case of notes that reset daily, weekly or monthly, on the third Wednesday of each month or on the third Wednesday of March, June, September and December of each year, as specified in the applicable pricing supplement;
- in the case of notes that reset quarterly, on the third Wednesday of March, June, September, and December of each year;
- in the case of notes that reset semi-annually, on the third Wednesday of the two months of each year specified in the applicable pricing supplement; and
- in the case of notes that reset annually, on the third Wednesday of the month specified in the applicable pricing supplement.

If any interest payment date, other than one that falls on the maturity date or on a date for earlier redemption or repurchase, or interest reset date for a floating rate note would fall on a day that is not a business day, the interest payment date or interest reset date will instead be the next business day, unless the notes are LIBOR notes and that business day falls in the next month, in which case the interest payment date or the interest reset date will be the preceding business day. If any payment on a floating rate note is due on the maturity date or upon earlier redemption or repurchase and that date is not a business day, the payment will be made on the next business day. In addition, if any payment on a floating rate note is due on a date that is not a business day in the relevant place of payment, we will make the payment on the next business day in that place of payment and no additional interest will accrue as a result of this delay. We will treat these payments as if they were made on the due date.

#### Accrued Interest

Except as specified in the applicable pricing supplement, the calculation agent will calculate the accrued interest payable on floating rate notes for any interest period by multiplying the principal amount of the note by an accrued interest factor, which will equal the interest rate for the interest period times the relevant day count. If the interest rate varies during the period, the accrued interest factor will equal the sum of the interest factors for each day in the interest period. The calculation agent will compute the interest factors for each day by dividing the interest rate applicable to that day by 360, 365 or 366, depending on the day count fraction.

The calculation agent will round all percentages resulting from any interest rate calculation to the nearest one hundred-thousandth of a percentage point, with five one-millionths of a percentage point rounded upward. For example, the calculation agent will round 9.876545%, or .09876545, to 9.87655% or .0987655. The calculation agent will also round all specified currency amounts used in or resulting from any interest rate calculation to the nearest one-hundredth of a unit, with .005 of a unit being rounded upward.

#### Calculation Agent

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable pricing supplement, the trustee will act as calculation agent for the floating rate notes. If you are the holder of a floating rate note, you may ask the calculation agent to provide you with the current interest rate and, if it has been determined, the interest rate that will be in effect on the next interest reset date. The calculation agent will also notify us, each paying agent and the registered holders, if any, of the following information for each interest period (except for the initial interest period if this information is specified in the applicable pricing supplement):

- the interest rate in effect for the interest period;
- the number of days in the interest period;
- the next interest payment date; and
- the amount of interest that we will pay for a specified principal amount of notes on that interest payment date.

The calculation agent will generally provide this information by the first business day of each interest period, unless the terms of a particular series of notes provide that the calculation agent will calculate the applicable interest rate on a calculation date after that date, in which case the calculation agent will provide this information by the first business day following the applicable calculation date.

#### Base Rates

*LIBOR*. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable pricing supplement, "LIBOR" means the rate determined by the calculation agent in accordance with the following provisions:

- (a) For an interest determination date relating to any floating rate note for which LIBOR is an applicable base rate, to which we refer as a "LIBOR interest determination date," LIBOR will be either:
  - if "LIBOR Reuters" is specified in the applicable pricing supplement, the arithmetic mean of the offered rates, unless the Designated LIBOR page, as defined below, by its terms provides only for a single rate, in which case that single rate shall be used, for deposits in the designated LIBOR currency having the index maturity specified in the applicable pricing supplement, commencing on the applicable interest reset date, that appear, or, if only a single rate is required as aforesaid, appears, on the designated LIBOR page as of 11:00 a.m., London time, on that LIBOR interest determination date,

or

— if "LIBOR Telerate" is specified in the applicable pricing supplement or if neither "LIBOR Reuters" nor "LIBOR Telerate" is specified in the applicable pricing supplement as the method for calculating LIBOR, the rate for deposits in the designated LIBOR currency having the index maturity specified in the applicable pricing supplement commencing on that interest reset date, that appears on the Designated LIBOR page as of 11:00 a.m., London time, on that LIBOR interest determination date.

If fewer than two offered rates appear, or no rate appears, as applicable, LIBOR in respect of that LIBOR interest determination date will be determined as if the parties had specified the rate described in clause (b) below.

- (b) For a LIBOR interest determination date on which fewer than two offered rates appear, or no rate appears, as the case may be, on the designated LIBOR page as specified in clause (a) above, the calculation agent will request the principal London offices of each of four major reference banks, which may include one or more of the agents or their affiliates, in the London interbank market, as selected by the calculation agent, after consultation with us, to provide its offered quotation for deposits in the designated LIBOR currency for the period of the index maturity specified in the applicable pricing supplement, commencing on the applicable interest reset date, to prime banks in the London interbank market at approximately 11:00 a.m., London time, on that LIBOR interest determination date and in a principal amount that is representative for a single transaction in the designated LIBOR currency in that market at that time.
  - If the reference banks provide at least two such quotations, then LIBOR for that LIBOR interest determination date will be the arithmetic mean of such quotations. If fewer than two quotations are provided, then LIBOR for that LIBOR interest determination date will be the arithmetic mean of the rates quoted at approximately 11:00 a.m., in the applicable principal financial center, as defined below, on that LIBOR interest determination date by three major banks, which may include one or more of the agents or their affiliates, in that principal financial center selected by the calculation agent, after consultation with us, for loans in the designated LIBOR currency to leading European banks, having the index maturity specified in the applicable pricing supplement and in a principal amount that is representative for a single transaction in that designated LIBOR currency in that market at that time.

• If the banks selected by the calculation agent are not quoting as set forth above, LIBOR with respect to that LIBOR interest determination date will be LIBOR for the immediately preceding interest reset period, or if there was no interest reset period, the rate of interest payable will be the initial interest rate.

"Designated LIBOR currency" means the currency specified in the applicable pricing supplement as to which LIBOR will be calculated. If no such currency is specified in the applicable pricing supplement, the designated LIBOR currency shall be U.S. dollars.

"Designated LIBOR page" means

- if "LIBOR Reuters" is specified in the applicable pricing supplement, the display on the Reuters Monitor Money Rates Service, or any successor service, on the page specified in the applicable pricing supplement, or any successor page on that service, for the purpose of displaying the London interbank rates of major banks for the designated LIBOR currency; or
- if "LIBOR Telerate" is specified in the applicable pricing supplement or if neither "LIBOR Reuters" nor "LIBOR Telerate" is specified in the applicable pricing supplement as the method for calculating LIBOR, the display on MoneyLine Telerate, Inc., or any successor service, for the purpose of displaying the London interbank rates of major banks for the designated LIBOR currency.

"Principal financial center" means the capital city of the country to which the designated LIBOR currency relates (or the capital city of the country issuing the specified currency, as applicable), except that with respect to U.S. dollars, Australian dollars, Canadian dollars, South African rand and Swiss francs, the "principal financial center" means The City of New York, Sydney, Toronto, Johannesburg and Zurich, respectively, and with respect to euros the principal financial center means the Trans-European Automated Real-Time Gross Settlement Express Transfer (TARGET) System or any successor system.

Commercial Paper Rate. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable pricing supplement, "commercial paper rate" means, for any interest determination date relating to any floating rate note for which the commercial paper rate is an applicable base rate, to which we refer as a "commercial paper rate interest determination date," the money market yield on that date of the rate for commercial paper having the index maturity specified in the applicable pricing supplement as published in H.15(519) under the caption "Commercial Paper—Nonfinancial". If the commercial paper rate cannot be determined as described above, the following procedures will apply:

- If the rate described above is not published by 3:00 p.m., New York City time, on the relevant calculation date, then the commercial paper rate will be the money market yield of the rate on that commercial paper rate interest determination date for commercial paper of the specified index maturity as published in H.15 Daily Update, or in another recognized electronic source used for the purpose of displaying the applicable rate, under the caption "Commercial Paper—Nonfinancial".
- If by 3:00 p.m., New York City time, on the calculation date, the rate described is not yet published in H.15(519), H.15 Daily Update or another recognized electronic source, the commercial paper rate for the applicable commercial paper rate interest determination date will be calculated by the calculation agent and will be the money market yield of the arithmetic mean of the offered rates (quoted on a bank discount basis), as of 11:00 a.m., New York City time, on that commercial paper rate interest determination date of three leading dealers of U.S. dollar commercial paper in The City of New York, which may include one or more of the agents or their affiliates, selected by the calculation agent, after consultation with us, for commercial paper of the index maturity specified in the applicable pricing supplement placed for a

non-financial issuer whose bond rating is "Aa," or the equivalent, from a nationally recognized statistical rating agency.

• If the dealers selected as described above by the calculation agent are not quoting as set forth above, the commercial paper rate with respect to that commercial paper rate interest determination date will be the commercial paper rate in effect for the immediately preceding interest reset period, or if there was no interest reset period, the rate of interest payable will be the initial interest rate.

"Money market yield" means the yield, expressed as a percentage, calculated in accordance with the following formula:

Money market yield = 
$$\frac{360 \times D}{360 - (D \times M)} \times 100$$

where "D" is the annual rate for commercial paper quoted on a bank discount basis and expressed as a decimal, and "M" is the actual number of days in the applicable interest period.

Treasury Rate Notes. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable pricing supplement, "treasury rate" means, with respect to any interest determination date relating to any floating rate note for which the treasury rate is an applicable base rate, to which we refer as a "treasury rate interest determination date," the rate from the auction held on such treasury rate interest determination date of direct obligations of the United States, or "treasury bills," having the index maturity specified in the applicable pricing supplement under the caption "INVESTMENT RATE" on the display on MoneyLine Telerate, Inc. or any successor service, on page 56, or any other page as may replace that page on that service, to which we refer as "Telerate page 56," or page 57, or any other page as may replace that page on that service, or "Telerate page 57". If the treasury rate cannot be determined in this manner, the following procedures will apply:

- If the rate described above is not so published by 3:00 p.m., New York City time, on the related calculation date, the bond equivalent yield of the rate for those treasury bills as published in H.15 Daily Update, or another recognized electronic source used for the purpose of displaying that rate, under the caption "U.S. Government Securities/Treasury Bills/Auction High," will be the treasury rate.
- If the rate described in the prior paragraph is not so published by 3:00 p.m., New York City time, on the related calculation date, the bond equivalent yield, as defined below, of the auction rate of such treasury bills as announced by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.
- If the auction rate described in the prior paragraph is not so announced by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, or if no such auction is held, then the treasury rate will be the bond equivalent yield of the rate on that treasury rate interest determination date of treasury bills having the index maturity specified in the applicable pricing supplement as published in H.15(519) under the caption "U.S. Government Securities/Treasury Bills/Secondary Market" or, if not yet published by 3:00 p.m., New York City time, on the related calculation date, the rate on that treasury rate interest determination date of those treasury bills as published in H.15 Daily Update, or another recognized electronic source used for the purpose of displaying that rate, under the caption "U.S. Government Securities/Treasury Bills/Secondary Market".
- If the rate described in the prior paragraph is not yet published in H.15(519), H.15 Daily Update or another recognized electronic source, then the treasury rate will be calculated by the calculation agent and will be the bond equivalent yield of the arithmetic mean of the secondary market bid rates, as of approximately 3:30 p.m., New York City time, on that treasury rate interest determination date, of three leading primary United States government securities

dealers, which may include one or more of the agents or their affiliates, selected by the calculation agent, after consultation with the Company, for the issue of treasury bills with a remaining maturity closest to the index maturity specified in the applicable pricing supplement.

• If the dealers selected as described above by the calculation agent are not quoting as set forth above, the treasury rate with respect to that treasury rate interest determination date will be the treasury rate for the immediately preceding interest reset period, or if there was no interest reset period, the rate of interest payable will be the initial interest rate.

"Bond equivalent yield" means a yield, expressed as a percentage, calculated in accordance with the following formula:

Bond equivalent yield = 
$$\frac{D \times N}{360 - (D \times M)}$$

where "D" is the applicable per annum rate for treasury bills quoted on a bank discount basis, "N" refers to 365 or 366, as the case may be, and "M" is the actual number of days in the applicable interest reset period.

CD Rate. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable pricing supplement, CD rate means, with respect to any interest determination date relating to any floating rate note for which the CD rate is an applicable base rate, which date we refer to as a "CD rate interest determination date," the rate on that date for negotiable U.S. dollar certificates of deposit having the index maturity specified in the applicable pricing supplement as published in H.15(519), as defined below, under the heading "CDs (Secondary Market)". If the CD rate cannot be determined in this manner, the following procedures will apply:

- If the rate described above is not published by 3:00 p.m., New York City time, on the relevant calculation date, then the CD rate will be the rate on that CD rate interest determination date for negotiable U.S. dollar certificates of deposit having the specified index maturity as published in H.15 Daily Update, as defined below, or other recognized electronic sources used for the purpose of displaying the applicable rate, under the caption "CDs (Secondary Market)".
- If by 3:00 p.m., New York City time, on the applicable calculation date, that rate is not published in either H.15(519), H.15 Daily Update or another recognized electronic source, the CD rate for that CD rate interest determination date will be calculated by the calculation agent and will be the arithmetic mean of the secondary market offered rates as of 10:00 a.m., New York City time, on that CD rate interest determination date, of three leading non-bank dealers in negotiable U.S. dollar certificates of deposit in The City of New York, which may include one or more of the agents or their affiliates, selected by the calculation agent, after consultation with us, for negotiable U.S. dollar certificates of deposit of major U.S. money market banks for negotiable certificates of deposit with a remaining maturity closest to the index maturity specified in the applicable pricing supplement in an amount that is representative for a single transaction in that market at that time.
- If the dealers selected as described above by the calculation agent are not quoting rates as set forth above, the CD rate for that CD interest rate determination date will be the CD rate in effect for the immediately preceding interest reset period, or if there was no interest reset period, then the rate of interest payable will be the initial interest rate.

"H.15(519)" means the weekly statistical release designated "Statistical Release H.15(519), Selected Interest Rates," or any successor publication, published by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

"H.15 Daily Update" means the daily update of H.15(519), available through the world-wide-web site of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System at http://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/h15/update, or any successor site or publication. All references to this website are inserted as inactive textual references to the "uniform resource locator," or "URL," and are for your informational reference only. Information on that website is not incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus.

Federal Funds Rate. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable pricing supplement, "federal funds rate" means, with respect to any interest determination date relating to any floating rate note for which the federal funds rate is an applicable base rate, to which we refer as a "federal funds rate interest determination date," the rate on that date for United States dollar federal funds as published in H.15(519) under the heading "Federal Funds (Effective)" as that rate is displayed on MoneyLine Telerate, Inc., or any successor service, on page 120, or any other page as may replace that page on that service, to which we refer as "Telerate page 120". If the federal funds rate cannot be determined in this manner, the following procedures will apply.

- If the rate described above does not appear on Telerate page 120 by 3:00 p.m., New York City time, on the related calculation date, then the federal funds rate will be the rate on that federal funds rate interest determination date for United States dollar federal funds as published in H.15 Daily Update, or another recognized electronic source used for the purpose of displaying that rate, under the caption "Federal Funds (Effective)".
- If the rate described above does not appear on Telerate page 120 or is not yet published in H.15(519), H.15 Daily Update or another electronic source by 3:00 p.m., New York City time, on the related calculation date, then the federal funds rate for that federal funds rate interest determination date will be calculated by the calculation agent and will be the arithmetic mean of the rates for the last transaction in overnight United States dollar federal funds arranged by three leading brokers of United States dollar federal funds transactions in The City of New York, which may include one or more of the agents or their affiliates, selected by the calculation agent, after consultation with us, prior to 9:00 a.m., New York City time, on that federal funds rate interest determination date.
- If the brokers selected as described above by the calculation agent are not quoting as set forth above, the federal funds rate with respect to that federal funds rate interest determination date will be the federal funds rate for the immediately preceding interest reset period, or if there was no interest reset period, the rate of interest payable will be the initial interest rate.

#### **Indexed Notes**

We may offer indexed notes according to which the principal and/or interest is determined by reference to an index relating to:

- Securities of one or more issuers:
- the rate of exchange between the specified currency of the note and one or more other currencies or composite currencies, called the indexed currencies;
- the price of one or more commodities, called the indexed commodities, on specified dates;
- any other financial, economic or other measure or instrument, including the occurrence or non-occurrence of any event or circumstance described in the applicable pricing supplement; or
- one or more indices or baskets of the items described above.

The pricing supplement will describe how interest and principal payments on indexed notes will be determined. It will also include historical and other information about the index or indices and information about the U.S. tax consequences to the holders of indexed notes.

Amounts payable on an indexed note will be based on the face amount of the note. The pricing supplement will describe whether the principal amount that we will pay you on redemption or repayment before maturity would be the face amount, the principal amount at that date or another amount.

If a third party is responsible for calculating or announcing an index for certain indexed notes and that third party stops calculating or announcing the index, or changes the way that the index is calculated in a way not permitted in the pricing supplement, then the index will be calculated by an independent determination agent named in the pricing supplement. If no independent agent is named, then we will calculate the index. If neither the determination agent nor we can calculate the index in the same way and under the same conditions as the original third party, then the principal or interest on the notes will be determined as described in the pricing supplement. All calculations that we or the independent determination agent make will be binding unless they are clearly wrong.

If you purchase an indexed note, the applicable pricing supplement will include information about the relevant index, about how amounts that are to become payable will be determined by reference to the price or value of that index and about the terms on which amounts payable on the note may be settled physically or in cash. The pricing supplement will also identify the calculation agent that will calculate the amounts payable with respect to the indexed debt security and may exercise significant discretion in doing so. An investment in indexed notes may entail significant risks. See "Risks Associated With Foreign Currency Notes and Indexed Notes—Indexed Notes."

#### **European Monetary Union**

On January 1, 1999, the European Union introduced the single European currency known as the euro in the 11 (now 12) participating member states of the European Monetary Union. A participating member state is a member state of the European Union that has adopted the euro as its legal currency according to the Treaty of Rome of March 25, 1957, as amended by the Single European Act of 1986 and the Treaty on European Union, signed in Maastricht on February 1, 1992. During a transition period from January 1, 1999 to December 31, 2001, the former national currencies of those 12 participating member states continued to be legal tender in their country of issue, at rates irrevocably fixed on December 3, 1998. As of the date of this prospectus supplement, Sweden does not participate in the single currency.

The European Union completed the final stage of its economic and monetary union on January 1, 2002, when euro notes and coins became available and participating member states withdrew their national currencies. It is not possible to predict how the European Monetary Union may affect the value of the notes or the rights of holders. You are responsible for informing yourself about the effects of European Monetary Union on your investment.

If so specified in the applicable pricing supplement, we may at our option, and without the consent of the holders of the notes or any coupons or the need to amend the notes or the indenture, redenominate the notes issued in the currency of a country that subsequently participates in the final stage of the European Monetary Union, or otherwise participates in the European Monetary Union in a manner with similar effect to such final stage, into euro. The provisions relating to any such redenomination will be contained in the applicable pricing supplement.

#### Redemption and Repurchase

#### Redemption

The pricing supplement for the issuance of each series of notes will indicate either that:

- the notes cannot be redeemed prior to their maturity date (other than on the occurrence of the tax events described under "Description of Debt Securities—Optional Redemption Due to Changes in Swedish Tax Treatment" in the accompanying prospectus); or
- the notes will be redeemable at our or the holder's option on or after a specified date at a specified redemption price. The redemption price may be par or may decline from a specified premium to par at a later date, together, in each case, with accrued interest to the date of redemption.

#### Repurchase

We may repurchase notes at any time and price in the open market or otherwise. Notes we repurchase may, at our discretion, be held, resold (subject to compliance with applicable securities and tax laws) or surrendered to the trustee for cancellation.

#### Discount Notes

If the pricing supplement states that a note is a discount note, the amount payable in the event of redemption or other acceleration of the maturity date will be the amortized face amount of the note as of the date of redemption, repayment or acceleration, but in no event more than its principal amount. The amortized face amount is equal to (a) the issue price plus (b) that portion of the difference between the issue price and the principal amount that has accrued at the yield to maturity described in the pricing supplement (computed in accordance with generally accepted U.S. bond yield computation principles) by the redemption or acceleration date.

#### Sinking Fund

The notes will not be subject to any sinking fund.

#### **Notices**

Notices to holders of notes will be made by first class mail, postage prepaid, or sent by facsimile transmission to the registered holders.

#### Risks Relating to Jurisdiction and Enforcement of Judgments

We have irrevocably appointed the Swedish Consulate General in The City of New York as our authorized agent for service of process in any action based on the debt securities brought against us in any State or federal court in The City of New York. We will waive any immunity from the jurisdiction of these courts to which we might be entitled in any action based on these debt securities, but the waiver will not extend to actions brought under U.S. federal securities laws.

#### UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

The following discussion summarizes certain U.S. federal income tax considerations that may be relevant to you if you invest in notes and are a U.S. holder. You will be a U.S. holder if you are a beneficial owner of the notes and you are an individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States, a U.S. domestic corporation, or any other person that is subject to U.S. federal income tax on a net income basis in respect of an investment in the notes. This summary deals only with U.S. holders that hold notes as capital assets. It does not address considerations that may be relevant to you if you are an investor that is subject to special tax rules, such as a bank, thrift, real estate investment trust, regulated investment company, insurance company, dealer in securities or currencies, trader in securities or commodities that elects mark to market treatment, certain short-term holders of the notes, persons that will hedge their exposure to the notes or will hold notes as a hedge against currency risk or as a position in a "straddle" or conversion transaction, tax-exempt organization or a person whose "functional currency" is not the U.S. dollar. U.S. holders should be aware that the U.S. federal income tax consequences of holding notes may be materially different for investors described in the prior sentence.

This summary is based on laws, regulations, rulings and decisions now in effect, all of which may change. Any change could apply retroactively and could affect the continued validity of this summary.

You should consult your tax adviser about the tax consequences of holding notes, including the relevance to your particular situation of the considerations discussed below, as well as the relevance to your particular situation of state, local or other tax laws.

#### **Payments or Accruals of Interest**

Payments or accruals of "qualified stated interest" (as defined below) on a note will be taxable to you as ordinary interest income at the time that you receive or accrue such amounts (in accordance with your regular method of tax accounting). If you use the cash method of tax accounting and you receive payments of interest pursuant to the terms of a note in a currency other than U.S. dollars (a "foreign currency"), the amount of interest income you will realize will be the U.S. dollar value of the foreign currency payment based on the exchange rate in effect on the date you receive the payment, regardless of whether you convert the payment into U.S. dollars. If you are an accrual-basis U.S. holder, you will accrue interest income on foreign currency notes in the relevant foreign currency, and will translate the amount so accrued into U.S. dollars based on the average exchange rate in effect during the interest accrual period (or with respect to an interest accrual period that spans two taxable years, based on the average exchange rate for the partial period within the taxable year). Alternatively, as an accrual-basis U.S. holder, you may elect to translate all interest income on foreign currencydenominated notes at the spot rate on the last day of the accrual period (or the last day of the taxable year, in the case of an accrual period that spans more than one taxable year) or on the date that you receive the interest payment if that date is within five business days of the end of the accrual period. If you make this election, you must apply it consistently to all debt instruments from year to year and you cannot change the election without the consent of the Internal Revenue Service. If you use the accrual method of accounting for tax purposes, you will recognize foreign currency gain or loss on the receipt of a foreign currency interest payment if the exchange rate in effect on the date the payment is received differs from the rate applicable to a previous accrual of that interest income. This foreign currency gain or loss will be treated as ordinary income or loss, but generally will not be treated as an adjustment to interest income received on the note.

#### Purchase, Sale and Retirement of Notes

Initially, your tax basis in a note generally will equal the cost of the note to you. Your basis will increase by any amounts that you are required to include in income under the rules governing original

issue discount and market discount, and will decrease by the amount of any amortized premium and any payments other than payments of qualified stated interest made on the note. (The rules for determining these amounts are discussed below.) If you purchase a note that is denominated in a foreign currency, the cost to you (and therefore generally your initial tax basis) will be the U.S. dollar value of the foreign currency purchase price on the date of purchase calculated at the exchange rate in effect on that date. If the foreign currency note is traded on an established securities market and you are a cash-basis taxpayer (or if you are an accrual-basis taxpayer that makes a special election), you will determine the U.S. dollar value of the cost of the note by translating the amount of the foreign currency that you paid for the note at the spot rate of exchange on the settlement date of your purchase. The amount of any subsequent adjustments to your tax basis in a note in respect of foreign currency-denominated original issue discount, market discount and premium will be determined in the manner described below. If you convert U.S. dollars into a foreign currency and then immediately use that foreign currency to purchase a note, you generally will not have any taxable gain or loss as a result of the conversion or purchase.

When you sell or exchange a note, or if a note that you hold is retired, you generally will recognize gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount you realize on the transaction (less any accrued qualified stated interest, which will be subject to tax in the manner described above under "Payments or Accruals of Interest") and your tax basis in the note. If you sell or exchange a note for a foreign currency, or receive foreign currency on the retirement of a note, the amount you will realize for U.S. tax purposes generally will be the dollar value of the foreign currency that you receive calculated at the exchange rate in effect on the date the foreign currency note is disposed of or retired. If you dispose of a foreign currency note that is traded on an established securities market and you are a cash-basis U.S. holder (or if you are an accrual-basis holder that makes a special election), you will determine the U.S. dollar value of the amount realized by translating the amount at the spot rate of exchange on the settlement date of the sale, exchange or retirement.

The special election available to you if you are an accrual-basis taxpayer in respect of the purchase and sale of foreign currency notes traded on an established securities market, which is discussed in the two preceding paragraphs, must be applied consistently to all debt instruments from year to year and cannot be changed without the consent of the Internal Revenue Service.

Except as discussed below with respect to market discount, short-term notes (as defined below) and foreign currency gain or loss, the gain or loss that you recognize on the sale, exchange or retirement of a note generally will be capital gain or loss. The gain or loss on the sale, exchange or retirement of a note will be long-term capital gain or loss if you have held the note for more than one year on the date of disposition. Net long-term capital gain recognized by an individual U.S. holder generally will be subject to tax at a lower rate than net short-term capital gain or ordinary income. The ability of U.S. holders to offset capital losses against ordinary income is limited.

Despite the foregoing, the gain or loss that you recognize on the sale, exchange or retirement of a foreign currency note generally will be treated as ordinary income or loss to the extent that the gain or loss is attributable to changes in exchange rates during the period in which you held the note. This foreign currency gain or loss will not be treated as an adjustment to interest income that you receive on the note.

#### **Original Issue Discount**

If we issue notes at a discount from their "stated redemption price at maturity" (as defined below), and the discount is equal to or more than the product of one-fourth of one percent (0.25%) of the stated redemption price at maturity of the notes multiplied by the number of full years to their maturity, the notes will be "original issue discount notes." The difference between the issue price and the stated redemption price at maturity of the notes will be the "original issue discount." The "issue

price" of the notes will be the first price at which a substantial amount of the notes are sold to the public (*i.e.*, excluding sales of notes to underwriters, placement agents, wholesalers, or similar persons). The "stated redemption price at maturity" will include all payments under the notes other than payments of qualified stated interest. The term "qualified stated interest" generally means stated interest that is unconditionally payable in cash or property (other than debt instruments issued by the Company) at least annually during the entire term of a note at a single fixed interest rate or, subject to certain conditions, based on one or more interest indices.

If you invest in an original issue discount note, you generally will be subject to the special tax accounting rules for original issue discount obligations provided by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and certain U.S. Treasury regulations. You should be aware that, as described in greater detail below, if you invest in an original issue discount note, you generally will be required to include original issue discount in ordinary gross income for U.S. federal income tax purposes as it accrues, although you may not yet have received the cash attributable to that income.

In general, and regardless of whether you use the cash or the accrual method of tax accounting, if you are the holder of an original issue discount note with a maturity greater than one year, you will be required to include in ordinary gross income the sum of the "daily portions" of original issue discount on that note for all days during the taxable year that you own the note. The daily portions of original issue discount on an original issue discount note are determined by allocating to each day in any accrual period a ratable portion of the original issue discount allocable to that period. Accrual periods may be any length and may vary in length over the term of an original issue discount note, so long as no accrual period is longer than one year and each scheduled payment of principal or interest occurs on the first or last day of an accrual period. If you are the initial holder of the note, the amount of original issue discount on an original issue discount note allocable to each accrual period is determined by:

- (i) multiplying the "adjusted issue price" (as defined below) of the note at the beginning of the accrual period by a fraction, the numerator of which is the annual yield to maturity (defined below) of the note and the denominator of which is the number of accrual periods in a year; and
- (ii) subtracting from that product the amount (if any) payable as qualified stated interest allocable to that accrual period.

The "adjusted issue price" of an original issue discount note at the beginning of any accrual period will generally be the sum of its issue price (including any accrued interest) and the amount of original issue discount allocable to all prior accrual periods, reduced by the amount of all payments other than any qualified stated interest payments on the note in all prior accrual periods. All payments on an original issue discount note (other than qualified stated interest) will generally be viewed first as payments of previously accrued original issue discount (to the extent of the previously accrued discount), with payments considered made from the earliest accrual periods first, and then as a payment of principal. The "annual yield to maturity" of a note is the discount rate (appropriately adjusted to reflect the length of accrual periods) that causes the present value on the issue date of all payments on the note to equal the issue price. In the case of an original issue discount note that is a floating rate note, both the "annual yield to maturity" and the qualified stated interest will be determined for these purposes as though the note will bear interest in all periods at a fixed rate generally equal to the rate that would be applicable to interest payments on the note on its date of issue or, in the case of some floating rate notes, the rate that reflects the yield that is reasonably expected for the note. (Additional rules may apply if interest on a floating rate note is based on more than one interest index.)

As a result of this "constant yield" method of including original issue discount income, the amounts you will be required to include in your gross income if you invest in an original issue discount

note denominated in U.S. dollars generally will be lesser in the early years and greater in the later years than amounts that would be includible on a straight-line basis.

You generally may make an irrevocable election to include in income your entire return on a note (i.e., the excess of all remaining payments to be received on the note, including payments of qualified stated interest, over the amount you paid for the note) under the constant yield method described above. If you purchase notes at a premium or market discount and if you make this election, you will also be deemed to have made the election (discussed below under the "Premium" and "Market Discount") to amortize premium or to accrue market discount currently on a constant yield basis in respect of all other premium or market discount bonds that you hold.

In the case of an original issue discount note that is also a foreign currency note, you should determine the U.S. dollar amount includible as original issue discount for each accrual period by (i) calculating the amount of original issue discount allocable to each accrual period in the foreign currency using the constant yield method described above and (ii) translating that foreign currency amount at the average exchange rate in effect during that accrual period (or, with respect to an interest accrual period that spans two taxable years, at the average exchange rate for each partial period). Alternatively, you may translate the foreign currency amount at the spot rate of exchange on the last day of the accrual period (or the last day of the taxable year, for an accrual period that spans two taxable years) or at the spot rate of exchange on the date of receipt, if that date is within five business days of the last day of the accrual period, provided that you have made the election described above under "Payments or Accruals of Interest." Because exchange rates may fluctuate, if you are the holder of an original issue discount note that is also a foreign currency note, you may recognize a different amount of original issue discount income in each accrual period than would be the case if you were the holder of an otherwise similar original issue discount note denominated in U.S. dollars. Upon the receipt of an amount attributable to original issue discount (whether in connection with a payment of an amount that is not qualified stated interest or the sale or retirement of the original issue discount note), you will recognize ordinary income or loss measured by the difference between the amount received (translated into U.S. dollars at the exchange rate in effect on the date of receipt or on the date of disposition of the original issue discount note, as the case may be) and the amount of original issue discount accrued (using the exchange rate applicable to such previous accrual).

If you purchase an original issue discount note outside of the initial offering at a cost less than its remaining redemption amount (*i.e.*, the total of all future payments to be made on the note other than payments of qualified stated interest), or if you purchase an original issue discount note in the initial offering at a price other than the note's issue price, you generally will also be required to include in gross income the daily portions of original issue discount, calculated as described above. However, if you acquire an original issue discount note at a price greater than its adjusted issue price, you will be required to reduce your periodic inclusions of original issue discount to reflect the premium paid over the adjusted issue price. On the other hand, if you acquired an original issue discount note at a price that was less than its adjusted issue price by at least 0.25% of its adjusted issue price multiplied by the number of remaining whole years to maturity, the market discount rules discussed below also will apply.

Floating rate notes generally will be treated as "variable rate debt instruments" under U.S. Treasury regulations dealing with original issue discount notes Accordingly, the stated interest on a floating rate note generally will be treated as "qualified stated interest" and such a note will not have original issue discount solely as a result of the fact that it provides for interest at a variable rate. If a floating rate note does not qualify as a "variable rate debt instrument," the note will be subject to special rules that govern the tax treatment of debt obligations that provide for contingent payments. We will provide a detailed description of the tax considerations relevant to U.S. holders of any such notes in the pricing supplement.

Certain notes may be redeemed prior to their stated maturity, either at the option of the Company or at the option of the holder, or may have special repayment or interest rate reset features as indicated in the pricing supplement. Notes containing these features, in particular original issue discount notes may be subject to special rules that differ from the general rules discussed above. If you purchase original issue discount notes with these features, you should carefully examine the pricing supplement and consult your tax adviser about their treatment since the tax consequences of investing in original issue discount notes will depend, in part, on the particular terms and features of those notes.

#### **Short-Term Notes**

The rules described above also will generally apply to original issue discount notes with maturities of one year or less ("short-term notes"), but with some modifications.

First, the original issue discount rules treat none of the interest on a short-term note as qualified stated interest, and treat a short-term note as having original issue discount. Thus, all short-term notes will be original issue discount notes. Except as noted below, if you are a cash-basis holder of a short-term note and you do not identify the short-term note as part of a hedging transaction you will generally not be required to accrue original issue discount currently, but you will be required to treat any gain realized on a sale, exchange or retirement of the note as ordinary income to the extent such gain does not exceed the original issue discount accrued with respect to the note during the period you held the note. You may not be allowed to deduct all of the interest paid or accrued on any indebtedness incurred or maintained to purchase or carry a short-term note until the Maturity of the note or its earlier disposition in a taxable transaction. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if you are a cash-basis U.S. holder of a short-term note, you may elect to accrue original issue discount on a current basis (in which case the limitation on the deductibility of interest described above will not apply). A U.S. holder using the accrual method of tax accounting and some cash method holders (including banks, securities dealers, regulated investment companies and certain trust funds) generally will be required to include original issue discount on a short-term note in gross income on a current basis. Original issue discount will be treated as accruing for these purposes on a ratable basis or, at the election of the holder, on a constant yield basis based on daily compounding.

Second, regardless of whether you are a cash-basis or accrual-basis holder, if you are the holder of a short-term note you may elect to accrue any "acquisition discount" with respect to the note on a current basis. Acquisition discount is the excess of the remaining redemption amount of the note at the time of acquisition over the purchase price. Acquisition discount will be treated as accruing ratably or, at the election of the holder, under a constant yield method based on daily compounding. If you elect to accrue acquisition discount, the original issue discount rules will not apply.

Finally, the market discount rules described below will not apply to short-term notes.

#### **Premium**

If you purchase a note at a cost greater than the note's remaining redemption amount, you will be considered to have purchased the note at a premium, and you may elect to amortize the premium as an offset to interest income, using a constant yield method, over the remaining term of the note. If you make this election, it generally will apply to all debt instruments that you hold at the time of the election, as well as any debt instruments that you subsequently acquire. In addition, you may not revoke the election without the consent of the Internal Revenue Service. If you elect to amortize the premium, you will be required to reduce your tax basis in the note by the amount of the premium amortized during your holding period. Original issue discount notes purchased at a premium will not be subject to the original issue discount rules described above. In the case of premium on a foreign currency note, you should calculate the amortization of the premium in the foreign currency. Premium amortization deductions attributable to a period reduce interest income in respect of that period, and

therefore are translated into U.S. dollars at the rate that you use for interest payments in respect of that period. Exchange gain or loss will be realized with respect to amortized premium on a foreign currency note based on the difference between the exchange rate computed on the date or dates the premium is amortized against interest payments on the note and the exchange rate on the date the holder acquired the note. If you do not elect to amortize premium, the amount of premium will be included in your tax basis in the note. Therefore, if you do not elect to amortize premium and you hold the note to Maturity, you generally will be required to treat the premium as capital loss when the note matures.

#### **Market Discount**

If you purchase a note at a price that is lower than the note's remaining redemption amount (or in the case of an original issue discount note, the note's adjusted issue price), by 0.25% or more of the remaining redemption amount (or adjusted issue price), multiplied by the number of remaining whole years to maturity, the note will be considered to bear "market discount" in your hands. In this case, any gain that you realize on the disposition of the note generally will be treated as ordinary interest income to the extent of the market discount that accrued on the note during your holding period. In addition, you may be required to defer the deduction of a portion of the interest paid on any indebtedness that you incurred or continued to purchase or carry the note. In general, market discount will be treated as accruing ratably over the term of the note, or, at your election, under a constant yield method. You must accrue market discount on a foreign currency note in the specified currency. The amount that you will be required to include in income in respect of accrued market discount will be the U.S. dollar value of the accrued amount, generally calculated at the exchange rate in effect on the date that you dispose of the note.

You may elect to include market discount in gross income currently as it accrues (on either a ratable or constant yield basis), in lieu of treating a portion of any gain realized on a sale of the note as ordinary income. If you elect to include market discount on a current basis, the interest deduction deferral rule described above will not apply. If you do make such an election, it will apply to all market discount debt instruments that you acquire on or after the first day of the first taxable year to which the election applies. The election may not be revoked without the consent of the Internal Revenue Service. Any accrued market discount on a foreign currency note that is currently includible in income will be translated into U.S. dollars at the average exchange rate for the accrual period (or portion thereof within the holder's taxable year).

#### **Indexed Notes and Other Notes Providing for Contingent Payments**

Special rules govern the tax treatment of debt obligations that provide for contingent payments ("contingent debt obligations"). These rules generally require accrual of interest income on a constant yield basis in respect of contingent debt obligations at a yield determined at the time of issuance of the obligation, and may require adjustments to these accruals when any contingent payments are made. We will provide a detailed description of the tax considerations relevant to U.S. holders of any contingent debt obligations in the pricing supplement.

#### Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

The paying agent must file information returns with the United States Internal Revenue Service in connection with note payments made to certain United States persons. If you are a United States person, you generally will not be subject to United States backup withholding tax on such payments if you provide your taxpayer identification number to the paying agent. You may also be subject to information reporting and backup withholding tax requirements with respect to the proceeds from a sale of the notes. If you are not a United States person, you may have to comply with certification procedures to establish that you are not a United States person in order to avoid information reporting and backup withholding tax requirements.

#### PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

#### Distribution

We may offer the notes on a continuous basis through agents that have agreed to use their reasonable best efforts to solicit orders. The terms and conditions contained in the agency agreement, dated January 30, 2006 (the Agency Agreement), and any terms agreement entered into thereunder will govern these selling efforts. The agents who have entered into this agreement with us are listed on page S-4.

We will pay the agents a commission that will be negotiated at the time of sale. Generally, the commission will take the form of a discount, which may vary based on the maturity of the notes offered and is expected to range from 0.125% to 0.650% of the principal amount.

In addition to the agents listed on page S-4, we may sell notes through other agents who execute the forms and receive the confirmations required by the Agency Agreement. The applicable pricing supplement will specify the agents and their commission.

We have the right to accept orders or reject proposed purchases in whole or in part. The agents also have the right, using their reasonable discretion, to reject any proposed purchase of notes in whole or in part.

We may also sell notes to agents as principal, *i.e.*, for their own accounts. These notes may be resold in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions, at a fixed public offering price or at varying prices. The pricing supplement relating to these notes will specify the purchase price paid by the agents and, if the notes are to be resold at a fixed public offering price, the initial public offering price and the underwriting discounts and commissions. Unless the pricing supplement specifies otherwise, any note purchased by an agent as principal will be purchased at 100% of the principal amount of the note minus a percentage equal to the commission applicable to an agency sale of a note of identical maturity. These notes may be sold to other dealers. The agents and dealers may allow concessions, which will be described in the pricing supplement. Such concessions may not be in excess of those concessions received by such agent from us. After the initial public offering of the notes, the public offering price, the concession and the discount may be changed.

The notes will generally not have an established trading market when issued. The agents may make a market in the notes, but are not obligated to do so and may discontinue any market-making at any time without notice. We cannot assure you that a secondary market will be established for any series of notes, or that any of them will be sold. The notes will not be listed on any securities exchange, unless otherwise indicated in the pricing supplement.

In order to facilitate the offering of the notes, the stabilizing manager or any person acting for the stabilizing manager may engage in transactions with a view to supporting the market price of the notes issued under this program at a level higher than that which might otherwise prevail for a limited period after the issue date. In particular, the stabilizing manager or any person acting for it may:

- over-allot in connection with the offering, *i.e.*, offer and apportion more of the notes than the agents have, creating a short position in the notes for their own accounts;
- bid for and purchase notes in the open market to cover over-allotments or to stabilize the price of the notes; or
- if the stabilizing manager or any person acting on its behalf repurchases previously-distributed notes, reclaim selling concessions which they gave to dealers when they sold the notes.

Any of these activities may stabilize or maintain the market price of the notes above independent market levels. The stabilizing manager or any person acting on its behalf are not required to engage in these activities, but, if they do, they may discontinue them at any time and they must be brought to an end after a limited period. Such stabilizing shall be in compliance with all applicable laws, regulations and rules.

We may agree to reimburse the agents for certain expenses incurred in connection with the offering of the notes. The agents and their affiliates may engage in transactions with and perform services for us in the ordinary course of business.

We have agreed to indemnify the agents against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933 (the Securities Act). The agents, whether acting as agent or principal, and any dealer that offers the notes, may be deemed to be "underwriters" within the meaning of the Securities Act.

A form of pricing supplement is attached as Annex A to this prospectus supplement.

#### **Selling Restrictions**

Each of the agents has represented and agreed that it has not offered, sold or delivered and will not offer, sell or deliver any of the notes directly or indirectly, or distribute this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus or any other offering material relating to the notes, in or from any jurisdiction except under circumstances that will result in compliance with the applicable laws and regulations thereof and that will not impose any obligations on us except as set forth in the terms agreement.

#### European Economic Area

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive other than France (each of which we refer to as a Relevant Member State), each agent has represented and agreed that with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that Relevant Member State (which we refer to as the Relevant Implementation Date) it has not made and will not make an offer of notes to the public in that Relevant Member State except that it may, with effect from and including the Relevant Implementation Date, make an offer of notes to the public in that Relevant Member State:

- (a) in (or in Germany, where the offer starts within) the period beginning on the date of publication of a prospectus in relation to those notes which has been approved by the competent authority in that Relevant Member State or, where appropriate, approved in another Relevant Member State and notified to the competent authority in that Relevant Member State, all in accordance with the Prospectus Directive and ending on the date which is 12 months after the date of such publication;
- (b) at any time to legal entities which are authorised or regulated to operate in the financial markets or, if not so authorised or regulated, whose corporate purpose is solely to invest in securities;
- (c) at any time to any legal entity which has two or more of (1) an average of at least 250 employees during the last financial year; (2) a total balance sheet of more than €43,000,000 and (3) an annual net turnover of more than €50,000,000, as shown in its last annual or consolidated accounts; or
- (d) at any time in any other circumstances which do not require the publication by the Issuer of a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression an "offer of notes to the public" in relation to any notes in any Relevant Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the notes, as the same may be varied in that Member State by any

measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Member State and the expression "Prospectus Directive" means Directive 2003/71/EC and includes any relevant implementing measure in each Relevant Member State.

#### United Kingdom

Each agent has represented and agreed that:

- (a) in relation to any notes which have a maturity of less than one year, (i) it is a person whose ordinary activities involve it in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of its business and (ii) it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell any notes other than to persons whose ordinary activities involve them in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or as agent) for the purposes of their businesses or who it is reasonable to expect will acquire, hold, manage or dispose of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of their businesses where the issue of the notes would otherwise constitute a contravention of Section 19 of the FSMA by SEK;
- (b) it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of Section 21 of the FSMA) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of any notes in circumstances in which Section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply to us; and
- (c) it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to any notes in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

#### Hong Kong

The notes may not be offered or sold by means of any document other than to persons whose ordinary business is to buy or sell shares or debentures, whether as principal or agent, or in circumstances which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32) of Hong Kong, and no advertisement, invitation or document relating to the notes may be issued, whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere, which is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be accessed or read by, the public in Hong Kong (except if permitted to do so under the securities laws of Hong Kong) other than with respect to notes which are or are intended to be disposed of only to persons outside Hong Kong or only to "professional investors" within the meaning of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong and any rules made thereunder.

#### Singapore

This document has not been registered as a prospectus with the Monetary Authority of Singapore. Accordingly, this document and any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation or subscription or purchase, of the notes may not be circulated or distributed, nor may the notes be offered or sold, or be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, whether directly or indirectly, to persons in Singapore other than under circumstances in which such offer, sale or invitation does not constitute an offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of the notes to the public in Singapore.

#### Japan

The notes have not been and will not be registered under the Securities and Exchange Law of Japan (the Securities and Exchange Law) and each agent has agreed that it will not offer or sell any notes, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any resident of Japan (which term as

used herein means any person resident in Japan, including any corporation or other entity organized under the laws of Japan), or to others for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to a resident of Japan, except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with, the Securities and Exchange Law and any other applicable laws, regulations and ministerial guidelines of Japan.

#### France

Each agent has confirmed and agreed as follows:

No prospectus (including any amendment, supplement or replacement thereto) has been prepared in connection with the offering of the notes that has been approved by the *Autorité des marchés financiers* or by the competent authority of another State that is a contracting party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area and notified to the *Autorité des marchés financiers*; no notes have been offered or sold nor will be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, to the public in France except to permitted investors ("Permitted Investors") consisting of qualified investors (*investisseurs qualifiés*) acting for their own account and/or investors belonging to a limited circle of investors (*cercle restreint d'investisseurs*) acting for their own account, all as defined and in accordance with Articles L.411-2, D.411-1, D.411-2, D.734-1, D.744-1, D.754-1 and D.764-1 of the French *Code Monétaire et Financier*; none of this Prospectus or any other materials related to the offering or information contained therein relating to the notes has been released, issued or distributed to the public in France except to Permitted Investors; and the direct or indirect resale to the public in France of any notes acquired by any Permitted Investors may be made only as provided by articles L. 411-1, L. 411-2, L. 412-1 and L. 621-8 to L. 621-8-3 of the French *Code Monétaire et Financier* and applicable regulations thereunder.

#### Kingdom of Sweden

Each agent has confirmed and agreed that it will not, directly or indirectly, offer for subscription or purchase or issue invitations to subscribe for or buy or sell notes or distribute drafts or definitive documents in relation to any such offer, invitation or sale in the Kingdom of Sweden, except in compliance with the laws of the Kingdom of Sweden.

#### [FORM OF PRICING SUPPLEMENT]

PRICING SUPPLEMENT No. [ ]

(To Prospectus dated January 30, 2006 and Prospectus Supplement dated January 30, 2006)



[Principal Amount]

[Face Amount]

### AB SVENSK EXPORTKREDIT

(Swedish Export Credit Corporation)
(Incorporated in Sweden with limited liability)

## [TITLE OF ISSUE] [MATURITY DATE]

[Issue Price: [ ]]

# Medium-Term Notes, Series C Due Nine Months or More from Date of Issue

The notes are issued by AB Svensk Exportkredit (Swedish Export Credit Corporation). The notes will mature on [MATURITY DATE]. [The notes will not be redeemable before maturity except for tax reasons] [and] [will not be entitled to the benefit of any sinking fund].

[Interest on the notes will be payable on each [MONTH/DATE] and each [MONTH/DAY] and at maturity.] [The notes will not be listed on any securities exchange.]

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any other regulatory body has approved or disapproved these securities or determined whether this pricing supplement or the related prospectus supplement and prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

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| Per Note |  |   |                 |  |

#### CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

| Title of Each Class of Amount To Be Securities To Be Registered Registered |           | Offering Price Per | Aggregate      | Amount of        |  |  |
|--|-----------|--------------------|----------------|------------------|--|--|
|  |           | Unit               | Offering Price | Registration Fee |  |  |
| Debt securities  | U.S.\$[ ] | [ ]%               | U.S.\$[ ]      | U.S.\$[ ]        |  |  |

[If you purchase any of the notes, you will also be required to pay accrued interest from [ISSUE DATE] if we deliver the notes after that date.]

[AGENT[S]] expect to deliver the notes to investors on or about [CLOSING DATE] [through the facilities of [NAME OF DEPOSITARY].

## [AGENT[S]]

The date of this pricing supplement is [DATE].

### ABOUT THIS PRICING SUPPLEMENT

This pricing supplement is a supplement to:

- the accompanying prospectus supplement dated January 30, 2006 relating to an unlimited aggregate principal amount of our medium-term notes, series D, due nine months or more from date of issue and
- the accompanying prospectus dated January 30, 2006 relating to our debt securities.

If the information in this pricing supplement differs from the information contained in the prospectus supplement or the prospectus, you should rely on the information in this pricing supplement.

You should read this pricing supplement along with the accompanying prospectus supplement and prospectus. All three documents contain information you should consider when making your investment decision. You should rely only on the information provided or incorporated by reference in this pricing supplement, the prospectus and the prospectus supplement. We have not authorized anyone else to provide you with different information. We and the purchasers are offering to sell the notes and seeking offers to buy the notes only in jurisdictions where it is lawful to do so. The information contained in this pricing supplement and the accompanying prospectus supplement and prospectus is current only as of its date.

# INCORPORATION OF INFORMATION WE FILE WITH THE SEC

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference the information we file with them. This means:

- incorporated documents are considered part of this prospectus;
- we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents;
- information in this prospectus automatically updates and supersedes information in earlier documents that are incorporated by reference in this prospectus; and
- information that we file with the SEC and which we incorporate by reference in this prospectus will automatically update and supersede information in this prospectus.

[We incorporate by reference the documents listed below, which we filed with or furnished to the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934:

- our annual report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended December 31, [YEAR], which we filed with the SEC on [DATE] [and]
- [our report on Form 6-K, which we furnished to the SEC on [DATE].]

We [also] incorporate by reference each of the following documents that we will file with the SEC after the date of this prospectus until we terminate the offering:

- any report on Form 6-K filed by us pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that indicates on its cover or inside cover page that we will incorporate it by reference in this prospectus; and
- reports filed under Sections 13(a), 13(c) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

You may request a copy of any filings referred to above (excluding exhibits), at no cost, by contacting us at the following address:

AB Svensk Exportkredit (Swedish Export Credit Corporation) Västra Trädgårdsgatan 11B 10327 Stockholm, Sweden Tel: 011-46-8-613-8300

# **DESCRIPTION OF THE NOTES**

We will issue the notes under the indenture, as supplemented by the first supplemental indenture and the second supplemental indenture. The information contained in this section and in the prospectus supplement and the prospectus summarizes some of the terms of the notes and the indenture, as supplemented. This summary does not contain all of the information that may be important to you as a potential investor in the notes. You should read the indenture, the supplemental indentures and the form of the notes before making your investment decision. We have filed copies of these documents with the SEC and we have filed or will file copies of these documents at the offices of the trustee and the paying agent[s].

| Aggregate Principal Amount:        | [ ]   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Issue Price:                       | [ ]%  |
| Original Issue Date:               | [ ]   |
| Maturity Date:                     | [ ]   |
| Specified Currency:                | [ ]   |
| Authorized Denominations:          | [ ]   |
| Form:                              | [ ]   |
| Interest Rate:                     | [Floating/[ ]% per annum/Other]   |
| Interest Payment Dates:            | [ ]   |
| Regular Record Dates:              | [ ]   |
| Floating Rate Notes:               |   |
| Base Rate:                         | — LIBOR*  |
|                                    | — Commercial Paper Rate   |
|                                    | — Treasury Rate   |
|                                    | — CD Rate   |
|                                    | — Federal Funds Rate  |
|                                    | — Other   |
|                                    | * — LIBOR Moneyline Telerate — LIBOR Reuters  |
| Index Maturity:                    | [ ]   |
| Initial Interest Rate:             | [ ]   |
| Spread (+/—) or Spread Multiplier: | [ ]   |
| Interest Reset Dates:              | [ ]   |
| Interest Determination Dates:      | [ ]   |
| Maximum Interest Rate:             | [Specify] [None; <i>provided</i> , <i>however</i> , that in no event will the interest rate be higher than the maximum rate permitted by New York law, as modified by United States law of general application] |
| Minimum Interest Rate:             | [ ]   |
| Optional Redemption:               | — Yes — No  |

| [Initial Redemption Date:]                | [ ]   |
|---|---|
| Optional Repayment:                       | — Yes — No  |
| Indexed Note:                             | — Yes — No  |
| Foreign Currency Note:                    | — Yes — No  |
| Purchasers:                               | [ ]   |
| Purchase Price:                           | [ ]%  |
| [Net Proceeds, after Commissions, to us:] | [ ]   |
| Closing Date:                             | [ ]   |
| Method of Payment:                        | [ ]   |
| Listing, if any:                          |   |
| Securities Codes:                         |   |
| CUSIP:                                    | [ ]   |
| Trustee:                                  | JP Morgan Trust Company, National Association   |
| Paying Agent:                             | [ ]   |
| [Luxembourg Paying Agent:]                | [ ]   |
| Calculation Agent:                        | [ ]   |
| Exchange Rate Agent:                      | [ ]   |
| Transfer Agent:                           | [ ]   |
| Further Issues:                           | We may from time to time, without the consent of existing holders, create and issue further notes having the same terms and conditions as the notes being offered hereby in all respects, except for the issue date, issue price and, if applicable, the first payment of interest thereon. Additional notes issued in this manner will be consolidated with, and will form a single series with, the previously outstanding notes. |
| Payment of Principal and Interest:        | [ ]   |
| Governing Law:                            | The notes will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, New York law, except that matters relating to the authorization and execution of the notes by us will be governed by the law of Sweden. Furthermore, if the notes are at any time secured by property or assets in Sweden, matters relating to the enforcement of such security will be governed by the law of Sweden.   |
| Further Information:                      | [ ]   |

# PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

[Describe distribution arrangements, if applicable.] [[All] [A portion] of the Notes will be sold outside the United States.]



# AB SVENSK EXPORTKREDIT

(Swedish Export Credit Corporation) (Incorporated in Sweden with limited liability)

# **Debt Securities**

We, AB Svensk Exportkredit, also known as Swedish Export Credit Corporation, or SEK, may from time to time offer and sell our debt securities in amounts, at prices and on terms to be determined at the time of sale and provided in supplements to this prospectus. We may sell debt securities having an unlimited aggregate initial offering price or aggregate principal amount in the United States. The debt securities will constitute direct, unconditional and unsecured indebtedness of SEK and will rank equally in right of payment among themselves and with all our existing and future unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness.

| We may sell the debt securities directly, through agents designated from time to time or through underwriters. The names of any agents or underwriters will be provided in the applicable prospectus supplement.  |    |
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| You should read this prospectus and any supplements carefully. You should not assume that the information in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement or any document incorporated by reference in them is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front of these documents. |    |
| Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any other regulatory body has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation the contrary is a criminal offense.   | to |

The date of this prospectus is January 30, 2006

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### ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus provides you with a general description of the debt securities we may offer. Each time we sell debt securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. If the information in this prospectus differs from any prospectus supplement, you should rely on the information in the prospectus supplement. You should read both this prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement together with additional information described below under the heading "Where You Can Find More Information".

### INCORPORATION OF INFORMATION WE FILE WITH THE SEC

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference the information we file with them. This means:

- incorporated documents are considered part of this prospectus;
- we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents;
- information in this prospectus automatically updates and supersedes information in earlier documents that are incorporated by reference in this prospectus; and
- information that we file with the SEC and which we incorporate by reference in this prospectus will automatically update and supersede information in this prospectus.

We incorporate by reference:

- our annual report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004, which we filed with the SEC on April 8, 2005 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- our reports on Form 6-K, which we filed with the SEC on September 30, 2005 and November 1, 2005 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

We also incorporate by reference each of the following documents that we will file with the SEC after the date of this prospectus until we terminate the offering:

- any report on Form 6-K filed by us pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that indicates on its cover or inside cover page that we will incorporate it by reference in this prospectus; and
- reports filed under Sections 13(a), 13(c) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

You may request a copy of any filings referred to above (excluding exhibits), at no cost, by contacting us at the following address:

AB Svensk Exportkredit (Swedish Export Credit Corporation) Västra Trädgårdsgatan 11B 10327 Stockholm, Sweden Tel: 011-46-8-613-8300

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### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The following documents relating to our debt securities may contain forward-looking statements:

- · this prospectus;
- any prospectus supplement;
- any pricing supplement to a prospectus supplement; and
- the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement or pricing supplement.

Certain of the statements contained in these documents may be statements of future expectations and other forward-looking statements that are based on our management's views and assumptions and involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results, performance or events to differ materially from those expressed or implied in such statements. In addition to statements, which are forward-looking by reason of context, the words "may", "will", "should", "plan", "intend", "anticipate", "believe", "estimate", "potential", or "continue" and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements. Actual results, performance or events may differ materially from those in such statements due to, without limitation:

- · general economic conditions, including in particular economic conditions and markets,
- performance of financial markets,
- interest rates,
- · currency exchange rates,
- · changing levels of competition,
- changes in laws and regulations,
- changes in the policies of central banks and/or foreign governments, and
- general competitive factors,

in each case on a local, regional, national and/or global basis. We assume no obligation to update any forward-looking information contained in these documents.

### ENFORCEMENT OF LIABILITIES; SERVICE OF PROCESS

We are a public limited liability company incorporated in Sweden, and all of our directors and executive officers and the experts named herein are residents of countries other than the United States. A substantial portion of our assets and all or a substantial portion of the assets of such persons are located outside the United States. As a result, it may be difficult or impossible for investors to effect service of process within the United States upon such persons or to realize against them or us upon judgments of courts of the United States predicated upon civil liabilities under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). We have been advised by our Swedish counsel, Advokatfirman Vinge, that there is doubt as to the enforceability of claims in Sweden in respect of liabilities predicated solely upon the Securities Act, whether or not such claims are based upon judgments of United States courts. We have consented to service of process in The City of New York for claims based upon the indenture (as discussed below) and the debt securities we may offer, except insofar as such claims are predicated upon the Securities Act.

### PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

#### General

This summary provides you with a brief overview of key information concerning SEK. This summary also provides you with a brief summary of the material terms of the debt securities we may offer, to the extent we know these material terms on the date of this prospectus. For a more complete understanding of the terms of the offered debt securities, and before making your investment decision, you should carefully read:

- this prospectus, which explains the general terms of the debt securities we may offer;
- the accompanying prospectus supplement, which (1) explains the specific terms of the debt securities being offered and (2) updates and changes information in this prospectus; and
- the documents referred to below in "Where You Can Find More Information".

# **Swedish Export Credit Corporation**

We, Swedish Export Credit Corporation, are a public stock corporation wholly owned by the Kingdom of Sweden through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Our objective is to engage in financing activities that are directly related to Swedish exports of goods and services or otherwise promote Swedish commerce and industry, especially the export sector, by providing competitive long-term credits. We extend credit on commercial terms at prevailing market rates, which we call the M-system, and on State-supported terms, which we call the S-system.

The following table contains certain of our key financial figures as of the dates and for the periods specified, as computed under Swedish accounting principles:

|                                | As of or for the Year Ended December 31, |           |           |  |
|--------------------------------|--|-----------|-----------|--|
|                                | 2004                                     | 2003      | 2002      |  |
|                                |  |           |           |  |
| Total assets                   | 162,066.2                                | 151,800.5 | 132,538.5 |  |
| Total shareholders' funds      | 3,391.8                                  | 2,952.2   | 3,764.7   |  |
| Net income for the year ended* | 439.6                                    | 427.5     | 479.7     |  |

<sup>\*</sup> Exclusive of the S-system

Our principal executive office is located at Västra Trädgårdsgatan 11B, 10327 Stockholm, Sweden. Our telephone number is (+46) 8-613-8300.

# The Debt Securities We May Offer

We may use this prospectus to offer an unlimited amount of debt securities.

We will issue the debt securities under an indenture, dated as of August 15, 1991, originally between us and the predecessor in interest to J.P. Morgan Trust Company, National Association, as trustee as supplemented by a first supplemental indenture dated as of June 2, 2004 and further supplemented by a second supplemental indenture dated January 30, 2006 (together with the first supplemental indenture, the "supplemental indentures"). J.P. Morgan Trust Company, National Association now acts as trustee under the indenture. The indenture provides that the debt securities may be issued at one time, or from time to time, in one or more series.

The debt securities will be our direct, unconditional and unsecured obligations and will rank equally with all of our other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness for borrowed money. The debt securities will not be obligations of Kingdom of Sweden.

The prospectus supplement relating to any series of debt securities will specify the terms of such debt securities.

General Indenture Provisions that Apply to the Debt Securities.

- The indenture does not limit the amount of debt securities that may be issued thereunder or under any other debt instrument.
- The indenture allows for different types of debt securities, such as fixed rate securities, floating rate securities and indexed securities, to be issued in one or more series. The indenture permits us to issue debt securities in book-entry, certificated and bearer form.
- The indenture permits us to issue debt securities in currencies other than U.S. dollars.
- The indenture allows us to merge or consolidate with another Swedish company, or convey all or substantially all of our assets to another Swedish company, so long as the transaction would not result in an event of default. If any of these transactions occur, the other company would be required to assume our obligations under the debt securities and the indenture. We would be released from all liabilities under the debt securities and the indenture when the other company assumed our responsibilities.
- The indenture permits us to elect to redeem the debt securities of any series upon the occurrence of a change in Swedish tax law requiring us to withhold amounts payable on these debt securities in respect of Swedish taxes and, as a result, to pay additional amounts.
- The indenture provides that the holders of a majority of the principal amount of the debt securities outstanding in any series may vote to change our obligations or your rights concerning those debt securities. However, changes to the financial terms of a debt security, including changes to the stated maturity date of any principal or interest, reductions in the principal amount or rate of interest or changing the place for payment of interest, cannot be made unless every holder of that security consents.
- The indenture permits us to satisfy our payment obligations under any series of debt securities at any time by depositing with the trustee sufficient amounts of cash or U.S. government securities to pay our obligations under such series when due.

# Events of Default

The indenture specifies that the following shall constitute events of default with respect to the debt securities of any series:

- default for 30 days in the payment of any interest on any debt security of such series when due;
- default for 15 days in the payment of any principal or premium in respect of any debt security of such series when due;
- default for 15 days in the deposit of any sinking fund payment in respect of any debt security of such series when due;
- default in the performance of any other covenant in the indenture (other than a covenant expressly included in the indenture solely for the benefit of debt securities of a series other than such series) that has continued for 30 days after written notice thereof by the trustee or the holders of 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of such series;

| <ul> <li>default resulting in the acceleration of the maturity of any of our other indebtedness for<br/>borrowed money having an aggregate principal or face amount in excess of U.S.\$ 10,000,000;<br/>and</li> </ul>   |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|
| • certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization.  |  |  |  |
| The holders of a majority of the principal amount of outstanding debt securities of a series may, on behalf of all holders of outstanding debt securities of such series, waive a past event of default. However, no such waiver is permitted for a default in payment of principal, premium or interest in respect of any debt security of such series. |  |  |  |
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# **Ratios of Earnings to Fixed Charges**

The following table shows the ratios of our earnings to fixed charges (exclusive of the S-system) for the periods indicated:

|                               | Year ended December 31, |      |      |      |      |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|------|------|------|------|
|                               | 2004                    | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 | 2000 |
| Swedish accounting principles | 1.14                    | 1.16 | 1.16 | 1.12 | 1.13 |
| U.S. accounting principles    | 1.34                    | 1.22 | 1.96 | 0.91 | 1.13 |

For the purpose of calculating ratios of earnings to fixed charges, earnings consist of net profit for the year, plus taxes and fixed charges. Fixed charges consist of interest expenses, including borrowing costs, in SEK exclusive of the S-system.

# **USE OF PROCEEDS**

Unless otherwise specified in a prospectus supplement, we will use the net proceeds from the sale of debt securities for general business purposes.

# **CAPITALIZATION**

The following table sets out our unaudited consolidated capitalization as at September 30, 2005. This table should be read in conjunction with the financial statements referred to elsewhere in this document.

|   | As of<br>September 30, 2005 |
|---|-----------------------------|
|   | Actual                      |
|   | (Skr millions)              |
| Senior debt:  |                             |
| Long-term   | 156,271.7                   |
| Short-term  | 29,855.6                    |
| Total senior $debt(1),(2)$  | 186,127.3                   |
| Subordinated debt:  |                             |
| Long-term   | 3,190.0                     |
| Short-term  | _                           |
| Total subordinated debt(1)  | 3,190.0                     |
| Shareholder's funds:  |                             |
| Non-distributable capital   |                             |
| Share capital(3) (990,000 shares issued and paid-up, par value Skr 1,000 made up of |                             |
| 640,000 Class A shares and 350,000 Class B shares)                                  | 990.0                       |
| Non-distributable reserves  | 1,174.1                     |
| Total non-distributable capital   | 2,164.1                     |
| Distributable capital:  |                             |
| Undistributed profits   | 1,227.6                     |
| Net profit for the period   | 260.4                       |
|   | 1,488.0                     |
| Total distributable capital   | 3,652.1                     |
|   | <del></del>                 |
| Total capitalization  | 192,969.4                   |

<sup>(1)</sup> At September 30, 2005, our consolidated group had no contingent liabilities. Other than that disclosed herein, we had no other indebtedness as at September 30, 2005.

There has been no material change in SEK's capitalization, indebtedness, contingent liabilities and guarantees since September 30, 2005.

<sup>(2)</sup> Unguaranteed and unsecured.

<sup>(3)</sup> In accordance with our Articles of Association, SEK's share capital shall neither be less than Skr 700 million nor more than Skr 2,800 million.

### **DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES**

The following description of the terms of the debt securities sets forth certain general terms and provisions of the debt securities to which any prospectus supplement may relate. The particular terms of the debt securities offered by any prospectus supplement and the extent, if any, to which the following general provisions may apply to the debt securities so offered will be described in the prospectus supplement relating to such debt securities.

The debt securities will be issued under an indenture, dated as of August 15, 1991, between us and the predecessor in interests to JP Morgan Trust Company, which currently serves as trustee, as supplemented by a first supplemental indenture dated as of June 2, 2004 and further supplemented by a second supplemental indenture dated January 30, 2006 (together with the first supplemental indenture, the "supplemental indentures"). We have filed the indenture and each of the supplemental indentures as exhibits to the registration statement. The statements under this caption include brief summaries of the material provisions of the indenture as supplemented, do not purport to be complete and are subject to, and qualified in their entirety by reference to, all of the provisions of the indenture and the supplemental indentures, including the definitions in those documents of certain terms. Numerical references in parentheses below are to sections of the indenture. Whenever we refer in this document or in a prospectus supplement to particular sections of, or defined terms in, the indenture, we intend to incorporate by reference such sections or defined terms.

### General

The debt securities offered by this prospectus will be in an unlimited aggregate initial public offering price or purchase price. The indenture provides that we may issue debt securities in an unlimited amount thereunder from time to time in one or more series. We may originally issue the debt securities of a series all at one time or from time to time and, unless otherwise provided, we may "reopen" any outstanding series of debt securities from time to time to issue of additional debt securities of such series. (Section 301)

The debt securities will rank equally with all of our other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness for borrowed money. (Section 1011) We refer to the prospectus supplement relating to the particular series of debt securities we are offering thereby for the terms of such debt securities, including, where applicable:

- (i) the designation and maximum aggregate principal or face amount, if any, of such debt securities;
- (ii) the price (expressed as a percentage of the aggregate principal or face amount thereof) at which we will issue such debt securities;
- (iii) the date or dates on which such debt securities will mature;
- (iv) the currency or currencies in which we are selling such debt securities and in which we will make payments of any principal, premium or interest in respect of such debt securities, and whether the holder of any such debt security may elect the currency in which such payments are to be made and, if so, the manner of such election;
- (v) the rate or rates (which may be fixed, variable or zero) at which such debt securities will bear interest, if any;
- (vi) the date or dates from which any interest on such debt securities will accrue, the date or dates on which such interest will be payable and the date or dates on which payment of such interest will commence;

- (vii) our obligation, if any, to redeem, repay or purchase such debt securities, in whole or in part, pursuant to any sinking fund or analogous provisions or at the option of a holder of debt securities, and the periods within which or the dates on which, the prices at which and the terms and conditions upon which such debt securities shall be redeemed, repaid or purchased, in whole or in part, pursuant to such obligation;
- (viii) the periods within which or the dates on which, the prices at which and the terms and conditions upon which such debt securities may be redeemed, if any, in whole or in part, at our option or otherwise;
  - (ix) whether we will issue such debt securities as registered securities, bearer securities or both, and the terms relating to the exchange of any such bearer securities;
  - (x) whether we will issue such debt securities in whole or in part in the form of one or more global securities and, if so, the identity of the depository for such global security or securities and the terms and conditions, if any, upon which you may exchange interests in such global security or securities in whole or in part for individual debt securities;
- (xi) whether we will issue any such debt securities as indexed securities (as defined below) and, if so, the manner in which the principal (or face amount) thereof or interest thereon or both, as the case may be, shall be determined, and any other terms in respect thereof;
- (xii) whether we will issue any such debt securities as discount securities (as defined below) and, if so, the portion of the principal amount thereof that shall be due and payable upon a declaration of acceleration of the maturity thereof in respect of the occurrence of an event of default and the continuation thereof;
- (xiii) any additional restrictive covenants or events of default provided with respect to such debt securities; and
- (xiv) any other terms of such debt securities. (Section 301)

We may issue debt securities as registered securities, bearer securities or both. We may issue debt securities of a series in whole or in part in the form of one or more global securities, as described below under "Global Securities". We will describe the particular terms of any bearer securities, including any limitations on the issuance, transfer or exchange thereof and any special United States federal income tax considerations in respect thereof, in the applicable prospectus supplement.

If we are required to pay any principal, premium or interest in respect of debt securities of any series in a currency other than U.S. dollars or in a composite currency, we will describe the restrictions, elections, federal income tax consequences, specific terms and other information with respect to such debt securities and such currency in the prospectus supplement relating thereto.

We use the term "discount security" to mean any debt security (other than a principal indexed security) that provides for an amount less than the principal amount thereof to be due and payable upon a declaration of acceleration of the maturity thereof in respect of the occurrence of an event of default and the continuation thereof. (Section 101) We will describe the United Stated federal income tax consequences and other special considerations applicable to any discount securities in the prospectus supplement relating thereto.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, we use the term "indexed security" to mean any debt security that provides that the amount of principal (a "principal indexed security") or interest (an "interest-indexed security"), or both, payable in respect thereof shall be determined by reference to an index based on a currency or currencies or on the price or prices of one or more commodities or securities, by reference to changes in the price or prices of one or more currencies, commodities or securities or otherwise by application of a formula. (Section 101) We will

describe the United States federal income tax consequences and other special considerations with respect to any indexed securities in the prospectus supplement relating thereto.

Unless the prospectus supplement relating thereto specifies otherwise, we will issue any registered securities denominated in U.S. dollars only in denominations of U.S.\$1,000 or integral multiples thereof. We will issue one or more global securities in a denomination or aggregate denominations equal to the aggregate principal or face amount of the outstanding debt securities of the series to be represented by such global security or securities. (Sections 302 and 303)

# **Exchanges and Transfers**

At the option of the holder thereof upon request confirmed in writing, and subject to the terms of the indenture, registered securities of any series (other than a global security, except as set forth below) will be exchangeable into an equal aggregate principal amount (or, in the case of any principal indexed security, face amount) of registered securities of such series of like tenor, but with different authorized denominations (unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement or related pricing supplement). Holders may present registered securities for exchange, and may present registered securities (other than a global security, except as provided below) for transfer (with the form of transfer endorsed thereon duly executed), at the office of the security registrar or any transfer agent or other agency we designate for such purpose, without service charge and upon payment of any taxes and other governmental charges as described in the indenture. The transfer or exchange will be effected when we and the security registrar or the transfer or other agent are satisfied with the documents of title and identity of the person making the request. We have appointed the trustee as the initial security registrar. (Section 305)

In the event of any redemption in part of the registered securities of any series, we shall not be required:

- during the period beginning at the opening of business 15 days before the day on which notice of such redemption is mailed and ending at the close of business on the day of such mailing, to issue, register the transfer of or exchange any registered security of such series having the same original issue date and terms as the registered securities called for redemption, or
- to register the transfer of or exchange any registered security, or portion thereof, called for redemption, except the unredeemed portion of any registered security we are redeeming in part. (Section 305)

### **Global Securities**

We may issue the debt securities of a series in whole or in part in the form of one or more global securities that we will deposit with, or on behalf of, a depositary identified in the prospectus supplement relating to such series. We may issue global securities in either registered or bearer form and in either temporary or definitive form. Unless and until it is exchanged in whole or in part for individual debt securities, a global security may not be transferred except as a whole by the depository for such global security to a nominee of such depository or by a nominee of such depository to such depository or another nominee of such depository or by such depository or any such nominee to a successor of such depository or a nominee of such successor. (Sections 303 and 305)

We will describe the specific terms of the depository arrangement with respect to the debt securities of any series in the prospectus supplement relating to such series. We anticipate that provisions similar to the following will apply to such depository arrangements:

• Upon the issuance of a global security, the depository for such global security will credit, on its book-entry registration and transfer system, the respective principal amounts (or, in the case of

- principal indexed securities, face amounts) of the debt securities represented by such global security to the accounts of institutions that have accounts with such depository ("participants").
- The accounts to be credited shall be designated by the underwriters or agents with respect to such debt securities, or by us if we offer and sell such debt securities directly. Only participants or persons that hold interests through participants will own beneficial interests in a global security. Ownership of beneficial interests in a global security will be shown on, and the transfer of that ownership will be effected only through, records maintained by participants or persons that hold through participants. The laws of some states require that certain purchasers of securities take physical delivery of such securities. These laws and limitations on ownership may impair the ability to transfer beneficial interests in a global security.
- So long as the depository for a global security, or its nominee, is the owner of such global security, such depository or such nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the sole owner or holder of the individual debt securities represented by such global security for all purposes under the indenture. Except as set forth below, owners of beneficial interests in a global security will not be entitled to have any of the individual debt securities represented by such global security registered in their names, will not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of any such individual debt securities and will not be considered the owners or holders thereof under the indenture. (Section 305)
- Subject to any restrictions that may be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement, any principal, premium or interest payable in respect of debt securities registered in the name of or held by a depository or its nominee will be paid to the depository or its nominee, as the case may be, as the registered owner or holder of the global security representing such debt securities.
- None of the trustee for such debt securities, any paying agent, the security registrar for such debt securities or us will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests in any global security representing such debt securities or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests. (Section 308)
- We expect that the depository for debt securities of a series, upon receipt of any payment of principal, premium or interest in respect of a definitive global security, will credit immediately participants' accounts with payments in amounts proportionate to their respective beneficial interests in the principal amount of such global security as shown on the records of such depository. We also expect that payments by participants to owners of beneficial interests in such global security held through such participants will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in a "street name", and will be the responsibility of such participants. Receipt by owners of beneficial interests in a temporary global security of payments in respect of such temporary global security may be subject to restrictions. We will describe any such restrictions in the applicable prospectus supplement.
- If the depository for debt securities of a series is at any time unwilling or unable to continue as depository and we do not appoint a successor depository within ninety days, we will issue individual debt securities of such series in exchange for the global security or securities representing such debt securities. In addition, we may at any time and in our sole discretion determine that debt securities of a series issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more global securities shall no longer be represented by such global security or securities and, in such event, we will issue individual debt securities of such series in exchange for the global security or securities representing such debt securities. In any such instance, an owner of a beneficial interest in a global security will be entitled to physical delivery of individual debt securities of

the series represented by such global security equal in aggregate principal amount (or in the case of any principal indexed securities, face amount) to such beneficial interest and, if the debt securities of such series are issuable as registered securities, to have such debt securities registered in its name. If the debt securities of such series are issuable as registered securities, then we will issue individual debt securities of such series as described in the foregoing sentence. Any such individual debt securities will be issued as registered securities in denominations, unless we otherwise specify, of U.S.\$ 1,000 and integral multiples thereof. (Sections 302 and 305)

# **Payment and Paying Agents**

We will make payment of any principal or premium in respect of registered securities against surrender of such registered securities at the office of the trustee or its designee in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York. Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will make payment of any installment of interest on any registered security to the person in whose name such registered security is registered (which, in the case of a global security, will be the depository or its nominee) at the close of business on the regular record date for such interest payment; *provided, however*, that any interest payable at maturity will be paid to the person to whom any principal is paid. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, payments in respect of registered securities will be made in the currency designated for payment at the office of such paying agent or paying agents as we may appoint from time to time, except that any such payment may be made by check mailed to the address of the person entitled thereto as it appears in the security register, by wire transfer to an account designated by such person or by any other means acceptable to the trustee and specified in the applicable prospectus supplement. (Section 307)

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will appoint the office of the trustee or its designee in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York, as our sole paying agent for payments in respect of the debt securities of any series that are issuable solely as registered securities. Any other paying agent we initially appoint in the United States for the debt securities of a series will be named in the applicable prospectus supplement. We may at any time designate additional paying agents or terminate the appointment of any paying agent or approve a change in the office through which any paying agent acts, except that we will maintain at least one paying agent in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York, for payments in respect of registered securities. (Section 1002)

Any payment we are required to make in respect of a debt security at any place of payment on a date that is not a business day need not be made at such place of payment on such date, but may be made on the first succeeding business day with the same force and effect as if made on such date, and no additional interest shall accrue as a result of such delayed payment. (Section 113)

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, we use the term "business day" to mean, with respect to any place of payment or other location, each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday that is a day on which commercial banks in such place of payment or other location are generally open for business. (Section 101)

All moneys we pay to a paying agent for the payment of any principal, premium or interest in respect of any debt security that remain unclaimed at the end of two years after such principal, premium or interest shall have become due and payable will be repaid to us, and the holder of such debt security will thereafter look only to us for payment thereof. (Section 1003)

We will make any payments of principal, premium or interest in respect of any debt security without deduction or withholding for or on account of any present or future taxes, assessments or other governmental charges imposed on such debt security or the holder thereof, or by reason of the making of any such payment, by Sweden or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, if we are required by law to make

any such deduction or withholding, we will pay such additional amounts as may be necessary so that every net payment in respect of such debt security paid to the holder thereof will not be less than the amount provided for in such debt security and in the indenture, to be then due and payable; *provided* that:

- such holder is not otherwise liable to taxation in Sweden in respect of such payment by reason of any relationship with or activity within Sweden other than his ownership of such debt security or his receiving payment in respect thereof; and
- no such additional amount will be paid:
  - with respect to any debt security if the holder thereof is able to avoid such withholding by making a declaration of non-residence or other similar claim for exemption to the relevant tax authority, or
  - with respect to any bearer security presented for payment more than 30 days after the later of (A) the date on which the payment of principal, premium or interest relating to such additional amount first becomes due and (B) if we fail to provide for such payment of principal, premium or interest on or prior to such due date, the date on which such payment has been duly provided for, except to the extent that the holder thereof would have been entitled to such additional amount on presenting such bearer security for payment on such thirtieth day, or
  - where the withholding or deduction is imposed on a payment to an individual and is required to be made pursuant to the European Union Directive on the taxation of savings adopted June 3, 2003 (implementing the conclusions of the Economics and Financial Council meeting of November 26-27, 2000) or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, such Directive. (Section 1007)

# **Negative Pledge**

So long as any debt securities are outstanding, we will not and will not permit any Subsidiary (as defined in the indenture) to secure or allow to be secured any indebtedness for money borrowed now or hereafter existing by any mortgage, lien (other than a lien arising by operation of law), pledge, charge or other encumbrance upon any of our or any Subsidiary's present or future revenues or assets (except for any mortgage, lien, pledge, charge or other encumbrance on property purchased by us or any Subsidiary as security for all or part of the purchase price thereof) without at the same time affording the debt securities the same or equivalent security therefor. (Section 1010)

# Consolidation, Merger and Transfer of Assets

We may not consolidate with or merge into, or convey, transfer or lease our properties and assets substantially as an entirety to, any person, and may not permit any person to consolidate with or merge into, or convey, transfer or lease its properties and assets substantially as an entirety to, us, unless:

- (i) in the event that we consolidate with or merge into, or convey, transfer or lease our properties
  and assets substantially as an entirety to, any person, such person is a corporation organized
  and existing under the laws of Sweden and such person expressly assumes our obligations on
  the debt securities and under the indenture;
- (ii) immediately after giving effect to the transaction, no event of default and no event that, after notice or lapse of time or both, would become an event of default shall have occurred and be continuing; and
- (iii) certain other conditions are met. (Section 801)

#### Modification of the Indenture

The indenture permits us and the trustee, with the consent of the holders of not less than a majority in principal amount (or, in the case of any principal indexed security, face amount) of the outstanding debt securities affected thereby, to execute a supplemental indenture modifying the indenture or the rights of the holders of such debt securities; *provided* that no such modification shall, without the consent of the holder of each debt security affected thereby:

- change the stated maturity of any principal or interest in respect of any debt security, or reduce the principal amount (or, in the case of any principal indexed security, face amount) thereof, or reduce the rate or change the time of payment of any interest thereon, or change the manner in which the amount of any payment of any principal, premium or interest in respect of any indexed security is determined, or change any place of payment or change the coin or currency in which a debt security or coupon is payable or affect the right of any holder to institute suit for the enforcement of payment in accordance with the foregoing; or
- reduce the aforesaid percentage of principal amount (or, in the case of any principal indexed security, face amount) of debt securities, the consent of the holders of which is required for any such modification. (Section 902)

The provisions contained in the indenture for convening meetings of the holders of all or a portion of the debt securities of a series issuable in whole or in part as bearer securities will be described in the prospectus supplement relating to such bearer securities.

### **Events of Default**

The indenture provides that the following shall constitute events of default with respect to the debt securities of any series:

- (i) default for 30 days in the payment of any interest on any debt security of such series when due;
- (ii) default for 15 days in the payment of any principal or premium in respect of any debt security of such series when due;
- (iii) default for 15 days in the deposit of any sinking fund payment in respect of any debt security of such series when due;
- (iv) default in the performance of any other covenant in the indenture (other than a covenant expressly included in the indenture solely for the benefit of debt securities of a series other than such series) that has continued for 30 days after written notice thereof by the trustee or the holders of 25% in aggregate principal amount (or, in the case of any principal indexed security, face amount) of the outstanding debt securities of such series;
- (v) default resulting in the acceleration of the maturity of any of our other indebtedness for borrowed money having an aggregate principal or face amount in excess of U.S.\$10,000,000; and
- (vi) certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization. (Section 501)

We are required to file with the trustee annually a certificate of our principal executive officer, principal financial officer or principal accounting officer stating whether we have complied with all conditions and covenants under the indenture. (Section 1008)

The indenture provides that if an event of default with respect to the debt securities of any series at the time outstanding shall occur and be continuing, either the trustee or the holders of 25% in aggregate principal amount (or, in the case of any principal indexed security, face amount) of the

outstanding debt securities of such series may declare the principal amount (or, in the case of any discount securities or indexed securities, such portion of the principal amount thereof as may be specified in the terms thereof) of all such debt securities together with any accrued but unpaid interest, to be due and payable immediately. (Section 502) In certain cases, the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount (or, in the case of any principal indexed security, face amount) of the outstanding debt securities of any series may, on behalf of the Holders of all such debt securities, waive any past default or event of default, except, for example, a default not previously cured in payment of any principal, premium or interest in respect of the debt securities of such series. (Sections 502 and 513)

The indenture contains a provision entitling the trustee, subject to the duty of the trustee during default to act with the required standard of care, to be indemnified by the holders of the debt securities of any series before proceeding to exercise any right or power under the indenture with respect to such series at the request of such holders. (Section 603) The indenture provides that no holder of any debt security of any series may institute any proceeding, judicial or otherwise, to enforce the indenture, except in the case of failure of the trustee, for 60 days, to act after the trustee is given notice of default, a request to enforce the indenture by the holders of not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount (or, in the case of any principal indexed security, face amount) of the then outstanding debt securities of such series and an offer of reasonable indemnity to such trustee. (Section 507) This provision will not prevent any holder of debt securities from enforcing payment of any principal, premium or interest in respect thereof at the respective due dates for such payments. (Section 508) The holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount (or, in the case of any principal indexed security, face amount) of the outstanding debt securities of any series may direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceedings for any remedy available to the trustee or exercising any trust or power conferred on the trustee with respect to the debt securities of such series. However, the trustee may refuse to follow any direction that conflicts with law or the indenture, or which would be unjustly prejudicial to holders not joining in such action. (Section 512)

The indenture provides that the trustee will, within 90 days after the occurrence of a default with respect to the debt securities of any series known to the trustee, give to the holders of debt securities of such series notice of such default if not cured or waived, but, except in the case of a default in the payment of any principal, premium or interest in respect of any debt securities, the trustee may withhold such notice if it determines in good faith that withholding such notice is in the interests of the holders of such debt securities. (Section 602)

### **Defeasance**

If so specified in the prospectus supplement relating to the debt securities of any series, we may terminate certain of our obligations under the indenture with respect to all or a portion of such debt securities, on the terms and subject to the conditions contained in the indenture, by depositing in trust with the trustee money or U.S. government securities sufficient to pay any principal, premium or interest in respect of such debt securities to stated maturity. It is a condition to such deposit and termination that we deliver:

- (i) an opinion of independent United States tax counsel that the holders of such debt securities will have no United States federal income tax consequences as a result of such deposit and termination; and
- (ii) if such debt securities are then listed on any national securities exchange, an opinion of counsel that such debt securities will not be delisted as a result of the exercise of this option.

Such termination will not relieve us of our obligation to pay when due any principal, premium or interest in respect of such debt securities if such debt securities are not paid from the cash or U.S. government securities held by the trustee for the payment thereof. (Section 1301)

# Optional Redemption Due to Change in Swedish Tax Treatment

In addition to any redemption provisions that may be specified in the prospectus supplement relating to the debt securities of any series, if, at any time subsequent to the issuance of debt securities of any series, any tax, assessment or other governmental charge shall be imposed by Sweden or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein, as a result of which we shall become obligated under the indenture to pay any additional amount in respect of any debt security of such series (the determination as to whether payment of such additional amount would be required on account of such debt security being made by us on the basis of the evidence in our possession in respect of the interest payment date or other payment date immediately preceding the date of such determination and on the basis of the treaties and laws in effect on the date of such determination or, if we so elect, those to become effective on or before the first succeeding interest payment date or other payment date), then we shall have the option to redeem such debt security and all other debt securities of such series having the same original issue date and terms as such debt security, as a whole, at any time (except that debt securities that bear interest at a floating rate shall only be redeemable on an interest payment date). Any such redemption shall be at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof, together with accrued interest, if any, to the redemption date (except in the case of discount securities and indexed securities, which may be redeemed at the redemption price specified in such securities); provided, however, that at the time notice of any such redemption is given, our obligation to pay such additional amount shall remain in effect. (Section 1108)

# Governing Law

The indenture, the supplemental indentures and the debt securities will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the law of the State of New York, except that matters relating to our authorization and execution of the indenture, the supplemental indentures and the debt securities shall be governed by the law of Sweden. If the debt securities are at any time secured by property or assets in Sweden, matters relating to such security and the enforcement thereof in Sweden, shall be governed by the law of Sweden. (Section 112)

# **Consent To Service**

We have irrevocably designated the Swedish Consulate-General in The City of New York as our authorized agent under the indenture for service of process in any legal action or proceeding arising out of or relating to the indenture, the supplemental indentures or the debt securities brought in any federal or State court in The City of New York. We have irrevocably submitted to the jurisdiction of such courts in any such action or proceeding. This designation does not constitute consent to service of process in any legal action or proceeding predicated upon the Securities Act. (Section 115)

# Other Relationships with the Trustee

We maintain banking relationships in the ordinary course of business with the trustee.

### **SWEDISH TAXATION**

Except where otherwise stated, the following summary outlines certain Swedish tax consequences relating to the notes for prospective purchasers that are not considered to be Swedish residents for Swedish tax purposes. This summary is based on the laws of the Kingdom of Sweden as in effect on the date of this document. These laws are subject to change, possibly on retroactive basis. Prospective purchasers are urged to consult their professional tax advisors regarding the Swedish and other tax consequences (including the applicability and effect of double taxation treaties) of acquiring, owning and disposing of notes in their particular circumstances.

Payments of any principal or interest to the holder of a note should not be subject to Swedish income tax, provided that such holder is not resident in Sweden for Swedish tax purposes and provided further that such holder does not have a permanent establishment or fixed base in Sweden to which the notes are effectively connected.

Swedish withholding tax, or Swedish tax deduction, is not imposed on payments of any principal or interest to the holder, except on certain payments of interest to private individuals (or estates of deceased individuals) with residence in Sweden for tax purposes.

Generally, for Swedish corporations and private individuals (and estates of deceased individuals) with residence in Sweden for tax purposes, all capital income (e.g., interest and capital gains on a note) will be taxable. Specific tax consequences, however, may be applicable to certain categories of corporations, such as investment companies and life insurance companies.

### PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

### **Terms of Sale**

We will describe the terms of a particular offering of debt securities in the applicable prospectus supplement, including the following:

- the name or names of any underwriters or agents;
- the purchase price of the debt securities;
- the proceeds to us from the sale;
- any underwriting discounts and other items constituting underwriters' compensation;
- any initial public offering price of the debt securities;
- any concessions allowed or reallowed or paid to dealers; and
- any securities exchanges on which such debt securities may be listed.

Any underwriters, dealers or agents participating in a sale of debt securities may be considered to be underwriters under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933. Furthermore, any discounts or commissions received by them may be considered to be underwriting discounts and commissions under the Securities Act. We may agree to indemnify any agents and underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act. The agents and underwriters may also be entitled to contribution from us for payments they make relating to these liabilities.

### Method of Sale

We may sell the debt securities in any of three ways:

- through underwriters or dealers;
- directly to one or more purchasers; or
- · through agents.

If we use underwriters in a sale, they will acquire the debt securities for their own account and may resell them in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions, at a fixed public offering price or at varying prices determined at the time of sale. We may offer the debt securities to the public either through underwriting syndicates represented by managing underwriters or directly through underwriters. The obligations of the underwriters to purchase a particular offering of debt securities may be subject to conditions. The underwriters will also be obligated to purchase all the debt securities of an issue if any are purchased. Any initial public offering price or any concessions allowed or reallowed or paid to dealers may be changed.

We may also sell the debt securities directly or through agents. Any agent will be named and any commissions payable to the agent by us will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. Any agent will act on a reasonable best efforts basis for the period of its appointment unless the applicable prospectus supplement states otherwise.

We may authorize underwriters or dealers to solicit offers by certain institutions to purchase a particular offering of debt securities at the public offering price set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement using delayed delivery contracts. These contracts provide for payment and delivery on one or more specified dates in the future. The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the commission payable for solicitation and the terms and conditions of these contracts.

Any restrictions on the offer, sale or delivery of bearer securities to United States persons or within the United States in connection with the original issuance of the debt securities will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement. Such prospectus supplement will also describe any restrictions on the sale of debt securities in other jurisdictions if and as appropriate.

Agents and underwriters may be customers of, engage in transactions with, or perform services for us in the ordinary course of business.

### EXCHANGE CONTROLS AND OTHER LIMITATIONS AFFECTING SECURITY HOLDERS

No approvals are necessary under Swedish law to enable us, at the times and in the manner provided or to be provided in the debt securities we may offer, or in the indenture, to acquire and transfer out of Sweden all amounts necessary to pay in full all amounts payable thereunder, and no approval of Sveriges Riksbank would be required for prepayment of any debt securities. Under Swedish law and our Articles of Association, there are no limitations on the right of persons who are not residents of Sweden or persons who are not citizens of Sweden to own or hold the debt securities offered hereby.

# VALIDITY OF THE DEBT SECURITIES

The following persons will give opinions regarding the validity of the debt securities:

- For us: Advokatfirman Vinge, Stockholm; and
- For the underwriters and agents, if any: Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, New York, New York.

As to all statements in this prospectus with respect to Swedish law, Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP will rely on the opinion of Advokatfirman Vinge.

Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP has provided legal services to us from time to time.

# **AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE**

Our authorized representative in the United States is the Consulate General of Sweden, One Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza, 885 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10017.

# **EXPENSES**

The table below sets forth the estimated expenses to be paid by us in connection with the issuance and distribution of an assumed aggregate principal amount of \$4,000,000,000 debt securities being registered pursuant to this registration statement. The assumed amount has been used to demonstrate the expenses of an offering and does not represent an estimate of the amount of debt securities that may be registered or distributed because such amount is unknown at this time.

| Legal fees and expenses         | U.S.\$110,000 |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Accounting fees and expenses    | 26,500        |
| Printing and engraving expenses | 5,000         |
| Miscellaneous                   | 100,000       |
| Total                           | U.S.\$241,000 |

As a "well-known seasoned issuer" (as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act), upon each offering of debt securities made under this prospectus we will pay a registration fee to the Securities and Exchange Commission at the prescribed rate, currently U.S.\$107 per \$1,000,000 of offering price. We will offset against these fees an aggregate amount of U.S.\$120,930.94 representing registration fees paid in respect of unsold securities previously registered on our Registration Statement on Form F-3 (No. 333-115102).

### **EXPERTS**

Our financial statements contained in our Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2004 are incorporated by reference in this prospectus and have been audited by KPMG Bohlins AB, independent auditors, as set forth in their report dated March 10, 2005 and, in respect to notes 32 and 38 to such financial statements, April 6, 2005.

### WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

This prospectus is part of a registration statement on Form F-3 (No. 333-) that we filed with the SEC using a shelf registration process. This prospectus does not contain all of the information provided in the registration statement. For further information, you should refer to the registration statement.

We file reports and other information with the SEC. You can request copies of these documents, upon payment of a duplicating fee, by writing to the SEC. You may also read and copy these documents at the SEC's public reference room in Washington, D.C. at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549.

Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on its public reference rooms, including those in New York and Chicago. Some of our SEC filings are also available on the SEC's website at http://www.sec.gov.