

Press release

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## **Companies from Northern Sweden target European Market at LIGNA**

**Northern Sweden hosts one of the world's leading forest industry clusters. The sector has grown steadily for many decades, thanks to the entrepreneurial spirit, strong partnerships, dynamic companies, ground breaking research centres, and of course a well-managed and big forest reserve.**

The Northern Sweden pavilion at LIGNA 2013 welcomes distinguished guests and experts within Timber and Woodworking industry. Companies and organizations from Northern Sweden will showcase examples of Swedish products and innovations together with spearhead research. Take a first look at the potential of companies from Northern Sweden and discuss the future with technology suppliers.

The companies and organizations participating in the Northern Sweden Pavilion are: Renholmen, DataPolarna, Cartesia, Alent Drying, SP Technical Research Institute of Sweden, Luleå University of Technology, TräIN project and Västerbotten Investment Agency (see presentations below).

The Swedish-based companies are looking for new international collaboration and will be available for one-to-one business meetings in the Northern Sweden Pavilion (Hall 27, Stand E26). If you are interested in strengthening your business in the Nordic Region, Västerbotten Investment Agency introduces business opportunities as well as practical assistance throughout the investment and establishment process.

LIGNA is one of the world's largest tradeshows in the Sawmill and Woodworking industry with an area of 130,000 square meters. The tradeshow has just over 2,000 exhibitors from more than 50 countries. This year it is estimated more 90,000 visitors and 40% from other countries than Germany.

### **EVENTS NOT TO BE MISSED IN THE PAVILION**

#### ***Press tour***

Journalists are welcome to attend the press tour at the Northern Sweden pavilion on Tuesday, 7 May between 2 – 3 p.m.

#### ***Mini seminars***

##### **The Swedish Forest – The Sustainable Way**

Speaker: Jerry Larsson, CTO, SCA Timber on 9 May, Thursday at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

##### **R&D, Education and Triple helix in Skellefteå, Northern Sweden**

Speaker: Prof. Anders Grönlund, Luleå University of Technology on 7 May, Tuesday at 3 p.m. and 8 May, Wednesday at 3 p.m.

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### **Industrial Structure and Conditions for operating business in Northern Sweden**

Speaker: Gunnar Marklund, CEO, Renholmen on 7 May, Tuesday at 10 a.m. and 8 May, Wednesday at 10 a.m.

### **Investment Incentives and Financing in Northern Sweden**

Speaker: Olof Norberg, Investment Promotion Manager, Västerbotten Investment Agency on 10 May, Friday at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

**The Northern Sweden Pavilion is in Hall 27, Stand E26.**

### ***For more information:***

#### **Alent Drying AB**

Alent Drying AB deliver control systems, sensors and equipment for Timber drying. The Alent system is easily adapted to all kind of Drying Kilns and the return of money is extremely short because of energy savings, shorter drying time and enhanced quality. All depends on the new drying technique introduced by Alent: The patented interval drying called Alentpumpen®. We have more than thirty years' experience in Timber drying and have built thousands of computer systems for process control. We have several Patents in the Timber drying field and have introduced important praxis for Timber drying, e.g. Pressurized hot water spraying, Condensation Panels and Automatic Overhead Restraint System with shrinkage measurement. The new invention, Alentpumpen, is the most important technological leap we have ever seen in the timber drying area.

#### **Cartesia GIS AB**

Cartesia is the market leader in Sweden in Geographic IT. We are software developer in close collaboration with our customers to develop methods and solutions to create long-term improvements for businesses, the environment, society and people. Cartesia - We make European forest and base industry more competitive! Cartesia helps businesses in the forestry and industrial sectors to increase productivity and improve work environments. GPS Timber is a market leading system for improving the logistics on the timber yard. It consists of software that provides support in the decision making and help drivers to keep track of where the timber is located and where it is going to be transported to, as well as ensuring quality in timber management.

#### **DataPolarna**

DataPolarna is a consultancy company that specialises in developing efficient, customer-adapted and innovative software solutions, as well as education and project leadership. Our strength lies in a long and broad experience of analysing needs, and of developing and carrying out both large and small projects in close collaboration with our customers. SawInfo is a graphical lumber tracking system designed for sawmill production, sawing, drying, measuring, sorting etc. for all type of sawmills. The graphical presentation of stock and stock locations makes it possible, with a quick click on the screen, to see which dryers are available, which dimensions are ready for delivery.

#### **Luleå University of Technology**

Luleå University of Technology is internationally known for its Wood Technology Research within the fields of Wood Technology, Wood Physics and Wood Products Engineering.

**Renholmen**

Renholmen is one of Europe's leading suppliers of lumber handling equipment for the Sawmill and lumber processing industry. With a long tradition of successful collaborations with its customers, the company has made more than 800 deliveries worldwide since it was founded in 1952. The company develops and delivers customised solutions for the entire chain from raw sorting and dry sorting to processing. Deliveries comprise everything from turnkey production lines to solutions for individual functions. Cutting-edge expertise combined with close collaborations with customers has seen Renholmen move to the forefront of industry technology with a comprehensive offering of equipment, much of which includes patented designs. The company currently holds more than 50 unique patents.

**TräIN / TräInnovationsNätverket /Wood Innovation Network**

In cooperation with the Luleå University of Technology, IUC manage the 6-year EU program TräIN, a wood industry development project ending December 2013. The innovation network engages 40–50 wood working companies in Norrbotten. The project is focused on development of industry prefabricated building systems based on wooden frames and wood components such as doors, windows, flooring, interiors, furniture and more. TräIN also assists with competence development of employees at participating companies.

**SP Technical Research Institute of Sweden**

The SP Group consists of the parent company and seven subsidiaries. Together we create a powerful group of research and development institutes aimed at innovation and sustainable development of industry and society. SP Wood Technology is the major player in wood technology research and related areas in Sweden. We have a wide range of activities, covering all aspects of industrial conversion in the wood industry. We assist sawmills in developing new technology and methods, enabling the Sawmills to deliver high quality products in a cost-efficient way. Further, we are world-leaders in the development of measurement and process control technologies for the sawmill industry, including industrial X-ray and CT log scanning. We have qualified resources for research as well as testing of a range of materials and products, particularly coating and adhesives. We also work with the development of wood and other biobased materials with focus on durability, ecoefficiency and textile cellulose. An important part of our activities is enabling an increased use of wood for bridges and multi-storey buildings. We have unique competence with respect to acoustics, vibrations and fire safety.

**Västerbotten Investment Agency (VIA)**

*Grow your business via Västerbotten*

Västerbotten Investment Agency (VIA) is a regional investment promotion agency dedicated to make the Västerbotten province the most attractive choice for foreign investors and companies thinking about establishing or expanding their business operations in Sweden. With expertise in several key sectors, VIA offers information about business opportunities as well as assistance throughout the investment and establishment process. VIA is a regional partner to the government agency Business Sweden.

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