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ASSA ABLOY, Axis Communications and Securitas Systems to co-operate on a research program with Lund University within the field of Security Informatics.

The four year Security Informatics research program encompasses new business models for open systems, the management of organization networks and alliances, and identification of future customer requirements. In particular, it will contribute to the development of methodologies and tools to enable analysts and researchers to better understand future markets and services within the security industry.

"Our markets are driven by technology development and by global customers demanding new types of IT-based security and surveillance solutions. If we want to continue to grow and stay in the forefront it is important that we get the best understanding of what direction our industry is moving", said the three sponsoring companies. "We strongly believe that the research team at Lund University will help us to create that understanding."

"The convergence of Information, Communication and Security Technology will generate new kinds of security services. This sector is one of the most exciting new industry formations, and we are delighted to lead this research together with three of the most interesting players in the business", said Associate Professors Thomas Kalling and Konrad Tollmar from the School of Economics and Management at Lund University who will head the research program.

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About Axis

Axis increases the value of network solutions. The company is an innovative market leader in network video and print servers. Axis\' products and solutions are focused on applications such as security surveillance, remote monitoring and document management. The products are based on in-house developed chip technology, which is also sold to third parties.

Axis was founded in 1984 and is listed on the Stockholmsbörsen (XSSE: AXIS) Attract 40-list. Axis operates globally with offices in 16 countries and in cooperation with distributors, system integrators and OEM partners in 70 countries. Markets outside Sweden account for more than 95% of sales. Information about Axis can be found at www.axis.com.

About Lund University School of Economics and Management (LUSEM)

LUSEM is one of the largest and most prestigious institutions in Northern Europe for international education and research on management, economics and informatics. Being part of a large research-oriented university at which all major academic fields are represented, whilst at the same time having close connections with the corporate world in Europe, provides a strong platform for innovation and research. Further information about the university can be found on www.lu.se.

About ASSA ABLOY

ASSA ABLOY is the world\'s leading manufacturer and supplier of locking solutions, meeting tough end-user demands for safety, security and user friendliness. The Group has some 30,000 employees and annual sales of about EUR 3 billion. Further information about ASSA ABLOY can be found on www.assaabloy.com.

About Securitas Systems

Securitas Systems is a security systems integrator who offers complete security solutions for customers with high security demands within market segments such as banking, industry, defense, airport, seaport and retail. Services are based on modern technology and concepts include access control, video surveillance, intrusion and fire alarm systems. Securitas Systems has 4,600 employees and operates in 15 countries (in Europe, USA and Hong Kong). Securitas Systems also owns Pacom, a security product manufacturing company in Australia. Further information about Securitas Systems can be found on www.securitassystems.com