



## **NOTE opens Centers of Excellence**

**NOTE, the Swedish manufacturer of electronics opens competence centers, so called Centers of Excellence at their Swedish factories in Norrtelje, Torsby and Lund. Many of the worlds most well known experts within production from the commercial and industrial life, college and universities, are linked to those centers. The new efforts were announced at the “Construction Days” 2003 that were held in Ahus in the southern part of Sweden and, a forum for discussion between constructors of electronics.**

– Today we open the Center of Excellence for opto/telecom at our factory on the Nordrona Campus in Norrtelje. A number of production experts from different areas in electronics are at our customers disposal. A Professor and Technological Doctor in opto/telecom, will be at our help, Erik Stenfors, President of the NOTE-group, tells us. On the campus there are also institutions like the Stockholm University and the Karolinska Institute represented. Their presence contributes to that NOTE hast decided to start up here. Later this year NOTE Centers of Excellence at NOTE Torsby (vehicle/industry) and NOTE Xperi i Lund (medical), will be also opened.

### Strengthened competitive ability

– NOTE Center of Excellence is an important part of our competence package NOTE Excellence that was launched earlier this year in connection with the openings of NOTE Lab in Norrtelje, Torsby, Lund, Kista and Gothenburg. NOTE Excellence enables a lower cost of production and is a part of our own analyze- and feed-back system; NOTE QS, that provides a smoother production process. The expertise available at NOTE Center of Excellence will help our customers to be one step ahead of their competitors, Erik Stenfors continues.

### Turnover in the range of SEK one billion

NOTE is the only Swedish owned global contract manufacturer of electronics. The turnover is in the SEK one billion range since the autumn 2002, when NOTE merged with Xperi in Lund in the southern part of Sweden. Notable customers among others are ABB, Assa-Abloy, Atlas Copco, Dresser Wayne, Electrolux, Ericsson, Hasselblad, Nobel Biocare and Volvo. The NOTE-group is also the fastest growing manufacturer of electronics in Sweden and is published at the Swedish newspaper Svenska Dagbladets list over Sweden's fastest expanding companies fastest expanding companies since seven years back. NOTE aim for an introduction to the stock market in year 2005.

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*Facts about the NOTE group of companies*

*NOTE has more than 30 years of experience of manufacturing of electronics and is a complete manufacturer against contract that offer everything from development to serial production in a large scale.*

*NOTE is the only Swedish owned supplier of EMS (Electronics Manufacturing Services).*

*NOTE offers global production close to the market. NOTE has today 600 employees and factories/NOTE Lab Norrtelje, Torsby, Lund, Kista and Gothenburg. NOTE also has a factory in Lithuania, and operations in Central Europe, that are governed from Gdansk, Poland. Through the global network of manufacturers of electronics, ems-ALLIANCE, NOTE has partners in China, Brazil, India, Italy and U.S.*

*Year 2000 NOTE had a turnover of SEK 350 million and a profit of SEK 10 million*

*Year 2001 NOTE had a turnover of SEK 514 million and a profit of SEK 27 million*

*Year 2002 NOTE had a turnover of SEK 636 million and a profit of SEK 31 million*