

## HANS SOHLSTRÖM APPOINTED AS AHLSTRÖM CAPITAL OY's PRESIDENT AND CEO

Ahlström Capital Oy has appointed Mr. Hans Sohlström (51), M.Sc. (Tech.), M.Sc. (Econ.) as its new President and CEO. Mr. Sohlström will assume his new position on February 1, 2016.

Chief Investment Officer Jacob af Forselles will continue as the Acting CEO until Mr. Sohlström takes on the duties of President and CEO.

Since 2012, Mr. Sohlström has been President and CEO for Rettig Group, a family-owned industrial conglomerate with an annual turnover close to one billion euros, activities in 28 countries and some 4,400 employees. Before Rettig Group, Mr. Sohlström held various positions in Kymmene Corporation, Finnpap and UPM.

"We warmly welcome Mr. Sohlström to Ahlström Capital. Mr. Sohlström has strong industrial background as well as experience from a family-owned group of companies. Thus, we see that Mr. Sohlström will bring the insight needed to continuous development of Ahlström Capital and its portfolio," says Chairman of the Board Mikael Lilius.

"I am most enthusiastic about this opportunity. Ahlström Capital has emerged as one of the leading Finnish investment companies with roots deep in the Ahlström family's heritage. We will continue to create value through active ownership in Ahlström Capital's portfolio companies," Mr. Sohlström states.

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*Ahlström Capital is one of Finland's largest investment companies. It creates value for its owners by investing in listed and non-listed companies and real estate. Ahlström Capital Group's balance sheet is approximately 1.3 billion euros and the annual net sales of the group are approximately 1.5 billion euros. Ahlström Capital's portfolio includes significant holdings in the listed companies Ahlstrom Corporation, Munksjö Oyj, and Suominen Corporation. In addition the portfolio includes direct industrial investments in Destia Group Oyj, Enics AG and ÅR Packaging Group AB, as well as major real estate and forest holdings.*