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KIRKBI acquires a significant minority stake in Minimax Viking GmbH – a leading global player in the fire suppression industry

Today KIRKBI Invest A/S has acquired a significant minority stake in Minimax Viking GmbH which is a global market leader in the active fire protection industry. The company has revenue of around EUR 1.2 billion, more than 7,000 employees and the headquarter is based in Bad Oldesloe between Hamburg and Lübeck in Germany.

Søren Thorup Sørensen, CEO of KIRKBI A/S:

“We are pleased that we have had this opportunity to invest in Minimax Viking GmbH. We regard Minimax Viking as a well managed high quality company with a significant long term growth potential and we consider the investment to be a good supplement to our long term equity portfolio.”

The acquisition is subject to customary conditions including anti-trust approval. The transaction is expected to close by August 2014.

About Minimax Viking

Minimax Viking GmbH is a research and development focused engineering and service company, that offers a complete range of fire suppression systems using water, gas and foam of powder as extinguishants as well as special systems such as oxygen reduction and spark detection and extinguishing systems for the business sector.

Minimax Viking’s primary markets are Europe and North America while business is emerging in Asia.

Minimax Viking	2010	2011	2012	2013
Revenue (EURm)	960	995	1,104	1,166
Employees (approx.)	5,900	6,200	6,600	7,000

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About KIRKBI A/S

KIRKBI A/S is the holding and investment company of the Kirk Kristiansen Family. The activities within the KIRKBI Group are divided into strategic and investment activities.

The strategic activities include ownership of the LEGO trademarks, 75 % ownership of the LEGO Group, 29.9 % ownership of Merlin Entertainments plc and investments in renewable energy in order to support the LEGO Group's goal to generate enough renewable energy capacity to meet 100 % of the LEGO Group's energy needs by 2020.

The investment activities include investments in fixed income instruments, listed equities, private equity, real estate etc. In addition to this, the KIRKBI Group owns significant stakes in companies such as more than 25 % ownership of Falck A/S, more than 5 % ownership of ISS A/S and 13 % ownership of Matas A/S.

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