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## **SCA invests SEK 250m in Tunadal Sawmill Increases production and employment**

**SCA invests SEK 250m in the Tunadal sawmill in Sundsvall. The investment will primarily be made in a new log sorting line and will yield an annual increase in production of 140,000 cubic metres of spruce wood products. The new log sorting line, which is scheduled to be put into operation in July 2011, will result in an increase of between ten and 15 employees at the sawmill. The new system will also reduce noise pollution in the area surrounding the sawmill.**

The investment also includes increased drying capacity and minor investments in green sorting and the three sawlines. On completion of the investment, Tunadal sawmill will make the transition from two-shift to three-shift production operations.

“I am pleased to announce an investment decision that will mean that employment at the sawmill will increase,” says Ville Huittinen, Manager of Tunadal sawmill. “In recent years, we have invested SEK 300m in modern and more efficient technology at Tunadal sawmill. We have now reached a point at which a further increase in production also requires more operators.

“This investment not only boosts our production and competitiveness, but will also allow us to increase our share of value-added and customized products. Our goal is to put Tunadal sawmill on an even footing with the best spruce sawmills in Europe and this investment represents a significant step in the right direction.”

Planning and environmental terms and conditions for the investment have been finalised and work to realise the various projects will commence immediately.

SCA TIMBER is one of the largest sawmill companies in Europe and includes seven sawmills, wood processing units, distribution and wholesale operations. Production of solid-wood products totals 1.8 million cubic metres.

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Tunadal sawmill currently has a production capacity of 350,000 cubic metres of spruce solid-wood products and has 130 employees and contractors.

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