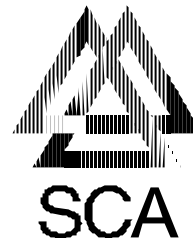


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Change in ownership of German wood procurement company

SCA has reached an agreement with Thomesto, a company owned by Metsäliitto, whereby Thomesto's ownership in the German wood procurement company SCA Holz increases from 33.3% to 50%. The company, in which SCA will retain a 50% ownership, supplies the parties' German production plants, among other operations. The ownership change, which is conditional upon the approval of the competition authorities, has a negligible effect for SCA.

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