

# Press Release

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### Competition authorities approve Cardo acquisition

ASSA ABLOY has received clearances from the relevant competition authorities to acquire Cardo. ASSA ABLOY will hence complete the public offer as well as the acquisition agreements with the larger shareholders in Cardo.

The shares to be acquired from the larger shareholders in Cardo and the shares acquired by ASSA ABLOY on the market amount to 18,485,400 shares, representing approximately 68.5 percent of the total number of shares and votes in Cardo.

The public offer for the remaining shares remains open until March 11, 2011. Settlement is expected to commence on or around March 18, 2011.

This information is made public in accordance with the Securities Markets Act and NASDAQ OMX Stockholm's takeover rules. The information in this press release was submitted for publication on March 10, 2011, at 08:00 (CET).

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