

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

A.P. Møller -Mærsk A/S - CEO Nils S. Andersen absent for one month owing to illness

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A.P. Møller - Maersk Group CEO Nils S. Andersen has been admitted to hospital in Switzerland on 30 December 2011.

Nils S. Andersen has, unwittingly, had a leak in one of his heart valves, caused by either an infection or a weakness. During a vacation in Switzerland his condition deteriorated acutely, and therefore he has undergone surgery which comprised replacement of a cardiac valve. The operation went well. Nils S. Andersen is expected to be absent for about one month, and the doctors are expecting a full recovery.

"I am very sorry that Nils S. Andersen is going through this course of illness, but I am pleased that he quickly received the right, skilled treatment which coupled with the fact that he is in good shape means that we can soon welcome him back," says the chairman of the board of A.P. Møller - Mærsk A/S, Michael Pram Rasmussen.

"The Executive Board will continue to run the A.P. Møller – Maersk Group, however, during Nils S. Andersen's absence the individual board members will be in close contact with me," says Michael Pram Rasmussen.

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