

## Commission File No. 82-1463

Securities and Exchange Commission Division of Corporate Finance 450 Fifth Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 10549 USA



Attention: Office of International

Corporate Finance, Mr Samuel Wolff,

Special Counsel

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Re: Exemption Under Exchange Act Rule 12g3-2(b); Commission File No, 82-1463

Dear Sir:

In connection with the exemption from Section 12(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act") granted to Sandvik AB by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) promulgated under the Act, enclosed is Sandvik AB Press Release Sandvik to acquire Australian based UDR Group, dated 8 June 2006, which is being submitted under Rule 12g(b)1)(iii).

Sincerely,

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Group Treasurer and VP Finance

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## **Press Release**

## Sandvik to acquire Australian based UDR Group

Sandvik has signed an agreement with Major Drilling Group International Inc., Canada, to acquire the business and assets of the Australian company UDR Group, including its business units in Australia and Chile.

UDR Group is one of the market's leading manufacturers and suppliers of surface mineral exploration drill rigs. UDR Group reported sales for the last business year of about SEK 275 M (AUD 48 M) and has approximately 100 employees.

The purchase price for the transaction was AUD 46 M on a cash and debt free basis, subject to customary working capital related post closing adjustments.

The acquisition was completed on 8 June, 2006 (Australia time), immediately after the execution of a definitive purchase agreement, and UDR Group became part of Sandvik Mining and Construction as of that date.

"The acquisition is in line with the Sandvik Group's long-term strategy of continued profitable growth. With this acquisition and the recently concluded acquisitions of SDS Corporation and Hagby-Asahi AB, Sandvik has established itself as a full-service provider to the mineral exploration industry.

UDR is a company with a strong market position, particularly in Australia and Latin America, and we intend to continue our expansion globally within mineral exploration" says Lars Josefsson, President of the Sandvik Mining and Construction business area. "Particulary, UDR's strength in multi-purpose exploration drill rigs will be a very strong contributor to Sandvik's offering within the mineral exploration field."

As a part of the transaction, Sandvik and Major Drilling has signed a 5 year strategic cooperation and supply agreement. Under this agreement the two parties will cooperate within product development and Sandvik and UDR will remain as a preferred supplier of mineral exploration rigs and consumables to Major Drilling.

Sandviken, 8 June 2006

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Sandvik is a high-technology engineering group with advanced products and world-leading positions in selected areas – tools for metalworking, machinery and tools for rock excavation, stainless steel, special alloys and resistance heating materials and process systems. The Group has 39,000 employees, operations in 130 countries and annual sales of approximately SEK 63,000 M.

Sandvik Mining and Construction is a business area within the Sandvik Group and a world-leading manufacturer of drilling and excavation machinery, tools and service for the mining and construction industries. Annual sales amount to SEK 20,600 M, with about 10,600 employees.

Based in Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada, Major Drilling Group International Inc. is one of the world's largest drilling service companies serving the mining industry. To support its customers' varied drilling requirements, Major Drilling maintains operations in Canada, the United States, Portugal, Mexico, South and Central America, and in Australia, Indonesia, Tanzania, Mongolia and China. Major Drilling's stock trades on The Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol "MDI".

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