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**Björn Stigson** has extensive experience in international business. He began his career as financial analyst with the Swedish Kockums Group. From 1971-82 he worked for ESAB, the international supplier of equipment for welding, in different positions responsible for Finance, Operations and Marketing.

In 1983 he became President and CEO of the Fläkt Group, a company listed on the Stockholm stock exchange and the world leader in environmental control technology. Following the acquisition of Fläkt by ABB, in 1991 he became Executive Vice President and a member of ABB Asea Brown Boveri's Executive Management Group. From 1993-94 he ran his own management consultancy.

On January 1, 1995 Mr Stigson was appointed President of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) in Geneva, which is a coalition of 170 leading international corporations. Since the formation of this organisation in 1990, Mr Stigson has been actively involved with the business response to the challenge of sustainable development.

Björn Stigson has served on the board of a variety of international companies. He is presently a member of advisory councils, including, among others, the Unilever Environmental Advisory Group (UK), the OECD Round Table on Sustainable Development (France) and the Council for International Cooperation on Environment & Development (China).

Mr Stigson is a member of the board of GRI (Global Reporting Initiative), the IRGC (International Risk Governance Council) and TERI - North America. His earlier board memberships include companies in the following sectors: Engineering, Construction, Insurance, Venture Capital, Waste Management, Consulting, Leasing, Transportation and Medical Equipment.

He studied at the Gothenburg School of Business Administration, the Swedish Management Institute and Harvard Business School.