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IPO of Bisnode withdrawn

Bisnode and its owners Ratos och Bonnier have decided to withdraw the IPO of Bisnode.

When the application period for the offering to subscribe for and acquire shares in Bisnode expired on 29 October the offering was not fully subscribed.

- Ratos CEO, Arne Karlsson, comments: "Despite a substantial interest from a large number of investors, primarily from the Nordic region, the offering was not fully subscribed. This is primarily due to the prevailing volatile market situation."

Ratos became a principal owner of Bisnode in 2005 when Ratos's associated company Infodata was merged with Bonnier Business Information. Since then, the company has strengthened its leading position in the European market with some twenty strategic acquisitions in Europe. 2006 sales amounted to SEK 3,293m and operating profit (EBITA) was SEK 528m. The company has almost 3,000 employees.

- "It is of course unfortunate that we did not succeed in completing the IPO for Bisnode. Obviously, this does not alter our positive view of the company and its future prospects. Now, together with Bonnier and the company's management, we will continue to develop Bisnode outside the stock exchange in order to create an even larger and more profitable company," says Ratos CEO Arne Karlsson.

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Financial calendar from Ratos:

Interim report January – September 2007	9 November 2007
Year-end report 2007	21 February 2008
AGM 2008	9 April 2008
Interim report January – March 2008	8 May 2008
Interim report January – June 2008	22 August 2008
Interim report January – September 2008	7 November 2008

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