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## **New Managing Director in Mecel**

**After eighteen years in the lead of Mecel, developing electronics and IT for vehicles, the founder Hasse Johansson has accepted a top position in Scania. His successor Kent Eric Lång has been recruited from Ericsson.**

“As I have now been offered a new and exciting job I also feel that the time has come for both myself and Mecel to take on new challenges”, Hasse Johansson says. I strongly believe that the car is not only a means of transportation but also a prerequisite for a lifestyle in a society that is highly dependent on information. Therefore I am particularly happy that my successor has the skills and experience needed to lead Mecel into an era of an ever increasing need for information accessibility, safety and security, good environment and resources savings.”

“It will be very challenging to continue to lead Mecel with good profitability and growth towards new successes on a global market”, Kent Eric Lång comments the appointment. “For more than twelve years I have had the privilege to work with Mecel and have been impressed by their innovation capability. Mecel has also reached a strong position in connecting the vehicle’s complex electronic systems into internet.”

Hasse Johansson together with Jan Nytomt founded Mecel in Åmål in 1982. Today Mecel has 145 employees in total whereof approx 100 are located in Göteborg. Mecel is a systems and software house focused on applications comprising software, electronics, data communication and internet for vehicles and combustion engines. People, technology and the world around us are changing at an ever-increasing pace. Mecel’s success is based upon the ability to early identify new driving forces and rapidly turn the total skills into pioneering products and technical solutions. Such examples are mobile multimedia and diagnostics for cars and trucks as well as engine management systems, such as Saab Trionic, but also for Formula-1 engines and locomotives. The customers are among the world leaders in their respective fields. Sales in 1999 reached 124 millions SEK.

**Kent Eric Lång**, 45, holds a PhD in Electrical Engineering from the Chalmers University of Technology in Göteborg. He has long experience from research and development with focus on intelligent transportation systems. His current position is General Manager Venture Automotive E-Services at Ericsson Microwave Systems in Mölndal, Sweden. His position as Managing Director in Mecel is effective January 1, 2000.

**Hasse Johansson**, 51, holds a Master’s degree in Electrical Engineering from the Chalmers University of Technology in Göteborg. He is currently Managing Director of Mecel which he founded in 1982 as well as Engineering Director European Region of Delphi Delco Electronics Systems. Effective the first quarter 2001 he takes on a new position in Scania as Group Vice President for Research and Development and also enters the Scania Executive Board.

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