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## Anders Wiklund resigns as CEO of Optinova Group

Optinova announced today that Anders Wiklund has decided to leave his assignment as CEO of Optinova Group. Anders Wiklund has informed the Board of Directors about his intention to resign earlier this week.

"It is with mixed emotions that I have decided to take this step to leave the Optinova Group and the role of CEO, which is certainly one of the most exciting positions in Åland. The 7.5 years at Optinova have been truly the best time throughout my career", reflected Anders Wiklund. "I have had the opportunity to work with a dedicated and decisive team of professionals who demonstrate great business acumen and are truly passionate about improving the quality of everyday life through advanced tubing solutions. However, even if my time at Optinova has been truly amazing, change and development is good and needed."

During his tenure at Optinova Group, Anders has done a great job at preparing the company for future sustainable growth. Last year, we reported a record Q4 sales revenue and a historically high order inflow. Most importantly, employee satisfaction is at an all-time high which fosters a great team spirit among Optinovians to overcome the challenges and market fluctuations of the past few years.

"Anders as CEO of the Optinova Group has approached every challenge with a positive mindset. Together with the management team and all dedicated employees at Optinova, he has taken Optinova to the next level", said Rebecka Eriksson. "Optinova has developed into a truly global organization with a worldwide supply network stretching to Europe, Asia and North America. The Optinova brand has also developed into a top-of-mind supplier of world-class extrusion services and tubing solutions to more than 1 000 customers that we are currently serving. We all have great respect for Anders and his great work over the past 7.5 years and wish him the best in his new endeavors."

The recruitment process for a new CEO for the Optinova Group has officially started. Anders Wiklund will continue his role for the time being to ensure a good finalization of his time with us and a smooth transition for the new CEO before joining OX2, a Swedish developer and seller of solar power solutions, as its Åland's country manager.

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We will publish more updates about the recruitment process in the coming days. If you have any questions with regards to the recruitment and transition process, please contact Rebecka Eriksson, Chairwoman of the Board of Directors at <a href="mailto:rebecka@erikssoncapital.fi">rebecka@erikssoncapital.fi</a>.

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Founded in 1971, Optinova is a world-leading manufacturer of advanced medical and industrial tubing. With sales offices around the world and extrusion plants in Finland, Thailand and the US, we are providing extrusion services and solutions to over 1 000 customers globally.