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### **Rottneros inaugurates new steam turbine in Vallvik – for more green electricity**

**On Wednesday the acting Governor of Gävleborg County, Gun-Marie Pettersson, inaugurated the new steam turbine which will increase electricity production at the Rottneros Group's pulp mill in Vallvik outside Söderhamn. The turbine will increase the production of eco-friendly green electricity making the mill almost self-sufficient in electricity.**

In April 2006 the Rottneros Board of Directors decided to invest in a new steam turbine to increase electricity production in Vallvik. The turbine, which produces green electricity, is driven by steam produced in the paper pulp production process.

Installation of the steam turbine was completed during the summer and on Wednesday it was inaugurated with the help of Governor of Gävleborg County, Gun-Marie Pettersson, Chairman of the Söderhamn Council, Birgitta Tapper and Rottneros' Chairman, Bengt Nordin.

"The new turbine is another move to increase the Group's self-sufficiency in electricity. It is particularly gratifying to be able to launch it at a time when electricity prices are on the rise again," says Lars Blecko, CEO of Rottneros.

The investment in the new turbine amounts to around SEK 90 million. Its capacity is 28 megawatts, which means that the electricity self-sufficiency level at Vallvik Mill will increase from around 70 to almost 100 per cent. In addition, the mill will be less vulnerable to disruptions in the external power grid.

The mill is prepared for a possible future increase in production capacity from today's level of 200,000 tonnes of pulp per year.

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