the information submitted to it, will issue an order granting the application after the date mentioned above, unless the Commission determines to order a hearing on the matter.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application to Withdraw From Listing and Registration on the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. (Scania Aktiebolag, **American Depository Shares (Each** Representing One A and B Share, Nominal Value SEK 10 Each)) File No. 1-14240

December 18, 2002.

Scania Aktiebolag, a Kingdom of Sweden corporation ("Issuer"), has filed an application with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to section 12(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 $(\text{``Act''})^1$ and rule 12d2-2(d)thereunder,² to withdraw its American Depository Shares (each representing one A or B share, nominal value SEK 10 each) ("Securities"), from listing and registration on the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. ("NYSE" or "Exchange").

The Issuer stated in its application that it has complied with the rules of the NYSE by complying with all applicable laws in effect in the Kingdom of Sweden, the place in which the Company is incorporated, and with the rules governing an issuer's voluntary withdrawal of a security from listing and registration.

The Board of Directors ("Board") of the Issuer approved a resolution on December 5, 2002, to withdraw the Issuer's Securities from listing on the NYSE. The Board stated that the following reasons factored into its decision to withdraw the Issuer's Securities from the NYSE: (i) The low number of outstanding Securities (at the end of October 2002, fewer than 51,000 Series A and fewer than 60,000 Series B Securities were outstanding, compared to a total of 200,000,000 Scania shares equally split between the A and B Securities); (ii) trading in the

Securities on the NYSE is very low and the Securities are not widely held (as of the end of November there were fewer than 200 total holders of Series A and B Securities combined); (iii) the globalization of investments and the possibility of trading stocks internationally has increased substantially over the past few years and; (iv) the costs of maintaining the listing of the Securities on the NYSE is no longer justified given the factors listed above.

The Issuer's application relates solely to the Securities' withdrawal from listing on the NYSE and from registration under section 12(b) of the Act 3 and shall not affect its obligation to be registered under section 12(g) of the Act.4

Any interested person may, on or before January 10, 2003, submit by letter to the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609, facts bearing upon whether the application has been made in accordance with the rules of the NYSE and what terms, if any, should be imposed by the Commission for the protection of investors. The Commission, based on the information submitted to it, will issue an order granting the application after the date mentioned above, unless the Commission determines to order a hearing on the matter.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.5

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by the American Stock Exchange LLC Relating to Minimum Size of Listing **Qualifications Panels**

December 16, 2002.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),1 and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,2 notice is hereby given that on December

10, 2002, the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Amex proposes to amend Section 1204 (a) of the Amex Company Guide to provide that listing and delisting hearings may be conducted before a Listing Qualifications Panel comprised of a minimum of two rather than three members of the Amex Committee on Securities. Proposed new language is italicized; proposed deletions are in [brackets].

Section 1204. The Listing Qualifications

(a) All hearings will be conducted before a Listing Qualifications Panel ("Panel") comprised of at least [three] two members of the Committee on Securities. No person shall serve as a Panel member for a matter if his or her interest or the interests of any person in whom he or she is directly or indirectly interested will be substantially affected by the outcome of the matter. In the event of a tie vote among the panel members, the matter will be forwarded to the full Committee on Securities for review pursuant to Section 1205.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Not applicable.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in Sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

^{4 17} CFR 200.30-3(a)(1).

¹¹⁵ U.S.C. 78l(d).

^{2 17} CFR 240.12d2-2(d).

^{3 15} U.S.C. 78l(b).

⁴¹⁵ U.S.C. 78l(g).

^{5 17} CFR 200.30-3(a)(1).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

^{2 17} CFR 240.19b-4.