

## Press release

### SafeRoad acquires ViaCon

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The traffic solutions provider SafeRoad has entered into an agreement to acquire a controlling stake of the ViaCon Group – a leading supplier of products, services and systems for roads construction and civil engineering. The founding manager remains as co-owner. The parties have agreed not to disclose the purchase price.

“This is a strategically important acquisition that broadens SafeRoad’s portfolio of products, services and systems and entails geographical expansion”, says SafeRoad’s CEO Jon Erik Engeset. “We are impressed by the growth and international expansion ViaCon has achieved over the past 25 years. ViaCon delivers high value to its customers, and we see great potential in the Group.”

“The industry sees a growing demand for our solutions from existing and new customers and we are expecting further growth”, says ViaCon’s CEO Sten-Eric Lager. “Becoming part of SafeRoad gives us a strong base for future development, and we see synergies in areas such as procurement and sales.”

ViaCon is a leading supplier of products, services and systems for roads construction and civil engineering, and manufactures corrugated steel and plastic pipes, as well as galvanized steel plate structures used as underpasses, bridges, tunnels and culverts. It also offers a wide range of geotextiles, geogrids and geocomposites for soil reinforcement, separation, drainage and filtration, as well as grids to reinforce bituminous and asphalt pavements.

ViaCon is headquartered in Lidköping, Sweden. It was originally established in Sweden and Norway in 1986 and currently comprises 28 companies in 16 European countries. In 2009 the Group generated total revenues of SEK 1.1 billion.

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**SafeRoad** is a leading supplier of products, services and systems for traffic safety. The Group has 1,900 employees in 10 countries. In 2009 the Group generated total revenues of NOK 2.7 billion. Our three major business areas are Infrastructure, Signs and Road Marking. Main shareholder is Nordic Capital Fund VII.