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Thomas Derdak

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Aktiebolaget (Sweden)			
Aktiengesellschaft (Germany, Switzerland)			
Aktieselskab (Denmark)			
Aksjeselskap (Denmark, Norway)			
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Besloten Vennootschap met beperkte, Aansprakelijkheid			
(The Netherlands)			
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Limited (Canada, Japan, United Kingdom, United States)			
Naamloze Vennootschap (The Netherlands)			
Public Limited Company (United Kingdom)			
Proprietary (Australia, Hong Kong, South Africa)			
Société Anonyme (Belgium, France, Switzerland)			
Società per Azioni (Italy)			

ABBREVIATIONS FOR CURRENCY _____

A \$	Australian dollar
BFr	Belgian franc
C\$	Canadian dollar
DKr	Danish krone
FFr	French franc
DM	German mark
HK\$	Hong Kong dollar
L	Italian lira
¥	Japanese yen
\mathbf{W}	Korean won
Dfl	Netherlands florin
R	South African rand
Pts	Spanish peseta
SKr	Swedish krone
SFr	Swiss franc
TL	Turkish lira
£	United Kingdom pound
\$	United States dollar
В	Venezuelan bolivar

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