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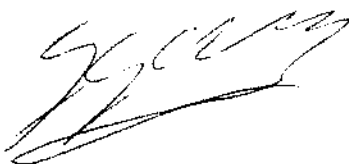
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Dear Stein-Erik,

Recently a review by ICA Ahold's and Ahold's internal audit departments took place. This review has brought to light serious issues within ICA Ahold and some of their Baltic operations.

It is our fiduciary duty to investigate this matter further. Relying on art. 7.3.1 of the Shareholders Agreement among Koninklijke Ahold N.V., ICA Förbundet AB, Canica AS and ICA Ahold Holding AB dated February 24, 2000, we hereby give notice of our intention to carry out an audit. This audit will focus particularly on identifying any conflicts of interests as well as any participations which as yet are unknown to us. This audit will be carried out by PriceWaterhouse Coopers in Norway. One of their representatives will contact the management in the respective companies to agree the timing of the audit."

Best regards,



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