

DECISION FROM ØKOKRIM

The Norwegian National Authority for Investigation and Prosecution of Economic and Environmental Crime (Økokrim) has announced today a decision to indict Ola Rollén on insider trading charges stemming from investments on behalf of Greenbridge Partners Ltd (“Greenbridge”) in Next Biometrics ASA (“Next”) in October 2015.

As Ola Rollén’s lawyers, we contend that the indictment against Ola Rollén is based on a misconception of the relevant insider trading provisions. By contributing with significant new capital in a subsequent rights issue and bringing his good investor repute to the company, Rollén triggered a significant increase in the share price of Next. This is now held against him as basis for an indictment.

The purchases of shares in Next in October 2015 were done on behalf of Greenbridge (then under establishment) as a stake-building falling squarely within the safe harbours for such processes under applicable Norwegian and European insider trading laws. Ola Rollén strongly contests that he received nor misused any inside information when the shares were acquired. We believe the court will recognise that there is no violation of the insider trading provisions.

Please see Hexagon AB’s press release, also released today, [here](#).

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