

## Asplan Viak with a friendly takeover of KanEnergi AS

***One of the leading Norwegian consulting companies, Asplan Viak AS, has acquired all the shares of the consulting company KanEnergi AS. From November 1<sup>st</sup>. 2010 KanEnergi will become a separate unit within Asplan Viak.***

KanEnergi holds the leading consultancy for sustainable energy solutions in Norway. They provide services on renewable energy, energy efficiency in buildings, industry and transport.

- For us, this acquisition means a significant strengthening of our expertise in the energy and environment sector. Also, it is a great opportunity for synergies between our other service areas, says Øyvind Mork, CEO of Asplan Viak.

Sustainable development in an efficient manner sets high standards both to the authorities and the private sector. - Because different planning projects and measures often intervene with each other in several sectors and disciplines at the same time Asplan Viak will, even better than before, be able to ensure interdisciplinary work in the projects, says Øyvind Mork. This will facilitate making better decisions in the early phase of a project, when they have the biggest impact, Mork emphasizes.

Before the acquisition, Asplan Viak had 600 employees with expertise in planning and analysis, architecture and landscaping, construction, installations, transport and environmental solutions. Making this takeover, the energy field will be reinforced in the company.

Together with its subsidiary KanEnergi Sweden AB, KanEnergi today has about 30 employees, equally divided between Norway and Sweden. Operating in a growing market they are planning to double the number of consultants in the next 2-3 years. - One of the main reasons for selling and becoming a part of a large and leading planning company, is the high demand for multidisciplinary consulting services, says the Managing Director of KanEnergi, Fritjof Salvesen. The company will be established as a separate unit in Asplan Viak retaining the brand name of KanEnergi. All our consultants will continue to work on their ongoing projects. This means minimal changes for our customers on the short term. We hope to continue the good relations with our partners as before.

- Asplan Viak has largely the same philosophy as KanEnergi with a holistic approach and focus on the early planning phase. The company has offices in 19 locations in Norway, which brings us closer to a larger portion of our Norwegian customers. By entering as a part of a larger company we will have increased opportunities for growth, compared to continuing with an organic development, Salvesen says.

The KanEnergi office in Oslo will move to the headquarters of Asplan Viak in December. This office is situated in Sandvika, just outside Oslo.

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