

FIRST QUARTER REPORT, 2002

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<i>Amounts in SEKm, unless otherwise stated</i>	First quarter 2002	First quarter 2001	Change
Net sales	33,580	33,670	-0.3%
Operating income ^{1) 2)}	3,791	1,852	+105%
Operating income, excl. items affecting comparability	1,906	1,852	+2.9%
<i>Margin, %</i>	5.7	5.5	
Income after financial items ^{1) 2)}	3,682	1,499	+146%
Income after financial items, excl. items affecting comparability	1,797	1,499	+20%
<i>Margin, %</i>	5.4	4.5	
Net income per share, SEK ³⁾	9.00	3.10	+190%
Net income per share, excl. items affecting comparability, SEK^{2) 3)}	3.75	3.10	+21%
Value creation, excluding items affecting comparability	609	290	+319
Return on equity, %	39.6	15.6	
Return on equity, excl. items affecting comparability, %	16.4	15.6	

1) New accounting principle for R&D had positive impact of SEK 80m on income for Q1 2002.

2) In 2002, income includes items affecting comparability in the amount of SEK 1,885m (see page 2).

3) Based on an average of 329.6 (341.1) million shares after buy-backs.

- **Higher operating income and margin for Consumer Durables in Europe**
- **Improved income in North America, production of new refrigerators normalized**
- **Continued positive trend in income and margin for Professional Outdoor Products**
- **Ongoing restructuring measures proceeding according to plan**

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Net sales and income

Net sales for Electrolux in the first quarter of 2002 amounted to SEK 33,580m, as against SEK 33,670m for the same period last year. This corresponds to a decrease of -0.3%, of which -3.4% refers to changes in Group's structure, +4.2% to changes in exchange rates, and -1.1% to price/mix/volume.

Operating income increased to SEK 3,791m (1,852), corresponding to 11.3% (5.5) of sales, and income after financial items increased to 3,682m (1,499), corresponding to 11.0% (4.5) of sales. Net income rose to SEK 2,962m (1,066), which corresponds to SEK 9.00 (3.10) per share.

Items affecting comparability

The above income-figures for the first quarter of 2002 include items affecting comparability amounting to SEK 1,885m (0). These items comprise a capital gain of SEK 1,800m on the divestment of the remaining part of the leisure-appliances product line, and a capital gain of SEK 85m on the divestment of the European home-comfort operation.

New accounting principle for R&D

A new Swedish accounting standard, RR 15 Intangible assets, came into effect as of January 1, 2002. According to this standard, costs for development of products and software should be capitalized. Development costs of SEK 80m referring to projects started during the first quarter have been capitalized. Income for the previous year has not been adjusted in this respect.

Five other Swedish accounting standards issued by The Swedish Financial Standards Council effective as of January 1, 2002 have not had any material effect on the Group's accounts.

Income excluding items affecting comparability

Excluding items affecting comparability, operating income increased by 3% to SEK 1,906m (1,852), representing 5.7% (5.5) of net sales. Income after financial items increased by 20% to SEK 1,797m (1,499), corresponding to 5.4% (4.5) of net sales. Net income increased by 15% to SEK 1,228m (1,066), which corresponds to SEK 3.75 (3.10) per share.

Effects of changes in exchange rates

Compared with the first quarter of last year changes in exchange rates, i.e. in terms of both transaction and translation effects, had a net positive impact on income after financial items of approximately SEK 175m. The impact is traceable mainly to the weakening of the Swedish krona against the US dollar and the British pound.

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Financial net

Net financial items amounted to SEK-109m (-353). The improvement is mainly due to lower interest rates and reduced net borrowings. Financial items in the first quarter of 2001, were negatively impacted by foreign exchange losses on loans in USD.

Cash flow

The cash flow generated by operations amounted to SEK -2,792m (-899), after adjustment for exchange-rate effects. The deterioration is traceable mainly to an increase in accounts receivable, and the final payment of USD 94million (approximately SEK 990m) related to the PBGC pension litigation. Cash flow inclusive of investments improved as a result of divestments.

Cash flow is normally weak during the first half of the year as a result of a build-up of inventories and accounts receivable referring to a seasonal increase in sales of outdoor products, room air-conditioners, refrigerators and freezers.

Financial position*Equity*

Equity as of March 31, 2002 amounted to SEK 30,913m (28,417), which corresponds to SEK 93.80 (83.30) per share. The return on equity was 39.6% (15.6). Excluding items affecting comparability, the return on equity was 16.4% (15.6).

Net assets

Average net assets for the period decreased to SEK 38,581m (42,760), mainly as a result of restructuring and divestments. Average net assets after adjustment for items affecting comparability amounted to 39,923m (44,625). The return on net assets was 39.3% (17.3) or 19.1% (16.6) excluding items affecting comparability.

Net debt/equity and liquid funds

Net borrowings decreased to SEK 11,835m (22,797), primarily due to a reduction of interest-bearing liabilities during the last three quarters of 2001, and proceeds from divestments. The net debt/equity ratio decreased to 0.37 (0.78).

Liquid funds at the end of the period amounted to SEK 10,282m (10,956).

Value creation

The total value created during the first quarter of 2002 amounted to SEK 609m, as compared with SEK 290m in the first quarter of the previous year.

The increase refers mainly to an improvement in operating margin to 5.7% (5.5), which is traceable to higher income and margin, for primarily Consumer Durables in Europe and Professional Outdoor Products. The capital turnover rate increased to 3.36, as compared with 3.02 in the previous year.

The Group's weighted average cost of capital (WACC) has been lowered from 14% to 13% before tax, to reflect the decline in the risk-free interest rate since value creation was first included in the Group's financial reporting in 2000. On the basis of an unchanged WACC, value created would be approximately SEK 100m lower.

The table below shows value created by business area.

SEKm	First quarter 2002	First quarter 2001	Change
Consumer Durables			
Europe	374	133	241
North America	307	266	41
Rest of the world	-346	-256	-90
Total Consumer Durables	335	143	192
Professional Products			
Indoor	31	108	-77
Outdoor	288	230	58
Total Professional Products	319	338	-19
Common group costs, etc.	-45	-191	146
Total	609	290	319

Value created is defined as operating income excluding items affecting comparability, less a weighted average cost of capital (WACC) on average net assets. As of 2002, the Group's WACC has been changed from 14% to 13% before tax.

Operations by business area

Consumer Durables

Total industry shipments of core appliances in Europe declined by about 1%. Western Europe showed a decrease of 3% and Eastern Europe an increased of 8%. Sales for the Group's European operation within Electrolux Home Products were largely unchanged. Operating income and margin improved, mainly as a result of lower costs for materials, a slightly better mix, and restructuring. Income in the previous year was negatively impacted by the devaluation of the Turkish lira.

In the US, industry shipments of core appliances increased in volume by about 10%, compared with a weak first quarter in 2001. Shipments of major appliances, i.e. including room air-conditioners and microwave ovens, increased by approximately 6%. Group sales of core appliances in North America through Electrolux Home Products showed good growth over last year. Operating income improved substantially as a result of higher volumes and an improved mix. Sales of air conditioners were considerably lower than last year, however, and operating income in this product area showed a marked downturn.

Demand for core appliances in Brazil declined and sales for the Group's appliance operation were lower than last year. Operating income showed a considerable downturn and was negative, mainly as a result of lower volumes, higher costs for materials and a negative product mix. Income for the Brazilian operation was also negatively impacted by lower exports to Argentina. Sales in both India and China increased over the previous year.

Operating income improved in India but declined in China, and was negative in both markets. The Group's Australian appliance operation, which was consolidated as of February 1, 2001, showed a positive trend in sales and operating income. Overall, operating income for appliances outside Europe and North America declined from 2001 and was negative.

The market for floor-care products declined in volume in the US, and was unchanged in Europe. The Group achieved higher sales volume in both markets. However, both operating income and margin for the floor-care product line declined somewhat, mainly due to increased price pressure in the US market.

Demand for outdoor products for the consumer market in Europe increased over last year due to favorable weather. Sales and operating income for the Group's European operation improved substantially, mainly as a result of higher volumes and implemented restructuring. In the US, the season started slightly later than in 2001. Group sales declined somewhat in volume. Operating income was in line with the previous year.

Overall, sales for the Consumer Durables business area were higher than in the first quarter of 2001. Operating income and margin improved.

Professional Indoor Products

Demand for food-service equipment in Europe was lower in several of the Group's major markets. Sales for food-service equipment increased in the Nordic countries, but declined in Germany and other markets. Operating income improved, however, as a result of the divestment of a loss-making operation in the second half of 2001.

Sales of laundry equipment were largely unchanged, with lower volumes in Western Europe and higher volumes in Scandinavia and the US. Operating income improved.

Demand for compressors continued to be weak. The Group reported a slight increase in sales volume, however. Operating income showed a marked improvement from a low level in the previous year, as a result of implemented restructuring and the launch of a new compressor within the European operation.

Total sales for Professional Indoor Products declined from the previous year, mainly due to divestments. Operating income and margin improved somewhat for comparable units.

Professional Outdoor Products

Demand for professional chainsaws showed an upturn in Europe, but declined in the US. Total Group sales of chainsaws increased over last year.

Pre-seasonal sales of lawn and garden equipment for the professional market were lower than in 2001, while sales of power cutters and diamond tools were largely unchanged.

Overall, sales reported by Professional Outdoor Products were in line with the previous year. Operating income and margin increased due to an improved product mix with higher sales of chainsaws.

Major changes in the Group

As of January 1, 2002 the Group divested the remaining parts of the leisure-appliance product line within the Professional Indoor Products business area. These operations had sales in 2001 of approximately SEK 1,300m and about 1,400 employees. The divestment generated a capital gain of approximately SEK 1,800m.

As of January 1, 2002, the Group divested its European home comfort operation, which was part of the Consumer Durables business area. This operation had sales in 2001 of approximately SEK 850m, and about 280 employees. The divestment generated a capital gain of approximately SEK 85m.

Ongoing restructuring and cost adjustments

The restructuring measures announced in 2001 are proceeding according to plan. The changes refer mainly to operations in components and major appliances, and include plant shutdowns as well as rationalization of sales organizations and administration. During the quarter the Americold compressor plant in Cullman, Alabama was closed.

Of the total provision of SEK 3,261m in 2001, approximately SEK 2,019m had been utilized as of March 31, 2002. Savings in the first quarter of 2002 amounted to approximately SEK 159m. Changes implemented to date have involved personnel cutbacks of approximately 2,300, of which approximately 1,240 in the first quarter of 2002.

Provisions in 2001, SEKm	Provision	Utilized up to Q1	Savings in Q1	<u>Estimated savings</u>	
				2002	2003
Major appliances, Europe	997	279	22	206	552
Floor care, Europe	19	16	-	9	17
Garden products, Europe	157	75	12	51	96
Major appliances, North America	114	13	24	157	210
Major appliances, Rest of the world	40	10	4	38	47
Total Consumer Durables	1,327	393	62	461	922
Food-service equipment	168	153	20	89	89
Components	1,710	1,438	70	273	343
Other	56	35	7	33	36
Total	3,261	2,019	159	856	1,390

Parent company

Net sales for the parent company, AB Electrolux, for the first quarter of 2002 amounted to SEK 1,730m (1,808). Income after financial items was SEK 1,676m (-81), including dividends from subsidiaries in the amount of SEK 1,658m (400).

Capital expenditure was SEK 30m (32). Liquid funds at the end of the period amounted to SEK 2,941m (4,500) as against SEK 4,281m at the start of the year.

Proposed dividend

The Board of Directors proposes a dividend for 2001 of SEK 4.50 (4.00) per share, for a total dividend payment of SEK 1,483m (1,365). The proposed dividend corresponds to 41% (30) of net income per share for the year 2001, excluding items affecting comparability.

Proposal for cancellation of shares to enable additional buybacks

The Board will propose that the Annual General Meeting approve a new share-repurchase program and the cancellation of previously repurchased B shares, excluding shares required to meet obligations under the Group's personnel stock-option programs.

The proposal for cancellation of shares will enable additional repurchasing of own shares. The proposal indicates that a maximum of 10% of the total number of shares may be repurchased and that shares in possession may be sold.

The purpose of the cancellation and additional buybacks is to continually maintain the capability to adapt the capital structure to the needs of the Company, thereby contributing to increased shareholder value, or to use the repurchased shares for financing potential corporate acquisitions and the personnel stock-option programs.

Outlook

The outlook for the year remains unchanged. Market demand in 2002 is expected to be generally flat compared with the previous year in both Europe and North America. However, there is still uncertainty regarding consumer confidence and spending, particularly in North America.

Notwithstanding the above expectations for flat market demand, on the basis of the previously announced internal restructuring the Group should achieve an improvement in operating income and value creation for the full year 2002, excluding items affecting comparability.

Stockholm, April 18, 2002

Michael Treschow
President and CEO

Consolidated income statement, SEKm

	First quarter 2002	First Quarter 2001	Full Year 2001
Net sales	33,580	33,670	135,803
Cost of goods sold	-25,948	-25,895	-105,654
Selling expense	-4,204	-4,333	-17,806
Administrative expense	-1,451	-1,536	-5,790
Other operating income/expense	-71	-54	-131
Items affecting comparability	1,885	-	-141
Operating income*	3,791	1,852	6,281
<i>Margin, %</i>	<i>11.3</i>	5.5	4.6
Financial items, net	-109	-353	-1,066
Income after financial items	3,682	1,499	5,215
<i>Margin, %</i>	<i>11.0</i>	4.5	3.8
Taxes	-726	-487	-1,477
Minority interests in net income	6	54	132
Net income	2,962	1,066	3,870
<i>* Including depreciation in the amount of:</i>	<i>-1,006</i>	-985	-4,277
Net income per share, SEK	9.00	3.10	11.35
Number of shares after buy backs, million	329.6	341.1	329.6
Average number of shares after buy backs, million	329.6	341.1	340.1

Consolidated balance sheet, SEKm

	March 31 2002	March 31 2001	Full year 2001
Assets			
Fixed assets	30,925	33,228	32,351
Inventories, etc	18,545	20,697	17,001
Accounts receivable	27,799	28,486	24,189
Other receivables	7,828	9,104	8,532
Liquid funds	10,282	10,956	12,374
Total assets	95,379	102,471	94,447
Equity and liabilities			
Shareholders' equity	30,913	28,417	28,864
Minority interests	671	747	699
Interest-bearing liabilities and provisions	22,117	33,753	23,183
Non-interest-bearing liabilities and provisions	41,678	39,554	41,701
Total equity and liabilities	95,379	102,471	94,447
Contingent liabilities	1,462	1,305	1,220

Change in equity, SEKm	First quarter 2002	First Quarter 2001	Full Year 2001
Opening balance	28,864	26,324	26,324
Dividend payment	-	-	-1,365
Repurchase of shares	-	-	-1,752
Translation differences	-913	1,027	1,787
Net income	2,962	1,066	3,870
Closing balance	30,913	28,417	28,864

Consolidated cash-flow statement, SEKm	First quarter 2002	First quarter 2001	Full Year 2001
Operations			
Income after financial items	3,682	1,499	5,215
Depreciation according to plan charged against above income	1,006	985	4,277
Provisions and capital gains/losses	-3,114	-232	-2,148
Taxes paid	-220	-405	-1,496
Changes in operating assets and liabilities	-4,146	-2,746	3,634
Cash flow from operations	-2,792	-899	9,482
Investments			
Investments in/divestments of operations and trade mark	2,397	-2,274	4,861
Capital expenditure	-746	-1,053	-4,195
Other	142	143	547
Cash flow from investments	1,793	-3,184	1,213
Dividend	-	-	-1,365
Repurchase of shares	-	-	-1,752
Cash flow after dividends	-999	-4,083	7,578
Change in interest-bearing liabilities	-849	6,728	-4,059
Total cash flow	-1,848	2,645	3,519
Liquid funds at beginning of year	12,374	8,422	8,422
Exchange-rate differences referring to liquid funds	-244	-111	433
Liquid funds at end of period	10,282	10,956	12,374
Change in net borrowings			
Total cash flow excl. change in loans	-999	-4,083	7,578
Net borrowings at beginning of year	-10,809	-16,976	-16,976
Exchange-rate differences referring to net borrowings	-27	-1,738	-1,411
Net borrowings at end of period	-11,835	-22,797	-10,809

Net sales by business area, SEKm	First quarter 2002	First quarter 2001	Full Year 2001
Consumer Durables			
Europe	11,241	10,901	47,200
North America	13,284	12,308	46,814
Rest of the world	3,437	3,233	14,976
Total Consumer Durables	27,962	26,442	108,990
Professional Products			
Indoor	3,029	4,584	17,073
Outdoor	2,547	2,525	9,452
Total Professional Products	5,576	7,109	26,525
Other	42	119	288
Total	33,580	33,670	135,803

Operating income by business area, SEKm	First quarter 2002	First quarter 2001	Full Year 2001
Consumer Durables			
Europe	676	447	2,528
<i>Margin, %</i>	6.0	4.1	5.4
North America	876	807	1,814
<i>Margin, %</i>	6.6	6.6	3.9
Rest of the world	-22	45	287
<i>Margin, %</i>	-0.6	1.4	1.9
Total Consumer Durables	1,530	1,299	4,629
<i>Margin, %</i>	5.5	4.9	4.2
Professional Products			
Indoor	183	328	1,070
<i>Margin, %</i>	6.0	7.2	6.3
Outdoor	386	331	1,313
<i>Margin, %</i>	15.2	13.1	13.9
Total Professional Products	569	659	2,383
<i>Margin, %</i>	10.2	9.3	9.0
Common Group costs, etc.	-193	-106	-590
Items affecting comparability	1,885	-	-141
Total	3,791	1,852	6,281

Value creation, SEKm	First quarter 2002^{*)}	First Quarter 2001	Full Year 2001
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Rest of the world	-346	-256	-1,023
Total Consumer Durables	335	143	-148
Professional Products			
Indoor	31	108	250
Outdoor	288	230	914
Total Professional Products	319	338	1,164
Common Group costs, etc.	-45	-191	-754
Total	609	290	262

^{*)}As of 2002 the Group's WACC has been changed from 14% to 13%.

Key ratios	First quarter 2002	First quarter 2002, excl. items affecting comparability	First Quarter 2001	Full Year 2001
Net income per share, SEK ¹⁾	9.00	3.75	3.10	11.35
Return on equity, % ²⁾	39.6	16.4	15.6	13.2
Return on net assets, % ³⁾	39.3	19.1	17.3	15.0
Net debt/equity ratio ⁴⁾	0.37		0.78	0.37
Capital expenditure, SEKm	746		1,053	4,195
Average number of employees	84,500		87,800	87,139

1) Average number of shares for the period after buy-backs is 329.6 (341.1) million.

2) Annualized net income, expressed as a percentage of average equity.

3) Annualized operating income, expressed as a percentage of average net assets.

4) Net borrowings, i.e. interest-bearing liabilities less liquid funds, in relation to adjusted equity.

The latter is defined as equity including minority interests.

Quarterly figures

Net sales and income, per quarter

		1 st qtr	2 nd qtr	3 rd qtr	4 th qtr	Full year
Net sales, SEKm	2002	33,580				
	2001	33,670	37,459	32,793	31,881	135,803
Operating income, SEKm	2002	3,791				
	<i>Margin, %</i>	11.3				
	2002¹⁾	1,906				
	<i>Margin, %</i>	5.7				
	2001	1,852	2,036	2,442	-49	6,281
	<i>Margin, %</i>	5.5	5.4	7.4	-0.2	4.6
	2001 ²⁾	1,852	2,036	1,085	1,449	6,422
	<i>Margin, %</i>	5.5	5.4	3.3	4.5	4.7
Income after financial items, SEKm	2002	3,682				
	<i>Margin, %</i>	11.0				
	2002¹⁾	1,797				
	<i>Margin, %</i>	5.4				
	2001	1,499	1,752	2,202	-238	5,215
	<i>Margin, %</i>	4.5	4.7	6.7	-0.7	3.8
	2001 ²⁾	1,499	1,752	845	1,260	5,356
	<i>Margin, %</i>	4.5	4.7	2.6	4.0	3.9
Net income, SEKm	2002	2,962				
	2002¹⁾	1,228				
	2001	1,066	1,162	1,928	-286	3,870
	2001 ²⁾	1,066	1,162	596	950	3,774
Net income per share, SEK	2002	9.00				
	2002¹⁾	3.75				
	2001	3.10	3.45	5.65	-0.85	11.35
	2001 ²⁾	3.10	3.45	1.75	2.80	11.10
Value creation, SEKm	2002	609				
	2001	290	392	-453	33	262

1) Exclusive of items affecting comparability, which in 2002 amounted to SEK 1,885m.

2) Exclusive of items affecting comparability, which in 2001 amounted to SEK 1,357m in the third quarter and SEK -1,498m in the fourth quarter.

Net sales by business area, per quarter, SEKm

<i>Consumer Durables</i>		1 st qtr	2 nd qtr	3 rd qtr	4 th qtr	Full year
Europe	2002	11,241				
	2001	10,901	11,246	12,237	12,816	47,200
North America	2002	13,284				
	2001	12,308	14,104	11,154	9,248	46,814
Rest of the world	2002	3,437				
	2001	3,233	4,229	3,509	4,005	14,976
Total Consumer Durables	2002	27,962				
	2001	26,442	29,579	26,900	26,069	108,990
<i>Professional Products, Indoor</i>	2002	3,029				
	2001	4,584	5,037	3,829	3,623	17,073
<i>Professional Products, Outdoor</i>	2002	2,547				
	2001	2,525	2,692	2,108	2,127	9,452
Total Professional Products	2002	5,576				
	2001	7,109	7,729	5,937	5,750	26,525

Operating income by business area, per quarter, SEKm

<i>Consumer Durables</i>		1 st qtr	2 nd qtr	3 rd qtr	4 th qtr	Full year
Europe	2002	676				
	<i>Margin,%</i>	6.0				
	2001	447	578	585	918	2,528
	<i>Margin,%</i>	4.1	5.1	4.8	7.2	5.4
North America	2002	876				
	<i>Margin,%</i>	6.6				
	2001	807	685	188	134	1,814
	<i>Margin,%</i>	6.6	4.9	1.7	1.4	3.9
Rest of the world	2002	-22				
	<i>Margin,%</i>	-0.6				
	2001	45	130	21	91	287
	<i>Margin,%</i>	1.4	3.1	0.6	2.3	1.9
<i>Professional Products, Indoor</i>	2002	183				
	<i>Margin,%</i>	6.0				
	2001	328	459	176	107	1,070
	<i>Margin,%</i>	7.2	9.1	4.6	3.0	6.3
<i>Professional Products, Outdoor</i>	2002	386				
	<i>Margin,%</i>	15.2				
	2001	331	371	280	331	1,313
	<i>Margin,%</i>	13.1	13.8	13.3	15.6	13.9
Common Group costs, etc.	2002	-193				
	2001	-106	-187	-165	-132	-590
Items affecting comparability	2002	1,885				
	2001	-	-	1,357	-1,498	-141

Exchange rates in SEK	First Quarter 2002	First Quarter 2001
USD, average	10.51	9.80
<i>USD, end of period</i>	10.35	<i>10.39</i>
EUR, average	9.16	8.97
<i>EUR, end of period</i>	9.03	<i>9.16</i>
GBP, average	14.98	14.26
<i>GBP, end of period</i>	14.74	<i>14.82</i>

Five-year review

Amounts in SEKm unless otherwise indicated	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997
Net sales	135,803	124,493	119,550	117,524	113,000
Operating income	6,281	7,602	7,204	7,028	2,654
<i>Margin, %</i>	4.6	<i>6.1</i>	<i>6.0</i>	<i>6.0</i>	<i>2.3</i>
<i>Margin, excluding items affecting comparability, %</i>	4.7	<i>6.5</i>	<i>6.2</i>	<i>5.2</i>	<i>4.0</i>
Income after financial items	5,215	6,530	6,142	5,850	1,232
<i>Margin, %</i>	3.8	<i>5.2</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>5.0</i>	<i>1.1</i>
<i>Margin, excluding items affecting comparability, %</i>	3.9	<i>5.6</i>	<i>5.3</i>	<i>4.2</i>	<i>2.8</i>
Net income	3,870	4,457	4,175	3,975	352
Net income per share, SEK ¹⁾	11.35	12.40	11.40	10.85	0.95
Dividend, adjusted for share issues ¹⁾	4.50²⁾	4.00	3.50	3.00	2.50
Value creation	262	2,423	1,782	437	
Return on equity, %	13.2	17.0	17.1	18.2	1.7
Return on net assets, %	15.0	19.6	18.3	17.5	6.4
Net debt/equity ratio	0.37	0.63	0.50	0.71	0.94
Capital expenditure	4,195	4,423	4,439	3,756	4,329
Average number of employees	87,139	87,128	92,916	99,322	105,950

¹⁾ The average number of shares in 2001 amounted to 340,064,997 (359,083,955) after buy-backs. The number of shares at year-end was 329,564,580 (341,134,580). The total number of shares for the years 1997-1999 was 366,169,580.

²⁾ Proposed by the Board.

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