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Net income per share rose 16%, excluding items affecting comparability

Amounts in SEKm, unless otherwise stated	2000	1999	Change	Q4/00	Q4/99	Change
Net sales	124,493	119,550	4%	29,421	28,406	4%
<i>Data excluding items affecting comparability¹⁾:</i>						
Operating income	8,050	7,420	8%	1,717	1,858	-8%
<i>Margin, %</i>	6.5	6.2		5.8	6.5	
Income after financial items	6,978	6,358	10%	1,403	1,569	-11%
Net income per share, SEK²⁾	13.25	11.45	16%	3.05	2.85	7%
Value creation	2,423	1,782	641	286	562	-276
Return on equity, %	18.5	17.2				
<i>Data including items affecting comparability¹⁾:</i>						
Operating income	7,602	7,204	6%	1,269	1,858	-32%
<i>Margin, %</i>	6.1	6.0		4.3	6.5	
Income after financial items	6,530	6,142	6%	955	1,569	-39%
Net income per share, SEK	12.40	11.40	9%	2.20	2.85	-23%
Return on equity, %	17.3	17.1				
Dividend, SEK³⁾	4.00	3.50				

1) Items affecting comparability amounted to SEK -448m in 2000 and SEK -216m in 1999.

2) In 2000, based on an average of 359.1m. outstanding shares after buy-backs for the full year (1999:366.2m), and 346.0m. for Q4.

3) 2000 proposed.

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Report by the Board of Directors for 2000

Net sales and income

Net sales for the Electrolux Group in 2000 rose to SEK 124,493m, as against SEK 119,550m in the previous year. Of the 4% increase in sales, changes in the Group's structure accounted for -3.2%, changes in exchange rates for +3.6%, and volume/price/mix for +3.7%. For changes in Group structure see page 7.

Group operating income increased to SEK 7,602m (7,204), which corresponds to 6.1% (6.0) of net sales, and income after financial items rose to SEK 6,530m (6,142), which corresponds to 5.2% (5.1) of net sales. Net income improved to SEK 4,457m (4,175), corresponding to SEK 12.40 (11.40) per share.

Income excluding items affecting comparability

The above income-figures include items affecting comparability in the amount of SEK -448m (-216), see below. Exclusive of these items operating income rose by 8% to SEK 8,050m (7,420), corresponding to 6.5% (6.2) of net sales, and income after financial items improved by 10% to SEK 6,978m (6,358), corresponding to 5.6% (5.3) of net sales. Net income increased by 13% to SEK 4,762m (4,200), corresponding to SEK 13.25 (11.45) per share.

Items affecting comparability

Items affecting comparability in 2000 amounted to SEK -448m and comprise the items listed in the table below.

Items affecting comparability in 1999 amounted to SEK -216m and included a capital gain of SEK 1,625m on divestment of operations, as well as a provision of SEK -1,841m referring to a court decision in pension litigation in the US.

Items affecting comparability in 2000, SEKm

Capital gain on divestment of professional refrigeration in Q1	241
Restructuring, Professional Indoor Products in Q1, referring to implementation of new organization	-241
Restructuring, Consumer Durables	-883
Allocation of SPP pension surplus	435
Total	-448

Provision in Q4 for cost adjustments

In the fourth quarter of 2000 the Group made a provision of SEK 883m for the following adjustments, which will be implemented during 2001:

Action	Approx. amount, SEKm	Approx. savings 2001, SEKm
Alignment of pan-European organization, Electrolux Home Products, Europe	350	160
Alignment of organization and logistics structure, Electrolux Home Products, North America	200	230
Consolidation of production structure, floor-care products	200	20
Rationalization of IT structure, and other items	130	30

Effects of changes in exchange rates

Changes in exchange rates in terms of both translation and transactions had a net positive effect of approximately SEK 375m (370) on income after financial items. This is traceable largely to the strengthening of the dollar and the British pound. The weakening of the euro also had a positive impact in view of the Group's large production base within EU.

Financial items

Net financial items amounted to SEK -1,072m (-1,062), corresponding to -0.9% (-0.9) of sales. Major factors affecting the financial net in 2000 were higher interest rates in the amount of approximately SEK -60m and financing of share buy-backs amounting to approximately SEK -60m, while lower average net borrowings had a positive impact of approximately SEK 70m.

In 1999, financial items were impacted by non-recurring items amounting to SEK -105m, which was a net of SEK -240m referring to unauthorized trading by an employee in Germany and SEK 135m from the discontinuation of the Group's hedging of euro equity.

Taxes

Total taxes for 2000 amounted to SEK 2,121m (2,005), which corresponds to 32.5% (32.6) of income after financial items.

Exclusive of items affecting comparability, the actual tax rate was 32.4% (34.5). The improvement refers mainly to comprehensive rationalization of the Group's legal structure.

Fourth quarter 2000

Sales for the Group in the fourth quarter of 2000 amounted to SEK 29,421m, as against SEK 28,406m for the corresponding period in 1999. Of the 4% increase in sales, changes in the Group's structure accounted for -2%, changes in currency rates accounted for +8%, and volume and price/mix for -2%.

Including items affecting comparability, operating income declined to SEK 1,269m (1,858), corresponding to a margin of 4.3% (6.5). Income after financial items decreased to SEK 955m (1,569), corresponding to a margin of 3.2% (5.5). Net income amounted to SEK 741m (1,051), which corresponds to SEK 2.20 (2.85) per share.

Income excluding items affecting comparability

Excluding items affecting comparability, operating income declined by 8% to SEK 1,717m (1,858) and income after financial items by 11% to SEK 1,403m (1,569). Net income amounted to SEK 1,046m (1,051), corresponding to SEK 3.05 (2.85) per share.

Cash flow

The cash flow generated by operations and after investments decreased to SEK 2,732m (5,523), after adjustment for exchange-rate effects. The decline is traceable mainly to an increase in working capital and lower net payments for acquisitions and divestments. The improvement in income from operations made a positive contribution. The rise in working capital was due to an increase in interest-bearing assets and higher sales volume.

Equity and net debt/equity ratio

Group equity as of December 31, 2000 amounted to SEK 26,324m (25,781), which corresponds to SEK 77 (70) per share.

The return on equity was 17.3% (17.1). Excluding items affecting comparability, the return on equity was 18.5% (17.2).

Net borrowings at year-end amounted to SEK 16,976m (13,423) and the net debt/equity ratio was 0.63 (0.50).

Liquid funds at year-end amounted to SEK 8,422m (10,312), corresponding to 6.8% (8.7) of net sales. The Group continued to amortize long-term and short-term loans during the year. For definitions of the above ratios, see page 19.

Net assets

Net assets at year-end amounted to SEK 39,026m (36,121) corresponding to 30.4% (30.6) of sales, after adjustment for exchange-rate effects. Average net assets for the year amounted to SEK 40,194m (40,270), after adjustment for items affecting comparability.

The return on net assets was 19.6% (18.3). Excluding items affecting comparability, the return on net assets was 20.0% (18.4).

Inventories and accounts receivable

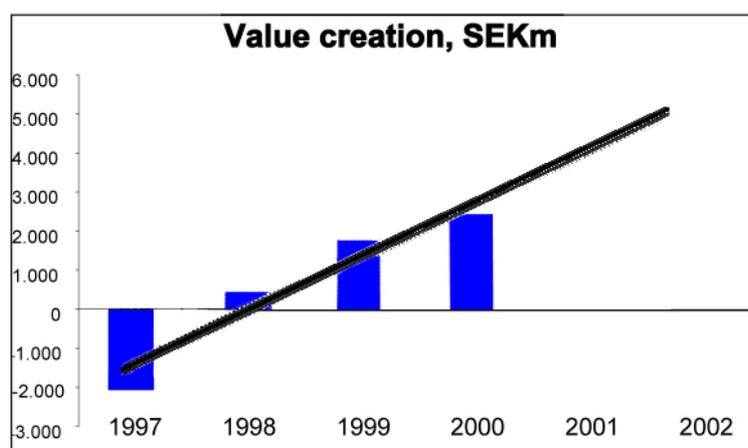
Inventories in 2000 amounted to SEK 17,295m (16,549) and accounts receivable to SEK 23,214m (21,513), which after adjustment for exchange-rate effects corresponds to 13.5% (14.0) and 18.1% (18.2) of net sales, respectively.

Value creation

In 2000 the Group created total value of SEK 2,423m (1,782), representing an increase of SEK 641m over 1999. The increase is traceable to sales growth of 4.1%, an improvement in operating margin to 6.5% (6.2) excluding items affecting comparability, and an improvement in the capital turnover rate to 3.10 (2.97).

Value creation, SEKm	2000	1999	Change
<i>Consumer Durables</i>			
Europe	986	1,224	-238
North America	1,669	1,036	633
Rest of the world	-1,056	-1,398	342
<i>Total Consumer Durables</i>	<i>1,599</i>	862	737
<i>Professional Products</i>			
Indoor	713	896	-183
Outdoor	756	663	93
<i>Total Professional Products</i>	<i>1,469</i>	1,559	-90
Common Group costs, etc.	-645	-639	-6
Total	2,423	1,782	641

Value created is defined as operating income excluding items affecting comparability, less a weighted average cost of capital (WACC) on average net assets. The Group's WACC is calculated at 14% before tax.



The goal for the period 2000-2002 is to create average annual growth in value of at least SEK 1,000m.

Operations by business area

Demand increased in most of the Group's product areas during the first two quarters both in Europe and the US, but slackened gradually in the second half of the year. Group operating income during the second half was also adversely affected by more severe price competition and higher costs for materials.

Market conditions in Asia and Latin America improved in comparison with 1999.

Of the Group's business areas, Consumer Durables achieved higher sales and operating income than in the previous year. The improvements refer to North America, Asia and Latin America. Sales for Consumer Durables in Europe were largely unchanged, while operating income declined.

Professional Products reported lower total sales and operating income as a result of divestments, as well as lower volumes and a decline in income for indoor products. Professional Outdoor Products achieved good growth in both sales and operating income.

Consumer Durables

The European market for core appliances¹ increased in volume by almost 4% over the previous year. The market was strong in the first two quarters, but the rate of growth declined in the second half of the year. In the fourth quarter, the market showed a volume increase of about 1%. Sales of core appliances in Europe through Electrolux Home Products reported good growth in volume, particularly in Eastern Europe. However, operating income declined from 1999 as a result of downward pressure on prices and higher costs for materials, mainly in the second half of the year. The Group also had an unfavorable mix in terms of products, markets and customer categories. Costs referring to development of a new pan-European organization also had an adverse effect on income.

In the US, market volume for core appliances rose by about 2%, and by 4% for major appliances, i.e. inclusive of room air-conditioners, dehumidifiers and microwave ovens. The American market also increased during the first two quarters and then slackened during the last two. In the fourth quarter, the market decline was -4% for core appliances, and -2% for major appliances. Electrolux Home Products in the US reported an increase in volume for both white goods and room air-conditioners which was considerably higher than market growth. Operating income was unchanged in comparison with 1999.

In Brazil, the market for core appliances increased and the Group achieved considerably higher sales volume. Operating income improved over last year on the basis of higher volume and internal changes, but remained negative. Income for the fourth quarter showed a marked improvement and was positive. The Group also reported good sales growth for core appliances in China, India and the ASEAN countries. Overall, operating income for operations outside Europe and North America was positive in comparison with a loss in 1999.

Demand for floor-care products rose for the full year in both Europe and the US. Both markets showed slower growth during the second half, however. The increase in demand referred mainly to the low end of the market. The Group achieved good sales growth in both the European and the American markets. Higher volumes and productivity led to a considerable improvement in operating income for floor-care products.

Demand in Europe for outdoor products for the consumer market was somewhat higher than in the previous year. The Group achieved good sales growth. Operating income for the European operation showed a marked improvement, although from a low level in 1999.

Demand for outdoor products in the US increased for gas-powered trimmers and light-duty chainsaws, while market volume decreased for other products such as electric trimmers, lawn mowers and tractors. The Group reported good growth in sales for most product categories and a considerable improvement in operating income.

Total sales for the Consumer Durables business area were higher than in 1999. Operating income showed good growth, and margin improved.

¹ Core appliances: Refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers, dishwashers, cookers, ovens

Professional Indoor Products

Demand for food-service equipment was lower during most of the year in comparison with 1999, but increased somewhat in the fourth quarter. Group sales in this product area declined slightly, mainly as a result of divestments and lower deliveries for large projects resulting from a greater focus on more profitable market segments. The performance of this product line was influenced by on-going restructuring, including divestment of non-core businesses with low profitability. Both operating income and margin improved over the previous year.

Sales of laundry equipment declined from the previous year due to lower volumes in Western Europe and Japan. Production problems and delayed deliveries related to the launch of a new product range also contributed to the decrease in sales. Operating income showed a marked decline from the high level of 1999. Income was also adversely affected by lower results for the operation in heavy-duty equipment that was divested in October.

The market for absorption refrigerators and other equipment for the recreational vehicle industry showed an upturn for the year as a whole in both Europe and the US. Sales for leisure appliances showed good growth, and operating income improved. The newly acquired Seitz operation contributed to the positive trend for sales and income.

Demand for compressors and motors rose during the first two quarters and then slackened during the second half of the year. Sales for the components product line were largely unchanged in comparison with 1999. Operating income showed a marked decline due to lower volumes for compressors, increased pressure on prices, and negative results in the Group's joint ventures for compressors in China and Egypt.

Professional Outdoor Products

Demand for chainsaws increased in most markets. The Group achieved good sales growth in Europe, the Far East and Latin America. Operating income rose substantially over the previous year. Income was favorably affected by the strong dollar as the Husqvarna operation exported significant volumes of chainsaws from Sweden to North America.

The operations in turf-care equipment and power cutters also reported favorable trends for sales and operating income.

Major changes in the Group during 2000*Acquisitions within Consumer Durables*

In May the Group acquired the right to the Electrolux brand and corporate name in Canada and the US from Electrolux LCC, an American company engaged in direct sales of floor-care products. The purchase price was USD 50m. The seller has the right to use the name on vacuum cleaners and after-market parts during a transition period.

In November a Heads of Agreement was signed for acquisition of the household appliance division of Email Ltd in Australia. Email is Australia's largest producer of white goods, with annual sales of approximately SEK 4,700m and about 4,800 employees. The purchase price is AUD 485m (approximately SEK 2,500m), which may be adjusted with reference to the value of net assets on closing date.

Acquisitions and divestments within Professional Products

As of January 1, the Group acquired the Seitz group in Germany, which manufactures equipment for caravans and mobile homes. Seitz has annual sales of approximately SEK 450m and about 350 employees.

As of September 1, Bluebird International Inc. in the US was acquired. Bluebird produces landscape maintenance equipment and has annual sales of approximately SEK 180m and 75 employees.

In November the Group acquired JKS Lamage in Canada, which has annual sales of approximately SEK 50m and 30 employees, and Magnum Diamond & Machinery in the US, with annual sales of approximately SEK 110m and 45 employees. Both companies produce diamond tools and will be integrated in the Dimas diamond tool operation within Professional Outdoor Products.

As of January 31, the major part of the operation in professional refrigeration equipment was divested. The remaining operations in Brazil, China and Eastern Europe were divested during the spring of 2000. In 1999, this operation had annual sales of approximately SEK 2,300m and about 2,000 employees.

As of June 1, the Group divested A/S Wodshow & Co. in Denmark, which produces mixers for restaurants and industrial kitchens. Wodshow has annual sales of approximately SEK 80m and about 80 employees.

As of October 1, the Group also divested Washex in the US, an operation in heavy-duty laundry equipment with annual sales of approximately SEK 300m and about 160 employees.

Employees

The average number of employees in 2000 was 87,128 (92,916), of whom 8,159 (8,881) were in Sweden. At year-end the total number of employees was 86,270 (91,758). The decline is traceable to structural changes and divestments as well as improved productivity.

Parent company

Net sales for the parent company in 2000 amounted to SEK 7,344m (6,685), of which SEK 4,191m (3,732) referred to sales to Group companies and SEK 3,153m (2,953) to sales to external customers. Net income amounted to SEK 6,504m (2,734).

Proposed dividend

The Board of Directors proposes an increase of the dividend for 2000 to SEK 4.00 per share, for a total dividend payment of SEK 1,365m (1,282).

Allocation of SPP pension surplus

During the year the Swedish insurance company SPP allocated a portion of the surplus in its pension funds to participating companies. The Electrolux Group's share of this surplus amounted to SEK 435m, of which SEK 264m refers to the parent company.

This amount has been included in the accounts for 2000. Payments from SPP to Electrolux in 2000 amounted to SEK 279m. The remaining SEK 156m will be received in the first quarter of 2001.

Agreement in pension litigation

In July 2000, the Group's US subsidiary White Consolidated Industries Inc. (WCI) reached an agreement in pension litigation with the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) in the US. The agreement stipulates that WCI refrain from appealing the decision against the company which was rendered in a US court, and that PBGC will correspondingly not exercise the judicial rights which follow from the court's decision.

In accordance with the agreement and subject to approval by appropriate authorities, WCI assumes responsibility for payment of the pension plans in question. In the event that this responsibility cannot be fulfilled, WCI will pay USD 180 million plus interest to PBGC and the beneficiaries. It is expected that the final total cost will be covered by the provision of USD 225 million (SEK 2,135m) which the Group made in 1999.

Repurchase of own shares

The Annual General Meeting in April 2000 authorized a program for repurchase up to 10% of the total number of shares during the period prior to the next Annual General Meeting.

As of December 31, 2000 the Group had repurchased 25,035,000 series-B shares for a total of SEK 3,190m, corresponding to an average price of SEK 127.40 per share. Electrolux thus owns 6.84% of the total number of shares, corresponding to a total par value of SEK 125m. The Group has no voting rights for these shares. The total number of shares is 366,169,580.

The Board of Directors has decided to propose that the Annual General Meeting in April 2001 renew an authorization for the Board to decide on purchase and sale of own A- and/or B-shares up to 10% of the total number of shares, i.e. at present to allow further repurchase of up to 3.16% of the total number of shares. The authorization would cover the period up to the next Annual General Meeting.

The intention is to continuously maintain a capability to adapt the capital structure to the needs of the Company, thereby contributing to increased shareholder value, and to effectively meet the Company's obligations under its option program. Shares could also be sold in connection with acquisitions, with deviation from the preferential rights of shareholders.

Both purchases and sales would be implemented through offers directed to all shareholders, or by transactions on any stock exchange or regulated market where the Company's shares are quoted, at a price per share within the at each time registered interval between the highest buying price and the lowest selling price.

Payment for shares sold may be made in cash, in kind, or by offsetting of claims against the Company. The Board may establish further conditions for the sale or assignment of shares.

Option programs

In 1998, an annual recurrent program for employee stock options was introduced for about 100 senior managers. Options are allotted on the basis of value created according to the Group's model for value creation. If no value has been created in comparison with the previous year, no options are issued.

The maturity period of the options is 5 years. The options may not be exercised until at least 12 months after the date of allotment. The options can be used to purchase Electrolux B-shares at a strike price which is 15% higher than the average closing price of the Electrolux B-share on the OM Stockholm Exchange during a limited period prior to allotment.

The total number of options allotted under the 1998 program is 1,128,900 and the strike price is SEK 170. The total number of options allotted under the 1999 program is 1,770,200 and the strike price is SEK 216.

Options for the 2000 program will be allotted during the first half of 2001 on the basis of the increase in value created in 2000 relative to 1999. A provision of SEK 81m including employer contributions has been made for the 2000 program.

The Board has decided to grant Wolfgang König, the new Head of white goods outside North America, 118,400 synthetic employee stock options with the right to receive a cash amount for each option when exercised, calculated as the difference between the current share price and the strike price of SEK 147. The options may be exercised until July 1, 2006. The options have been allotted without consideration and as compensation for options he lost the right to when joining the Electrolux Group. This program will be hedged by an equity swap.

New employee stock option program for 2001

Electrolux has decided to introduce a new employee stock option program in 2001 under which approximately 3 million options will be allotted to about 200 senior managers. The options will be allotted free of charge, with a maturity period of 7 years. The strike price will exceed by 10% the average closing price of the Electrolux B-share on the OM Stockholm Exchange during a limited period prior to allotment.

In order to cost-effectively meet obligations under the 2001 option program, the Board has decided to propose the Annual General Meeting to resolve that out of previously repurchased shares in the company, 3 million shares of series B may be sold to fulfil the undertakings under the program. Given such resolution, the cost for the 2001 program is estimated at SEK 30-40m, assuming a share price not higher than SEK 155 at allotment.

Outlook for 2001

Market conditions in 2001 are difficult to predict, particularly in the US. A decline in the American market started in the latter part of 2000. Demand in Europe, Latin America and Asia is expected to show continued growth.

In the light of the above market conditions and on the basis of internal cost adjustments the Group should achieve improvements in income and value created for the full year 2001.

Stockholm, February 9, 2001
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Board of Directors

Factors affecting forward-looking statements

The Report by the Board of Directors contain “forward-looking” statements within the meaning of the US Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements include, among others, the financial goals or targets of Electrolux for future periods and future business and financial plans. Actual results may differ materially from these goals and targets due to a variety of factors. These factors include but may not be limited to the following; the success in developing new products and marketing initiatives, progress in achieving operational and capital efficiency goals, the success in identifying growth opportunities and acquisition candidates, and the integration of these opportunities with existing businesses, progress in achieving structural and supply-chain reorganization goals, competitive pressures to reduce prices, significant loss of business from major retailers, consumer demand, and the effect of local economies on product demand.

Financial reports in 2001

Quarterly report, 1 st quarter	April 25
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Consolidated income statement		Fourth quarter		
SEKm	2000	1999	2000	1999
Net sales	124,493	119,550	29,421	28,406
Cost of goods sold	-93,549	-87,288	-22,321	-20,438
Selling expenses	-17,092	-18,450	-4,142	-4,510
Administrative expenses	-5,585	-6,261	-1,150	-1,523
Other operating income/expense	-217	-131	-91	-77
Items affecting comparability	-448	-216	-448	-
Operating income*	7,602	7,204	1,269	1,858
<i>Margin, %</i>	<i>6.1</i>	<i>6.0</i>	<i>4.3</i>	<i>6.5</i>
Financial items, net	-1,072	-1,062	-314	-289
Income after financial items	6,530	6,142	955	1,569
<i>Margin, %</i>	<i>5.2</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>3.2</i>	<i>5.5</i>
Taxes	-2,121	-2,005	-231	-528
Minority interests in net income	48	38	17	10
Net income	4,457	4,175	741	1,051
<i>* Including depreciation in the amount of:</i>	-3,810	-3,905	-1,018	-954

Consolidated balance sheet

SEKm	Dec. 31, 2000	Dec. 31, 1999
Assets		
Fixed assets	29,680	28,051
Inventories, etc.	16,880	16,171
Accounts receivable	23,214	21,513
Other receivables	9,093	5,597
Liquid funds	8,422	10,312
Total assets	87,289	81,644
Equity and liabilities		
Shareholders' equity	26,324	25,781
Minority interests	810	825
Interest-bearing liabilities and provisions	25,398	23,735
Non-interest-bearing liabilities and provisions	34,757	31,303
Total equity and liabilities	87,289	81,644

Parent company income statement

SEKm	2000	1999
Net sales	7,344	6,685
Operating expense	-7,742	-6,931
Operating income	-398	-246
Group contributions	1,229	861
Financial items, net	5,635	2,182
Income after financial items	6,466	2,797
Allocations	1	-39
Income before taxes	6,467	2,758
Taxes	37	-24
Net income	6,504	2,734

Parent company balance sheet

SEKm	Dec. 31, 2000	Dec. 31, 1999
Assets		
Fixed assets	32,520	31,423
Inventories, etc.	690	630
Current receivables	1,242	739
Receivable from subsidiaries	4,517	2,933
Liquid funds	2,701	3,731
Total assets	41,670	39,456
Equity and liabilities		
Shareholders' equity	15,058	13,029
Untaxed reserves	586	587
Payable to subsidiaries	11,212	10,516
Interest-bearing liabilities and provisions	13,095	13,588
Non-interest-bearing liabilities and provisions	1,719	1,736
Total equity and liabilities	41,670	39,456

Cash-flow statements SEKm	Group		Parent company	
	2000	1999	2000	1999
Operations				
Income after financial items	6,530	6,142	6,467	2,797
Depreciation according to plan charged against above income	3,810	3,905	226	216
Provisions and capital gain/losses	628	-286	-40	-29
Taxes paid	-2,329	-2,166	19	-27
Changes in operating assets and liabilities	-2,540	1,065	-655	1,840
Cash flow from operations	6,099	8,660	6,017	4,797
Investments				
Investments in/divestments of operations and trademark	180	1,702	-	-
Capital expenditure	-4,423	-4,439	-565	-302
Other	876	-400	-1,501	2,254
Cash flow from investments	-3,367	-3,137	-2,066	1,952
Cash flow from operations and investments	2,732	5,523	3,951	6,749
Dividend	-1,282	-1,099	-1,282	-1,099
Repurchase of shares	-3,193	-	-3,193	-
Cash flow after dividends	-1,743	4,424	-524	5,650
Change in interest-bearing liabilities	-422	-4,592	-506	-3,955
Total cash flow	-2,165	-168	-1,030	1,695
Liquid funds at beginning of year	10,312	11,387	3,731	2,036
Exchange-rate differences referring to liquid funds	275	-907		-
Liquid funds at year-end	8,422	10,312	2,701	3,731
Change in net borrowings				
Total cash flow excl. change in loans	-1,743	4,646	-524	5,650
Net borrowings at beginning of year	-13,423	-17,966	-9,653	-15,303
Exchange-rate differences referring to net liquidity	-1,810	-103		-
Net borrowings at year-end	-16,976	-13,423	-10,177	-9,653

**Net sales by business area
SEKm**

	2000	1999	Fourth quarter	
			2000	1999
Consumer Durables				
Europe	42,704	42,640	11,438	11,163
North America	46,581	41,452	9,106	8,433
Rest of the world	9,203	7,597	2,717	1,992
Total Consumer Durables	98,488	91,689	23,261	21,588
Professional Products				
Indoor	17,561	20,450	4,181	4,860
Outdoor	8,039	7,100	1,862	1,876
Total Professional Products	25,600	27,550	6,043	6,736
Other	405	311	117	82
Total	124,493	119,550	29,421	28,406

**Operating income by business area
SEKm**

	2000	1999	Fourth quarter	
			2000	1999
Consumer Durables				
Europe	2,179	2,444	691	903
<i>Margin, %</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>5.7</i>	<i>6.0</i>	<i>8.1</i>
North America	3,577	2,895	640	509
<i>Margin, %</i>	<i>7.7</i>	<i>7.0</i>	<i>7.0</i>	<i>6.0</i>
Rest of the world	23	-342	136	-135
<i>Margin, %</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>-4.5</i>	<i>5.0</i>	<i>-6.8</i>
Total Consumer Durables	5,779	4,997	1,467	1,277
<i>Margin, %</i>	<i>5.9</i>	<i>5.4</i>	<i>6.3</i>	<i>5.9</i>
Professional Products				
Indoor	1,577	1,902	168	449
<i>Margin, %</i>	<i>9.0</i>	<i>9.3</i>	<i>4.0</i>	<i>9.2</i>
Outdoor	1,153	983	260	270
<i>Margin, %</i>	<i>14.3</i>	<i>13.8</i>	<i>14.0</i>	<i>14.4</i>
Total Professional Products	2,730	2,885	428	719
<i>Margin, %</i>	<i>10.7</i>	<i>10.5</i>	<i>7.1</i>	<i>10.7</i>
Common Group costs etc.	-459	-462	-178	-138
Items affecting comparability	-448	-216	-448	-
Total	7,602	7,204	1,269	1,858

Value creation SEKm	Fourth quarter			
	2000	1999	2000	1999
Consumer Durables				
Europe	986	1,224	395	627
North America	1,669	1,036	161	123
Rest of the world	-1,056	-1,398	-148	-385
Total Consumer Durables	1,599	862	408	365
Professional Products				
Indoor	713	896	-58	210
Outdoor	756	663	161	194
Total Professional Products	1,469	1,559	103	404
Common Group costs, etc.	-645	-639	-225	-207
Total	2,423	1,782	286	562

Key ratios	Fourth quarter			
	2000	1999	2000	1999
Net income per share, SEK ¹⁾	12.40	11.40	2.20	2.85
Return on equity, % ²⁾	17.3	17.1		
Return on net assets, % ³⁾	19.6	18.3		
Net debt/equity ratio ⁴⁾	0.63	0.50		
Capital expenditure, SEKm	4,423	4,439	1,328	1,172
Average number of employees	87,128	92,916	87,500	93,500

1) For 2000 based on average no. of shares for the period after buy-backs, i.e. 359.1 million for the full year and 346.0 million for the fourth quarter. No. of shares in 1999 was 366.2 million.

2) Annualized net income for the year, expressed as a percentage of opening 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	2000	31,229	34,199	29,644	29,421	124,493
	1999	29,053	33,021	29,070	28,406	119,550
Operating income, SEKm	2000	2,050	2,453	1,830	1,269	7,602
	<i>Margin, %</i>	6.6	7.2	6.2	4.3	6.1
	2000¹⁾	2,050	2,453	1,830	1,717	8,050
	<i>Margin, %</i>	6.6	7.2	6.2	5.8	6.5
	1999	1,656	2,151	1,539	1,858	7,204
	<i>Margin, %</i>	5.7	6.5	5.3	6.5	6.0
	1999 ¹⁾	1,656	2,151	1,755	1,858	7,420
	<i>Margin, %</i>	5.7	6.5	6.0	6.5	6.2
Income after financial items, SEKm	2000	1,786	2,285	1,504	955	6,530
	<i>Margin, %</i>	5.7	6.7	5.1	3.2	5.2
	2000¹⁾	1,786	2,285	1,504	1,403	6,978
	<i>Margin, %</i>	5.7	6.7	5.1	4.8	5.6
	1999	1,384	1,835	1,354	1,569	6,142
	<i>Margin, %</i>	4.8	5.6	4.7	5.5	5.1
	1999 ¹⁾	1,384	1,835	1,570	1,569	6,358
	<i>Margin, %</i>	4.8	5.6	5.4	5.5	5.3
Net income, SEKm	2000	1,188	1,510	1,018	741	4,457
	2000¹⁾	1,188	1,510	1,018	1,046	4,762
	1999	912	1,188	1,024	1,051	4,175
	1999 ¹⁾	912	1,188	1,049	1,051	4,200
Net income per share, SEK	2000	3.25	4.10	2.85	2.20	12.40
	2000¹⁾	3.25	4.10	2.85	3.05	13.25
	1999	2.50	3.25	2.80	2.85	11.40
	1999 ¹⁾	2.50	3.25	2.85	2.85	11.45
Value creation, SEKm	2000	691	1,040	406	286	2,423
	1999	183	657	380	562	1,782

1) Exclusive of items affecting comparability, which in 2000 amounted to SEK -448m (-216).

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	2000	10,308	10,126	10,832	11,438	42,704
	1999	10,182	10,515	10,780	11,163	42,640
North America	2000	12,351	14,640	10,484	9,106	46,581
	1999	10,545	12,749	9,725	8,433	41,452
Rest of the world	2000	1,951	2,259	2,276	2,717	9,203
	1999	1,717	1,963	1,925	1,992	7,597
Total Consumer Durables	2000	24,610	27,025	23,592	23,261	98,488
	1999	22,444	25,227	22,430	21,588	91,689
<i>Professional Products, Indoor</i>	2000	4,398	4,890	4,092	4,181	17,561
	1999	4,910	5,674	5,006	4,860	20,450
<i>Professional Products, Outdoor</i>	2000	2,140	2,191	1,846	1,862	8,039
	1999	1,629	2,048	1,547	1,876	7,100
Total Professional Products	2000	6,538	7,081	5,938	6,043	25,600
	1999	6,539	7,722	6,553	6,736	27,550

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	2000	566	418	504	691	2,179
	<i>Margin, %</i>	<i>5.5</i>	<i>4.1</i>	<i>4.7</i>	<i>6.0</i>	<i>5.1</i>
	1999	506	400	635	903	2,444
	<i>Margin, %</i>	<i>5.0</i>	<i>3.8</i>	<i>5.9</i>	<i>8.1</i>	<i>5.7</i>
North America	2000	928	1,197	812	640	3,577
	<i>Margin, %</i>	<i>7.5</i>	<i>8.2</i>	<i>7.7</i>	<i>7.0</i>	<i>7.7</i>
	1999	719	989	678	509	2,895
	<i>Margin, %</i>	<i>6.8</i>	<i>7.8</i>	<i>7.0</i>	<i>6.0</i>	<i>7.0</i>
Rest of the world	2000	-71	-11	-31	136	23
	<i>Margin, %</i>	<i>-3.6</i>	<i>-0.5</i>	<i>-1.4</i>	<i>5.0</i>	<i>0.2</i>
	1999	-82	-78	-47	-135	-342
	<i>Margin, %</i>	<i>-4.8</i>	<i>-4.0</i>	<i>-2.4</i>	<i>-6.8</i>	<i>-4.5</i>
<i>Professional Products, Indoor</i>	2000	423	673	313	168	1,577
	<i>Margin, %</i>	<i>9.6</i>	<i>13.8</i>	<i>7.6</i>	<i>4.0</i>	<i>9.0</i>
	1999	380	634	439	449	1,902
	<i>Margin, %</i>	<i>7.7</i>	<i>11.2</i>	<i>8.8</i>	<i>9.2</i>	<i>9.3</i>
<i>Professional Products, Outdoor</i>	2000	309	295	289	260	1,153
	<i>Margin, %</i>	<i>14.4</i>	<i>13.5</i>	<i>15.7</i>	<i>14.0</i>	<i>14.3</i>
	1999	228	277	208	270	983
	<i>Margin, %</i>	<i>14.0</i>	<i>13.5</i>	<i>13.4</i>	<i>14.4</i>	<i>13.8</i>
Common Group costs, etc.	2000	-105	-119	-57	-178	-459
	1999	-95	-71	-158	-138	-462
Items affecting comparability	2000				-448	-448
	1999			-216		-216

Definitions**Operating margin**

Operating income as a percentage of net sales.

Net income per share

Net income divided by average no. of outstanding shares after buy-backs.

Number of shares

The number of shares in 2000 amounted to 359,083,955. after buy-backs (366,169,580).

Return on equity

Net income as a percentage of opening equity.

Capital turnover rate

Net sales divided by average net assets.

Return on net assets

Operating income as a percentage of average net assets.

Net assets

Total assets exclusive of liquid funds, interest-bearing financial receivables as well as non-interest-bearing liabilities and provisions.

Value creation

Operating income (EBIT) excl. items affecting comparability less a weighted average cost of capital (WACC) on average net assets.

Net debt/equity ratio

Net borrowings in relation to adjusted equity.

Net borrowings

Total interest-bearing liabilities less liquid funds.

Total adjusted equity

Equity, including minority interests.