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## Interim financial report for Auriga Industries A/S for the first quarter of 2007

*Figures in brackets are the figures for 2006.*

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- Revenue for the first quarter increased to DKK 1,412 million (DKK 1,267 million). Growth for all three companies.
- Operating profit was DKK 69 million (DKK 66 million), and profit before tax was DKK 47 million (DKK 50 million). All three subsidiaries contributed to the positive results.
- Revenue in USD was settled at an exchange rate of approx. DKK 6, which is virtually on a par with last year.
- Cheminova's sales in Brazil were negatively affected by the fact that the first quarter marks the end of a very difficult season. The situation remains uncertain, although the high crop prices justify some optimism for the coming season.
- For 2007 as a whole, Auriga thus maintains its outlook of revenue of approx. DKK 5,550 million and a profit before tax of approx. DKK 200 million.

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## Key figures for the Auriga group

Income statement, DKKm	Q1 2007	Q1 2006	FY 2006
Revenue	1,412	1,267	5,184
Cost of sales	1,047	911	3,840
Other costs	301	297	1,353
Other operating income	5	7	31
Operating profit (EBIT)	69	66	22
Income from investments in associates	2	1	5
Net financials	(24)	(17)	(118)
Profit/loss before tax	47	50	(92)
Tax	14	15	71
Minority interests' share	2	5	8
Profit/loss	31	30	(171)

  

Balance sheet, DKKm	31.3.2007	31.3.2006	31.12.2006
<b>Assets</b>			
Non-current assets	1,808	1,785	1,819
Inventories	1,567	1,669	1,603
Receivables	2,479	2,370	1,965
Cash and cash equivalents	155	177	255
Total assets	6,009	6,001	5,642
<b>Equity and liabilities</b>			
Equity	2,283	2,656	2,304
Provisions	121	144	149
Interest-bearing debt	2,312	2,070	2,013
Other debt (not interest-bearing)	1,293	1,131	1,176
Total equity and liabilities	6,009	6,001	5,642

  

Cash flow statement, DKKm	31.3.2007	31.3.2006	31.12.2006
Cash flows from operating activities	(340)	(298)	124
Cash flows from investing activities	(49)	(24)	(244)
Available cash flow	(389)	(322)	(120)

  

Ratios	31.3.2007	31.3.2006	31.12.2006
Operating profit before depreciation and amortisation of goodwill (EBITDA) in DKKm	127	121	250
Profit margin (EBITDA)	9%	10%	5%
Profit margin (EBIT)	5%	5%	0.4%
Debt ratio	47%	40%	42%
Profit in DKK per share of DKK 10 (EPS)	1.26	1.22	-6.90
Quoted price/equity value	1.75	1.67	1.70

  

Change in equity, DKKm	31.3.2007	31.3.2006	31.12.2006
Equity as at 1 January	2,304	2,587	2,587
Dividend paid	0	0	-106
Sale of treasury shares	0	6	2
Profit/loss for the period after tax	31	30	-171
Translation adjustments, subsidiaries	1	6	-36
Other changes in equity	-29	-2	-18
Change in fair value of financial instruments after tax	-24	29	46
Equity, end of period	2,283	2,656	2,304



## **Comments on the quarterly financial statements**

### **Auriga Industries A/S**

Auriga's revenue for the first quarter of 2007 was DKK 1,412 million (DKK 1,267 million), corresponding to an increase of just over 11 per cent. Operating profit was DKK 69 million (DKK 66 million), corresponding to an EBIT margin of 4.9 per cent (5.2 per cent). Both revenue and results are better than expected at the beginning of the year.

Cash flows from operating activities of DKK -340 million were better than expected, but lower than last year.

In the first quarter consolidated revenue in USD was settled at an average exchange rate slightly in excess of DKK 6, which is virtually on a par with 2006. Just over 70 per cent of USD revenue for 2007 is hedged through forward exchange and option contracts.

For 2007 as a whole, Auriga thus maintains its outlook of revenue of approx. DKK 5,550 million and a profit before tax of approx. DKK 200 million.

### **Cheminova A/S**

With revenue somewhat above last year, Cheminova had a good start to the year in most of Europe and North America. However, the season has only just started in these markets, and consequently, some of the products sold are still waiting to be used. As expected, Cheminova's sales in Brazil were negatively affected by the fact that the first quarter marks the end of a very poor season.

Sales of insecticides developed more positively than expected. The same goes for glyphosate, the price of which still remains under fierce pressure.

The situation in Brazil remains very uncertain, although the high crop prices give rise to some optimism for the coming season. The debtor situation is being closely monitored. The product liability cases have still not been settled by the insurance company.

### **Hardi International A/S**

Hardi's revenue for the first quarter was on the same level as last year. Sales were generally good in Europe, in particular in France and Denmark. Sales for the first quarter were affected by limited capacity at the factory in Nr. Alslev on the island of Falster in Denmark, primarily due to a lack of labour.

The order intake remains satisfactory and is significantly higher than last year.

### **Skamol A/S**

The positive development in Skamol continued in the first quarter of 2007 with growth within all four business areas. Sales to the primary aluminium industry continue to grow, while the fireplace and wood-burning stove segment is maintaining a high level of activity. Sales within the area of fire protection also increased significantly.

The order intake was considerably higher than at the same time last year, which supports the outlook for the year.



#### **FINANCIAL CALENDAR FOR 2007**

Annual general meeting	April 24, 2007
Interim financial report, 1st half 2007	August 23, 2007
Interim financial report, 3rd quarter 2007	November 8, 2007

#### **Management's statement**

The Board of Directors and the Board of Executives have today reviewed and approved the interim financial report for the first quarter of 2007 for Auriga Industries A/S.

The interim report has been presented in accordance with IFRS and other provisions governing the presentation of financial statements by companies listed on the Copenhagen Stock Exchange. In our opinion, the accounting policies applied are expedient, so that the interim report gives a true and fair view of the group's assets and liabilities, financial position and results as well as the cash flows of the group.

The quarterly financial statements have not been audited.

Harboøre, April 24, 2007

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