

# PERGO AB

# FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER AND TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

Trelleborg - February 20, 2007. PERGO AB (publ) ("Pergo" or "the Company") (Nordic Exchange: PERG), a leading international flooring company, today announced its financial results for the fourth quarter and twelve months ended December 31, 2006. Pergo's consolidated accounts have been prepared according to International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the European Union.

# FOURTH QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS

- Net sales of SEK 668 million (SEK 816 million)
- Gross profit of SEK 159 million (SEK 194 million) with gross profit margin of 23.7% (23.7%)
- Operating profit of SEK 28 million (SEK 132 million)
- Net profit of SEK 15 million (SEK 133 million)
- Earnings per share of SEK 0.28 (SEK 2.47)

# **TWELVE MONTHS HIGHLIGHTS**

- Net sales of SEK 2,950 million (SEK 3,015 million)
- Gross profit of SEK 676 million (SEK 725 million) with gross profit margin of 22.9% (24.0%)
- Operating profit of SEK 73 million (SEK 174 million)
- Net profit of SEK 39 million (SEK 166 million)
- Earnings per share of SEK 0.72 (SEK 3.07)

# HIGHLIGHTS AFTER THE END OF THE YEAR

- Formal public cash Offer for all of Pergo's shares by Pfleiderer Sweden AB of SEK 51 per share, which values the Offer at SEK 2,732 million
- Pergo's Board of Directors unanimously recommended the Offer
- Acceptance period for the Offer closes on February 23, 2007

# **OUTLOOK**

• The Board of Directors has reiterated its previously issued full year 2007 guidance for year on year sales growth to be in line with, or exceed, the projected 9-14% laminate flooring industry growth in North America and 2-4% growth in Europe; and for the Company to achieve an 8% operating (EBIT) margin.

Tony Sturrus, President and CEO of Pergo AB, commented: "The final full year sales result came in slightly above the levels indicated at the time of the trading update that we published in the middle of January, while operating profits were slightly lower. The performance of our North American operations during the second half of 2006 was clearly disappointing, while our European operations reported significantly increased margins throughout the year. The fourth quarter results for our North American operations were more adversely affected by the delayed roll-outs and retailer inventory reductions by customers than previously anticipated, and also coincided with softening consumer demand".

"We expect the new product roll-outs by key North American customers to be completed by the end of the first half of 2007 and, therefore, maintain a positive outlook for 2007 and beyond. The investments that we have made to expand our existing key retailer relationships, and to develop new channel and account relationships, position us well to regain sales momentum in 2007."

# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

SEK millions	Oct–Dec 2006	Oct-Dec 2005	Jan–Dec 2006	Jan–Dec 2005
Net sales	668	816	2,950	3,015
North America	360	493	1,802	1,847
Europe	279	292	1,062	1,064
Asia & Other	29	31	86	104
Operating profit (loss)	28	132	73	174
North America	-4	27	26	102
Europe	20	16	93	51
Asia & Other	12	89	-46	21
Net interest & other financial items	-14	-6	-34	-13
Pre-tax profit	14	126	39	161
Net profit (loss)	15	133	39	166
Average number of shares outstanding	53,569,685	53,569,685	53,569,685	53,569,685
Basic earnings per share (SEK)	0.28	2.47	0.72	3.07
Fully diluted earnings per share (SEK)	0.27	2.47	0.71	3.07
Total Assets	1,877	1,869	1,877	1,869

# **OPERATING REVIEW**

Net sales declined by 2.2% year on year to SEK 2,950 million (SEK 3,015 million) for the full year and by 18.2% to SEK 668 million (SEK 816 million) in the fourth quarter. The results for the quarter were significantly and adversely affected by the weakening of most of the Company's local operating currencies against the Swedish Krona reporting currency. Net sales at constant exchange rates were down 1.2% for the year and 10.1% in the quarter. The weaker than anticipated underlying sales performance in North America in the fourth quarter principally reflected customer delays in scheduled new product roll-outs, lower inventory restocking commitments, and softer consumer demand, while the European operations reported essentially unchanged sales year on year.

Gross profits were down year on year in the quarter to SEK 159 million (SEK 194 million) and to SEK 676 million (SEK 725 million) for the full year. The Group consequently reported a flat gross margin of 23.7% (23.7%) in the quarter and a lower margin of 22.9% (24.0%) for the full year. The lower full year margin was primarily a result of lower volumes and increased material costs, which were not fully offset by a SEK 19 million reversal of a write-down of fixed assets.

Operating costs, excluding cost of goods sold, were reduced by 23.7% or SEK 41 million year on year in the quarter, and by 13.6% or SEK 96 million for the full year. These reductions reflected the 2005 restructuring of the European operations and the benefits of major investment programs in North America and Europe in 2005. Pergo had 622 employees at the end of the year, compared to 703 at the end of 2005. Operating costs represented 19.8% (21.2%) of total sales in the fourth quarter and 20.6% (23.4%) for the full year. Pergo reversed SEK 2.2 million (expensed SEK 3.5 million) of costs related to the Global Share Option plan during the quarter, due to a lower than anticipated vesting of options. Total costs for the Global Share Option plan amounted to SEK 8.7 million (SEK 5.1 million) for the full year. The 2005 results only included costs for the plan from September until the end of the year.

Pergo reported an operating profit before non-recurring items of SEK 57 million (SEK 81 million) for the full year. The reported 2006 results included a net gain of SEK 5 million arising from the settlement of the litigation with Witex AG, which comprised a EUR 325,000 payment from Witex and associated reversals of accrued costs and deposits. The full year results also included reversed write downs of fixed assets of SEK 19 million, which were partially offset by the costs for the stock option program of SEK 8 million. The results for 2005 included SEK 93 million of non-comparable items. These items included proceeds from a legal settlement, which were partially offset by restructuring costs and costs for the stock option program.

Pergo therefore reported an operating profit of SEK 28 million (SEK 132 million) in the fourth quarter, and an operating profit of SEK 73 million (SEK 174 million) for the full year. The results were also adversely impacted by SEK -8.6 million (SEK 3 million) and SEK -20.5 million (SEK 19 million) of currency translation effects for the respective periods.

Net interest and other financial items totaled SEK -14 million (SEK -6 million) in the quarter and SEK -34 million (SEK -13 million) for the full year, and reflected the higher average net debt levels year on year in each period. The Company consequently reported pre-tax profits of SEK 14 million (SEK 126 million) in the quarter and SEK 39 million (SEK 161 million) for the full year. Tax charges totaled SEK 1 million (SEK 7 million) in the quarter and SEK 0 (SEK 5 million) for the full year, and Pergo therefore reported a net profit of SEK 15 million (SEK 133 million) in the fourth quarter and a net profit of SEK 39 million (SEK 166 million) for the full year. The Company's earnings per share amounted to SEK 0.28 (SEK 2.47) in the quarter and SEK 0.72 (SEK 3.07) for the full year, on an unchanged total of 53,569,685 issued and outstanding ordinary shares.

#### **North America**

SEK millions	Oct–Dec 2006	Oct-Dec 2005	Jan–Dec 2006	Jan–Dec 2005
Net Sales	360	493	1,802	1,847
Operating profit (EBIT)	-4	27	26	102
Operating profit margin (%)	-	5.5	1.4	5.5
Personnel	249	275	249	275

Net sales for the North American operations accounted for approximately 53.9% (60.4%) of Company sales in the quarter and 61.1% (61.3%) for the full year. Net sales declined by 27.0% year on year in the quarter and by 2.4% for the full year, and were adversely affected by the weakening of the US dollar against the Swedish Krona reporting currency. Local currency net sales were down 16.8% year on year in the quarter, and by 1.1% for the full year. The disappointing performance in the fourth quarter reflected a continuation of the factors that affected the third quarter results, with continued delays in scheduled roll-outs and inventory reductions by certain key home center accounts, as well as a lower number of in-store promotions and softer overall consumer demand.

Pergo entered into a supply agreement with Sam's Club (a division of Wal-Mart) at the end of the year, which will establish Pergo as the sole supplier of laminate flooring and accessories to all 77 Sam's Club stores in Mexico. Pergo is also now conducting a major market test with an expanded flooring program for Sam's Club in the United States.

The gross margin for the North American operations declined year on year to 15.1% (19.6%) in the quarter and to 17.8% (21.3%) for the full year. The decline in the gross margin was due to the effects of the higher energy prices, promotional activities, freight costs and lower production volumes. These effects were mitigated to a certain extent by lower claims levels, personnel costs, and manufacturing process savings as a result of the direct laminate line put in place in 2005.

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Operating costs, excluding the cost of goods sold, were reduced by 17.3% year on year in the quarter and by 0.4% for the full year. The reduction in the quarter was mainly due to currency effects. The year on year cost reduction in local currencies was 5.7% in the quarter. The North American operations therefore reported an operating loss in the quarter and reduced operating profits for the full year, which included SEK -2.6 million and SEK -1.8 million of currency translation effects for the two respective periods. The operating margin for the North American operations therefore decreased year on year to 1.4% (5.5%) for the full year.

#### Europe

SEK millions	Oct–Dec 2006	Oct-Dec 2005	Jan–Dec 2006	Jan-Dec 2005
Net Sales	279	292	1,062	1,064
Operating profit (EBIT)	20	16	93	51
Operating profit margin (%)	7.2	5.4	8.7	4.8
Personnel	315	379	315	379

Net sales for the European operations accounted for approximately 41.8% (35.8%) of Company sales in the quarter and 36.0% (35.3%) for the full year. Net sales were flat year on year for the twelve month period but down 4.5% in the quarter. The net sales development was also flat at constant exchange rates for the full year and down only 0.5% in the quarter. This development reflected the balancing of a better product mix and higher average prices, with lower overall volumes.

The improved gross margin of 32.6% (29.0%) in the quarter and 30.6% (27.7%) for the full year reflected the improved product mix and lower production costs. More cost-efficient purchasing and product and process reengineering also mitigated significant increases in raw material costs over the year.

Operating costs, excluding cost of goods sold, increased by 0.9% year on year in the quarter and were reduced by 12.9% for the full year, which reflected the impact of the 2005 cost reduction program, the ongoing focus on supplier cost management, and the previously announced realignment of the sales organization. These savings on an operating profit level were partially offset by higher raw material costs and lower machinery utilization rates.

Operating profits were up 25.0% year on year in the quarter and up 82.3% for the full year, despite SEK -6.0 million and SEK -19.1 million of currency translation effects for the respective periods. The operating margin for the European operations therefore increased year on year to 7.2% (5.4%) in the quarter and 8.7% (4.8%) for the full year.

SEK millions	Oct–Dec 2006	Oct–Dec 2005	Jan–Dec 2006	Jan-Dec 2005
Net Sales	29	31	86	104
Operating profit (EBIT)	12	89	-46	21
Operating profit margin (%)	-	-	-	-
Personnel	58	49	58	49

Net sales for the China, India, Thailand and Singapore operations declined by 6.4% year on year in the quarter and by 17.3% for the full year. At constant exchange rates, sales were up 5.2% and down -16.5% for the three and twelve month periods, respectively. The year on year sales decline reflected declining volumes in the primary and highly competitive Chinese and Singaporean markets, which were offset to some extent by rising volumes at the franchised distribution operations in India and Thailand.

The Company's increased focus on Asia is characterized by the targeting of higher margin value added market segments, as well as the dedication of increased sales resource to exploit growth opportunities in the region. As announced in January 2007, a 90 day review and evaluation of each of the Asian markets is currently being conducted.

As mentioned above, Pergo successfully settled an arbitration case in the fourth quarter, which had been initiated by the bankrupt estate of Witex AG against Pergo Holding BV in June 2004. The settlement resulted in a cash payment of EUR 325,000 to Pergo, as well as the transfer of the www.pergo.pl and www.pergo.com.pl internet domain names to Pergo. Pergo reported total income of SEK 5.0 million arising from the settlement, which included the cash payment and associated reversals of accrued costs and deposits. The result for the fourth quarter of 2005 included SEK 104 million of income arising from the settlement of various civil litigation suits.

Total operating costs for the combined Asian, IP and Overhead operations were reduced by 87% year on year in the quarter and by 37% for the full year, including the net effect of settlements, restructuring costs, and costs for the stock option program. This underlying improvement primarily reflected the reduction in legal costs as a result of the successful settlement of various outstanding litigations, and the establishment of an inhouse legal department. Corporate overhead costs were also reduced as result of the 2005 restructuring, which offset the continued investments in the Asian operations.

Pergo's intellectual property portfolio comprises almost 500 granted and pending patent applications. Pergo has aggressively protected and defended its intellectual properties over the past few years and remains firmly committed to continue doing so. However, Pergo's strategy is, as a first option, to find a business solution to any intellectual property infringements and seek cooperation and grant licenses, rather than resorting to litigation. As a consequence, nine intellectual property-related litigations have been

successfully settled during the past 18 months. Pergo has also announced since the end of the year that it has entered into a settlement and cooperation agreement with Välinge Innovation AB. The two parties have settled patent disputes relating to glueless flooring products by agreeing to the cross-licensing of the parties' basic patents, as well as a cooperation regarding forward technology development and utilization.

# **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Pergo generated SEK 20 million (SEK 157 million) of cash flow from ongoing operations before changes in working capital in the fourth quarter, and SEK 137 million (SEK 198 million) for the full year. Depreciation charges were flat year on year at SEK 35 million (SEK 36 million) in the quarter and SEK 134 million (SEK 130 million) for the full year. Changes in working capital totaled SEK 66 million (SEK -61 million) in the quarter and SEK -116 million (SEK -69 million) for the full year, and primarily reflected fluctuating inventory levels due to the delayed product roll-outs in North America, and the impact of the SEK 104 million of proceeds from the litigation settlements in 2005 on accounts receivables. Cash flow from ongoing operations amounted to SEK 86 million (SEK 96 million) in the quarter and SEK 21 million (SEK 129 million) for the full year.

Capital expenditure totaled SEK 19 million (SEK 59 million) in the quarter and SEK 122 million (SEK 262 million) for the full year, which was less than the depreciation charges for the corresponding periods. The 2005 expenditure on fixed assets reflected the completion of the laminate bonding line and expansion of the plant in Garner, North Carolina. In 2006 the capital expenditure program focused on productivity and process improvement in the bonding, milling, and packaging operations.

Capital employed at the end of the period amounted to SEK 1,530 million (SEK 1,472 million), and the Company's return on capital employed was 5.0% (14.5%) for the twelve month period. The reduced return on capital employed reflected the lower operating result for the year and lower interest income. Prior year return on capital employed was positively affected by the sizeable legal settlements during the fourth quarter of 2005.

Pergo had net debt (calculated as cash and bank balances less interest bearing liabilities) of SEK 220 million (SEK 228 million) as at December 31, 2006, which compared with a net debt position of SEK 334 million at the end of the third quarter. The improved net debt position in the fourth quarter was largely attributable to the reduced inventory levels in North America. Pergo reported a SEK 107 million positive currency effect for the full year due to the Company holding most of its debt in US dollars over a period when the dollar significantly weakened against the Swedish Krona reporting currency. Cash and bank balances stood at SEK 136 million (SEK 94 million) at the end of the period, and total confirmed credit facilities were unchanged at USD 71.5 million as at December 31, 2006.

The Company's equity to assets ratio, which is defined as consolidated equity as a percentage of total assets, was 62% (61%) as at the end of the reporting period, compared with 57% as at 30 September 2006.

The parent company reported an operating profit of SEK 7 million (SEK -8 million) in the quarter and SEK -27 million (SEK -54 million) for the full year. Net profit for the parent company amounted to SEK 11 million (SEK 55 million) and SEK 4 million (SEK 38 million) for the two respective periods.

# **OTHER INFORMATION**

#### 2007 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders

The Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held on April 27, 2007 in Malmo, Sweden. The Board of Directors will propose to the Annual General Meeting that no dividend is paid for the twelve months ended December 31, 2006 and that the Company's retained earnings for the year ended December 31, 2006 be carried forward into the Company's accounts for 2007.

# Public Offer by Pfleiderer Sweden AG

MDAX-listed Pfleiderer AG announced a formal public cash Offer for Pergo AB's issued and outstanding share capital on January 15, 2007 through its indirectly wholly owned subsidiary, Pfleiderer Sweden AB. The offer price of SEK 51 in cash per Pergo share values the Company at SEK 2,732 million. Pergo's Board of Directors simultaneously announced that it was unanimously recommending the offer, and that Laxey Partners Ltd, M2 Capital Management LP, and Nove Capital Fund, which together represented 41.9% of Pergo's share capital and voting rights, had irrevocably and unconditionally committed to tender their shares to Pfleiderer. In addition, Nordea Fonder, representing 6.9% of the share capital and voting rights, had also communicated that it supported the Offer. Pfleiderer distributed the formal Offer documentation to Pergo shareholders on January 23, 2007, and the offer period runs until February 23, 2007. Pfleiderer has announced that it owned or had received commitments to tender a total of 31,154,842 Pergo AB shares as at February 7, 2007, which represents 58.2% of Pergo's share capital and voting rights. Furthermore, Pfleiderer has announced that the Swedish Competition Authorities, the German Anti-Trust Office, and the US Federal Trade Commission (FTC) have all now announced their approval of the transaction.

The Offer was announced after the end of the period so no costs for the transaction are included in the Company's 2006 accounts. Total transaction costs for Pergo in relation to the completion of the Offer, excluding social security charges, have been estimated to amount to approximately SEK 74 million. These costs include, but are not limited to, change of control agreements for 16 key employees, as well as advisor costs. The total costs, excluding social security charges, associated with the change of control agreements, are payable within 30 days of a change of control and total approximately SEK 61 million. SEK 24 million of that amount is payable to the Company's CEO and SEK 32 million is payable to the other four members of the Company's Management

team. The Company also has retention bonus agreements with 11 key employees, which are payable in installments within 12 months of a change of control, provided that the employees remain in the employment of the Company. The retention bonuses are equivalent in value to between 2 and 24 months' salary and, excluding social security charges, would amount to approximately SEK 24 million. The CEO is entitled to a retention bonus equivalent to 24 months' salary. The projected cost to the Company for the redemption of options granted pursuant to the Annual General Meeting of shareholders on April 18, 2005 would not exceed SEK 52 million before social security charges, should all employees choose the cash settlement option.

For further information regarding the Offer and transaction costs, please refer to the press release issued by Pergo on January 15, 2007.

#### Accounting principles

Pergo's consolidated accounts have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), which were adopted with effect from January 1, 2005. This interim report has been prepared according to IAS 34 - 'Interim Financial Reporting' and the Swedish Annual Accounts Act. The Group's consolidated accounts have been prepared according to the same accounting principles that were applied in the preparation of the 2005 accounts. This interim report has not been subject to review by the Company's auditors.

#### Date of next report

Pergo's financial results for the first quarter and three months ended March 31, 2007 will be published on April 27, 2007.

Trelleborg, February 20, 2007

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Pergo is a leading international flooring company with established market positions in Europe and the USA. Pergo generated net sales of approximately SEK 3 billion in 2006 and employs over 600 people. Pergo developed laminate flooring at the end of the 1970s and launched its product in Europe during the 1980s. The Company began selling its products in the US in 1994, in Asia in 1995, and in Latin America in 1997. The Company's products have been marketed under the PERGO® brand since 1989 and under the SimpleSolutions brand since 2005.

The Company's shares are listed in the Mid Cap Industrials sector of the Nordic Stock Exchange under the symbol 'PERG'.

# CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

SEK millions	Oct-Dec 2006	Oct-Dec 2005	Jan-Dec 2006	Jan-Dec 2005
Net sales	668	816	2,950	3,015
Cost of goods sold	-509	-622	-2,274	-2,290
Gross profit	159	194	676	725
Selling, administrative				
and R&D costs	-132	-173	-609	-705
Other operating				
income and costs	1	111	6	154
Operating profit	28	132	73	174
Net financial items	-14	-6	-34	-13
Profit after financial				
items	14	126	39	161
Tax	1	7	0	5
Net profit for the				
period	15	133	39	166
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Depreciation	-35	-36	-134	-130
Minority share in net		0		
profit	0	0	0	-1
Earnings per share	0.00	0.47	0.72	2.07
(SEK)	0.28	2.47	0.72	3.07
Fully diluted earnings	0.07	0.47	0.71	2.07
per share (SEK)	0.27	2.47	0.71	3.07
Average number of	52 5 60 605	52 560 605	52 560 605	52 5 60 605
shares outstanding	53,569,685	53,569,685	53,569,685	53,569,685

# CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

SEK millions	Dec 31, 2006	Dec 31, 2005
Intangible fixed assets	0	2
Tangible fixed assets	756	812
Financial fixed assets	97	155
Inventories	339	314
Current Receivables	549	492
Cash and bank balances	136	94
Total assets	1,877	1,869
Shareholders' equity	1,173	1,148
Provisions <sup>1</sup>	6	26
Long-term liabilities	356	322
Current liabilities	342	373
Total shareholders' equity and liabilities	1,877	1,869

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Provisions relating to restructuring reserves, which amounted to SEK 26 million at the end of 2005, have been reduced by SEK 20 million. Provisions increased by SEK 3 million during the period. This provision has been fully utilized during the period. All of the remaining provisions are expected to be utilized during 2007.

SEK millions	Oct-Dec 2006	Oct-Dec 2005	Jan-Dec 2006	Jan-Dec 2005
Ongoing operations			_	
Profit after financial items	14	126	39	161
Adjustment for items not included in cash flow				
- Depreciation	35	36	134	130
- Provisions	-1	6	-20	-57
- Reversed write-down of				
fixed assets	-19	-22	-19	-22
- Gain on sale of fixed assets	-1	0	-1	-15
- Loss on sale of subsidiaries	0	-	1	-
- Stock option program costs	-2	4	8	5
Tax paid	-6	7	-5	-4
Cash flow from ongoing operations				100
before changes in working capital	20	157	137	198
Cash flow from changes in working				
capital				
Change in inventories	98	47	-54	137
Change in receivables <sup>2</sup>	41	7	-45	-129
Change in liabilities	-73	-115	-17	-77
Cash flow from ongoing operations	86	96	21	129
Investment operations				
Acquisition of tangible assets	-19	-59	-122	-262
Sale of tangible fixed assets	1	0	1	15
Proceeds from sale of subsidiaries	0	-	1	-
Cash flow from investment operations	-18	-59	-120	-247
Financing operations				
Amortization	-32	-22	-32	-22
Loans raised	0	0	181	127
Cash flow from financing operations	-32	-22	149	105
Cash flow during the period	36	15	50	-13
Cash and bank balances at beginning of				
period	105	74	94	92
Exchange rate differences in liquid assets	-5	5	-8	15
Cash and bank balances at end of period	136	94	136	94

# CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

 $^{2}$  SEK – 104 million of changes in current receivables in 2005 are due to the settlement of civil litigation matters.

# SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

SEK millions	D	ecember 200	)6			Jan-Dec 2005
	Attribu	table to equi of the pare	·	Minority interest	Total equity	Total equity
	Share capital	Other reserves	Retained earnings			
Operating Balance	536	369	239	4	1,148	985
Translation differences		-45	23		-22	-8
Net profit for the period			39		39	166
Share-based payments <sup>3</sup>			8		8	5
Closing balance	536	324	309	4	1,173	1,148

 $^{3}$  In accordance with IFRS2 regarding share-based payments, costs for the stock option program of SEK 8.7 million (SEK 5.1 million) fully impacted the operating profit but only impacted equity by SEK -0.5 million (SEK -0.3 million).

# KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

SEK millions unless indicated	Oct-Dec 2006	Oct-Dec 2005	Jan-Dec 2006	Jan-Dec 2005
Sales growth (%)	-18.2	19.7	-2.2	8.5
Gross margin (%) Operating margin (%)	23.7 4.2	23.7 16.2	22.9 2.5	24.0 5.8
Return on capital employed (%) Return on equity (%)		-	5.0 3.3	14.5 16.3
Capital employed at the end of the period Average capital	1,530	1,472	1.530	1,472
employed during the period Net debt <sup>4</sup> Net debt to equity ratio	1,569 220	1,392 228	1.543 220	1,264 228
(%) Interest cover	18.8 2.0	20.0 14.5	18,8 2.0	20.0 7.9
Equity to assets ratio (%)	62	61	62	61
<b>Per share data</b> Average number of shares outstanding Fully diluted average number of shares	53,569,685	53,569,685	53,569,685	53,569,685
outstanding	54,339,496	53,569,685	54,352,095	53,569,685
Earnings per share (SEK)	0.28	2.47	0.72	3.07
Fully diluted earnings per share (SEK) Average number of	0.27	2.47	0.71	3.07
shares outstanding at the end of the period (total) Equity per share (SEK) Share price at the end of	53,569,685 21.89	53,569,685 21.44	53,569,685 21.89	53,569,685 21.44
the period (SEK)	43.30	44.00	43.30	44.00
Share price to equity per share ratio (%)	196	205	196	205

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Liquid funds less utilized credit facilities.