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## **Half-Year Report January – June 2009**

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### **Second quarter of 2009 – Favourable earnings and margins with low volumes in a continued weak market**

- Net sales declined by 28 percent to 607 MSEK (846)
- Operating profit amounted to 54 MSEK (88)
- Profit after tax amounted to 32 MSEK (54)
- Earnings per share amounted to 1.20 SEK (2.04)
- Operating cash flow was strong and totalled 174 MSEK (46)

### **First half of 2009 – Lower volumes and major cost adjustments in a weak market**

- Net sales declined by 26 percent to 1,254 MSEK (1,698)
- Operating profit, excluding items affecting comparability, amounted to 100 MSEK (171). Including these items, profit amounted to 2 MSEK (171)
- Result after tax amounted to a loss of 23 MSEK (profit: 104)
- Earnings per share, excluding items affecting comparability, amounted to 2.18 SEK (3.92). Including these items, earnings per share amounted to a loss of 0.87 SEK (profit: 3.92)
- Operating cash flow totalled 207 MSEK (137) excluding items affecting comparability
- Restructuring costs amounted to 98 MSEK, recognized in the first quarter

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## President's comments

“As expected, the second quarter was also very challenging, with continued weak demand. We continued to respond quickly and forcefully in adapting our costs to the new market situation with significantly lower volumes. Although sales declined by 28 percent, operating profit nonetheless developed positively and amounted to 54 MSEK with an operating margin of 8.9 percent. In addition, operating cash flow was strong and totalled 174 MSEK.

Overall, the first half of the year showed sharply reduced demand. Sales declined by 26 percent and operating profit amounted to 100 MSEK with an operating margin of 8.0 percent (excluding items affecting comparability). The restructuring project, which primarily comprises closure of our compounding plant in Canada, is proceeding favourably. At the same time, we are working actively to improve our market positions under very uncertain market conditions.”

Georg Brunstam, President and CEO

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Presentation of the report will take place via telephone conference at 13:00 on 23 July 2009.

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