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## A strong start of the year for ASSA ABLOY

- Sales increased by 24% in the quarter, with 5% organic growth, and totaled SEK 15,252 M (12,305).
- Strong growth in Americas, Global Technologies and Entrance Systems and good growth in EMEA.
- Negative growth in Asia Pacific.
- Two acquisitions made during the quarter, with expected annual sales totaling about SEK 340 M.
- Operating income (EBIT) amounted to SEK 2,329 M (1,857). The operating margin was 15.3% (15.1).
- Net income amounted to SEK 1,616 M (1,264).
- Earnings per share increased by 28% and amounted to SEK 4.36 (3.41).
- Cash flow was normal for the season and amounted to SEK 520 M (557).

#### **SALES AND INCOME**

	Full yea	r	First quarter			
2013	2014	Change	2014	2015	Change	
48,481	56,843	+17%	12,305	15,252	+24%	
		+3%			+5%	
		+9%			+3%	
-1,156	+2,138	+5%	+109	+1,892	+16%	
7,923 <sup>1)</sup>	9,257	+17% <sup>1)</sup>	1,857	2,329	+25%	
$16.3^{1)}$	16.3		15.1	15.3		
7,381 <sup>1)</sup>	8,698	+18%1)	1,709	2,184	+28%	
5,496 <sup>2)</sup>	6,436	+17%2)	1,264	1,616	+28%	
6,803	8,238	+21%	557	520	-7%	
14.84 <sup>2)</sup>	17.38	+17% <sup>2)</sup>	3.41	4.36	+28%	
	<b>2013 48,481</b> -1,156 <b>7,923</b> 16.3 <sup>1)</sup> 7,381 <sup>1)</sup> 5,496 <sup>2)</sup>	<b>2013 2014 48,481 56,843</b> -1,156 +2,138 <b>7,923¹¹ 9,257</b> 16.3¹¹ 16.3 7,381¹¹ 8,698 5,496²¹ 6,436 6,803 8,238	48,481     56,843     +17%       +3% +9%       -1,156     +2,138     +5%       7,923¹¹)     9,257     +17%¹¹)       16.3¹¹     16.3     16.3       7,381¹¹     8,698     +18%¹¹)       5,496²¹     6,436     +17%²¹       6,803     8,238     +21%	2013         2014         Change         2014           48,481         56,843         +17%         12,305           +3% +9%         +9%           -1,156         +2,138         +5%         +109           7,923¹¹)         9,257         +17%¹¹)         1,857           16.3¹¹         16.3         15.1           7,381¹¹         8,698         +18%¹¹         1,709           5,496²¹         6,436         +17%²¹         1,264           6,803         8,238         +21%         557	2013         2014         Change         2014         2015           48,481         56,843         +17%         12,305         15,252           +3%         +9%         +109         +1,892           -1,156         +2,138         +5%         +109         +1,892           7,923¹¹)         9,257         +17%¹¹)         1,857         2,329           16.3¹¹)         16.3         15.1         15.3           7,381¹¹)         8,698         +18%¹¹)         1,709         2,184           5,496²¹)         6,436         +17%²¹)         1,264         1,616           6,803         8,238         +21%         557         520	

- 1) Items affecting comparability in 2013 amounting to SEK -1,000 M for the full year have been excluded.
- $2) \ \ \text{Items affecting comparability in 2013 amounting to SEK -721 M after tax for the full year have been excluded.}$

#### **COMMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT AND CEO**

"The first quarter was very positive for ASSA ABLOY, with an increase in sales of 24% and an improvement in operating income of a full 25%," says Johan Molin, President and CEO. "It was pleasing to see that growth in North and South America, and in the Emerging Markets apart from China, continued at a high level.

"Organic growth during the quarter was 5%, driven by a very strong performance in the USA. The Americas, Global Technologies and Entrance Systems divisions all showed strong growth, while EMEA maintained its stable but relatively low growth of 2%. All regions in Asia Pacific produced strong growth except China. The weak market in China, in combination with our introduction of a strict credit policy, meant that sales there fell back significantly.

"New products, and especially electromechanical products, make up a steadily increasing share of our sales. This is an exciting trend, with more and more customers choosing solutions that link their locks to the Internet. Over a short period ASSA ABLOY has developed a leading position in digital door locks and access control with great potential for the future in both the residential and the commercial segments.

"During the quarter the strategic acquisition of Quantum Secure was carried out. Quantum Secure gives ASSA ABLOY the ability to offer its customers a total solution for managing identity and access in security-intensive environments such as airports and other public places. The Chilean company ODIS was also acquired. The acquisitions represent 0.6% in added sales.

"Operating income continued to strengthen in a very satisfactory manner this quarter, with a rise of a full 25%. The main contributory factors were our organic growth, good improvements in efficiency and positive exchange-rate effects.

"My judgment is that the global economic trend remains weak. Although America is showing a positive trend, Europe and many of the Emerging Markets are stagnating. However, our strategy of expanding on the Emerging Markets remains unchanged, since in the long term they are expected to achieve very good economic growth. We are also continuing our investments in new products, especially in the growth area of electromechanics."

## **FIRST QUARTER**

The Group's sales totaled SEK 15,252 M (12,305). Organic growth for comparable units was 5% (4). Acquired units contributed 3% (8). Exchange-rate effects had a positive impact of SEK 1,892 M (109) on sales, equivalent to 16% (1). Operating income before depreciation, EBITDA, amounted to SEK 2,659 M (2,135). The corresponding EBITDA margin was 17.4% (17.3). The Group's operating income, EBIT, amounted to SEK 2,329 M (1,857). The operating margin was 15.3% (15.1).

Net financial items amounted to SEK -145 M (-148). The Group's income before tax was SEK 2,184 M (1,709), an improvement of 28% compared with the previous year. Exchange-rate effects had a positive impact of SEK 226 M (13) on income before tax. The profit margin was 14.3% (13.9). The underlying estimated effective tax rate on an annual basis was 26% (26). Earnings per share amounted to SEK 4.36 (3.41).

#### **RESTRUCTURING MEASURES**

Payments related to all existing restructuring programs amounted to SEK 90 M in the quarter. The restructuring programs proceeded according to plan and led to a reduction in personnel of 206 people during the quarter and 9,620 people since the projects began.

At the end of the quarter provisions of SEK 845 M remained in the balance sheet for carrying out the programs.

#### **COMMENTS BY DIVISION**

#### **EMEA**

Sales for the quarter in EMEA division totaled SEK 3,944 M (3,511), with organic growth of 3% (5). The markets in Scandinavia, Finland, eastern Europe and Africa showed strong growth. Great Britain and Spain had good growth while sales were stable in Germany and Israel. Sales growth was negative in Benelux, France and Italy. Acquired growth amounted to 2% (3). Operating income totaled SEK 626 M (565), which represented an operating margin (EBIT) of 15.9% (16.1). Return on capital employed amounted to 19.1% (19.8). Operating cash flow before interest paid totaled SEK 217 M (261).

#### **AMERICAS**

Sales for the quarter in Americas division totaled SEK 3,664 M (2,673), with organic growth of 8% (2). The sales trends for traditional lock products, the door segment, electromechanical products, the private residential market, Mexico and South America were strong. High-security products and Canada showed a stable trend. Acquired growth amounted to 2% (12). Operating income totaled SEK 772 M (563) and the operating margin (EBIT) was 21.1% (21.1). Return on capital employed amounted to 22.1% (20.9). Operating cash flow before interest paid totaled SEK 156 M (116).

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#### **ASIA PACIFIC**

Sales for the quarter in Asia Pacific division totaled SEK 1,847 M (1,420), with organic growth of -3% (3). Australia, South-East Asia and South Korea showed strong growth. New Zealand showed good growth. China showed a strong negative trend due to weak domestic demand and ASSA ABLOY's introduction of a strict credit policy in China. Acquired growth amounted to 10% (3). Operating income totaled SEK 189 M (151), representing an operating margin (EBIT) of 10.2% (10.6). The quarter's return on capital employed amounted to 7.1% (7.7). Operating cash flow before interest paid totaled SEK -212 M (-138).

#### **GLOBAL TECHNOLOGIES**

Sales for the quarter in Global Technologies division totaled SEK 2,071 M (1,519), with organic growth of 12% (3). At HID Global, Government ID, Identification technology (IDT) and project sales had strong growth. Access control and logical access (IAM) showed good growth. Hospitality showed very strong growth, driven by innovative new products. Acquired growth amounted to 2% (2). The division's operating income amounted to SEK 360 M (260), with an operating margin (EBIT) of 17.4% (17.1). Return on capital employed amounted to 16.3% (15.7). Operating cash flow before interest paid totaled SEK 130 M (67).

## **ENTRANCE SYSTEMS**

Sales for the quarter in Entrance Systems division totaled SEK 4,041 M (3,405), with organic growth of 5% (4). Growth was strong for the division's American operations and in the segments of door automation, door components and high-speed doors. European industrial doors were stable, while doors for the private residential market in Europe and Ditec showed negative growth. Acquired growth amounted to 0% (17). Operating income totaled SEK 486 M (394), with an operating margin (EBIT) of 12.0% (11.6). Return on capital employed was 11.6% (10.4). Operating cash flow before interest paid totaled SEK 462 M (403).

## **ACQUISITIONS AND DIVESTMENTS**

A total of two acquisitions were consolidated during the quarter. The combined acquisition price for the two acquired companies amounted to SEK 1,465 M, and preliminary acquisition analyses indicate that goodwill and other intangible assets with indefinite useful life amount to SEK 1,427 M. The acquisition price is adjusted for acquired net debt and estimated earn-outs. Estimated earn-outs amount to SEK 727 M.

On 25 February it was announced that ASSA ABLOY had signed a contract to acquire the Swiss company MSL. MSL is a leading Swiss manufacturer of innovative locks. The company has 106 employees and its 2015 sales are expected to amount to SEK 180 M.

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On 28 April it was announced that ASSA ABLOY had signed a contract to acquire the Malaysian company Teamware, the market leader in locks and hardware in the Malaysian market. The company has 120 employees and its 2015 sales are expected to amount to SEK 240 M.

#### SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

ASSA ABLOY's Sustainability Report for 2014 was published on 27 March 2015. The Report showed that the majority of the key indicators are continuing to move in a positive direction. The areas of health and safety and of energy and water consumption showed particularly strong improvements compared with previous years.

The number of units certified in accordance with ISO 14001 and equivalent environmental certification systems increased during the year to 108 (101). 812 sustainability reviews were carried out in low-cost countries during 2014. By the end of the year 1,053 active suppliers had achieved minimum requirements in the areas of sustainability and quality and were classed as Approved. The number of reporting units in the sustainability reporting increased to 331 (327).

## **PARENT COMPANY**

Other operating income for the Parent company ASSA ABLOY AB totaled SEK 244 M (299) for the first quarter. Income before tax amounted to SEK -300 M (-119). Investments in tangible and intangible assets totaled SEK 2 M (0). Liquidity is good and the equity ratio was 44.1% (42.1).

## **ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES**

ASSA ABLOY applies International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as endorsed by the European Union. Significant accounting and valuation principles are detailed on pages 90-95 of the 2014 Annual Report.

This Interim Report was prepared in accordance with IAS 34 'Interim Financial Reporting' and the Annual Accounts Act. The Interim Report for the Parent company was prepared in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act and RFR 2 'Reporting by a Legal Entity'.

### TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

No transactions that significantly affected the company's position and income have taken place between ASSA ABLOY and related parties.

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#### **RISKS AND UNCERTAINTY FACTORS**

As an international Group with a wide geographic spread, ASSA ABLOY is exposed to a number of business and financial risks. The business risks can be divided into strategic, operational and legal risks. The financial risks are related to such factors as exchange rates, interest rates, liquidity, the giving of credit, raw materials and financial instruments. Risk management in ASSA ABLOY aims to identify, control and reduce risks. This work begins with an assessment of the probability of risks occurring and their potential effect on the Group. For a more detailed description of risks and risk management, see the 2014 Annual Report.

#### **REVIEW**

The Company's Auditors have not carried out any review of the Report for the first quarter of 2015.

#### **OUTLOOK\***

#### Long-term outlook

Long term, ASSA ABLOY expects an increase in security-driven demand. Focus on end-user value and innovation as well as leverage on ASSA ABLOY's strong position will accelerate growth and increase profitability.

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\* Outlook published on 5 February 2015:

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Stockholm, 28 April 2015

Johan Molin

President and CEO

#### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Interim Report for the second quarter will be published on 17 July 2015.

The Interim Report for the third quarter will be published on 20 October 2015.

A capital markets day will be held on 18 November 2015 in Stockholm.

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM:**

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ASSA ABLOY is holding an **analysts' meeting at 10.00 today** at Operaterrassen in Stockholm.

The analysts' meeting can also be followed on the Internet at www.assaabloy.com.

It is possible to submit questions by telephone on:

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This information is that which ASSA ABLOY is required to disclose under the Swedish Securities Exchange and Clearing Operations Act and/or the Swedish Financial Instruments Trading Act.

The information is released for publication at 08.00 on 28 April.

#### **FINANCIAL INFORMATION - GROUP**

#### CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT			
SEK M	Jan-Dec 2014	Jan-Mar 2014	
Sales	56,843		
Cost of goods sold	-34,921		
Gross income	21,922		
Selling, administrative and RnD costs	-12,797	-2,952	-3,664
Share of earnings in associates	132		
Operating income	9,257	1,857	2,329
Financial items	-559		
Income before tax	8,698	1,709	2,184
Tax on income	-2,261	-444	
Net income	6,436	1,264	1,616
Net income attributable to:			
Parent company's shareholders	6,436	1,264	1,616
Non-controlling interest	0	0	0
Earnings per share			
before dilution, SEK	17.38	3.41	4.36
after dilution, SEK	17.38	3.41	4.36
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME			
	Jan-Dec	Jan-Mar	Jan-Mar
SEK M	2014	2014	2015
Net income	6,436	1,264	1,616
Other comprehensive income:			
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss			
Actuarial gain/loss on post-employment benefit obligations, net after tax  Total	-543		
Total	-543	-67	-111
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss			. 1
Share of other comprehensive income of associates	105		8
Net investment and cashflow hedges	-376		
Exchange rate differences  Total	3,810 <b>3,539</b>		
iotai	3,339	-190	1,900
Total comprehensive income	9,433	1,001	3,493
Total comprehensive income attributable to:			
Parent company's shareholders	9,432	1,001	3,493

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Non-controlling interest

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#### **FINANCIAL INFORMATION - GROUP**

#### **CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET**

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET	31 Dec	31 Mar	31 Mar
ASSETS	2014	2014	2015
Non-current assets	47.056	20, 200	F1 217
Intangible assets	47,056	39,380	51,317
Tangible assets Investments in associates	7,712	6,491	8,100
	1,861	1,696	1,890
Other financial assets	76	74	75
Deferred tax assets	1,555	1,657	1,634
Total non-current assets	58,260	49,298	63,015
Current assets			
Inventories	7,845	6,901	8,775
Trade receivables	10,595	8,699	11,399
Other current receivables and investments	2,630	2,294	3,154
Cash and cash equivalents	667	498	515
Total current assets	21,738	18,392	23,844
TOTAL ASSETS	79,998	67,690	86,859
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EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Equity	36,006	20.766	20 512
Parent company's shareholders	36,096	29,766	39,513
Non-controlling interest	2	0	20 545
Total equity	36,098	29,766	39,515
Non-current liabilities			
Long-term loans	15,362	14,627	16,497
Deferred tax liabilities	1,462	1,360	1,578
Other non-current liabilities and provisions	7,693	5,349	8,775
Total non-current liabilities	24,517	21,336	26,849
Current liabilities			
Short-term loans	4,636	5,202	5,752
Trade payables	5,699	4,075	5,517
Other current liabilities and provisions	9,047	7,311	9,225
Total current liabilities	19,383	16,587	20,494
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	79,998	67,690	86,859
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CHANGES IN CONSOLIDATED EQUITY	Equity att		
-	Parent	Non-	
	company's	controlling	Total
SEK M	shareholders	interest	equity
Opening balance 1 January 2014	28,812	0	28,813
Net income	1,264	0	1,264
Other comprehensive income	-263	0	-263
Total comprehensive income	1,001	0	1,001
Stock purchase plans	-48	-	-48
Total transactions with parent company's shareholders	-48	0	-48
Closing balance 31 March 2014	29,766	0	29,766

36,096	2	36,098
1,616	0	1,616
1,877	0	1,877
3,493	0	3,493
-76	-	-76
-76	0	-76
39,513	2	39,515
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#### **FINANCIAL INFORMATION - GROUP**

#### CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	Jan-Dec	Jan-Mar	Jan-Mar
SEK M	2014	2014	2015
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Operating income	9,257	1,857	2,329
Depreciation and amortization	1,163	278	331
Restructuring payments	-453	-87	-90
Other non-cash items	-150	8	-2
Cash flow before interest and tax	9,816	2,055	2,567
Interest paid and received	-457	-52	-71
Tax paid on income	-2,376	-1,005	-711
Cash flow before changes in working capital	6,983	998	1,785
Changes in working capital	-303	-1,268	-1,722
Cash flow from operating activities	6,679	-270	63
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Net investments in tangible and intangible assets	-1,271	-266	-344
Investments in subsidiaries	-2,454	-952	-978
Investments in associates	-1	-	-
Disposals of subsidiaries	201	180	-
Other investments and disposals	0	-	-
Cash flow from investing activities	-3,524	-1,037	-1,322
FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Dividends	-2,110	_	_
Net cash effect of changes in borrowings	-798	1,450	1,071
Cash flow from financing activities	-2,908	1,450	1,071
CASH FLOW	247	143	-188
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS			
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	362	362	667
Cash flow	247	143	-188
Effect of exchange rate differences	58	-6	36
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	667	498	515
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KEY RATIOS	Jan-Dec	Jan-Mar	Jan-Mar
	2014	2014	2015
Return on capital employed, %	16.9	14.4	14.9
Return on shareholders' equity, %	19.8	17.3	17.1
Equity ratio, %	45.1	44.0	45.5
Interest coverage ratio, times	17.4	14.4	15.7
Total number of shares at the end of period, thousands	370,859	370,859	370,859
Number of shares outstanding at the end of period, thousands	370,259	370,259	370,259
Weighted average number of outstanding shares, thousands	370,259	370,259	370,259
Weighted average number of outstanding shares after dilution, thousands	370,259	370,259	370,259
Average number of employees	44,269	43,735	45,199

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#### **FINANCIAL INFORMATION - PARENT COMPANY**

#### **INCOME STATEMENT**

	Jan-Dec	Jan-Mar	Jan-Mar
SEK M	2014	2014	2015
Operating income	1,298	-114	-232
Income before tax	5,553	-119	-300
Net income	5,201	-119	-291

#### **BALANCE SHEET**

	31 Dec	31 Mar	31 Mar
SEK M	2014	2014	2015
Non-current assets	35,684	33,894	35,596
Current assets	7,561	6,943	8,008
Total assets	43,245	40,837	43,604
Equity	20,044	17,199	19,691
Provisions	0	6	0
Non-current liabilities	7,659	7,248	8,318
Current liabilities	15,542	16,384	15,594
Total equity and liabilities	43,245	40,837	43,604

### **QUARTERLY INFORMATION - GROUP**

THE GROUP IN SUMMARY

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Jan-Dec	Q1	Last 12
2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2015	months
12,305	13,964	14,727	15,847	56,843	15,252	59,790
4%	2%	4%	3%	3%	5%	
4,791	5,368	5,689	6,074	21,922	5,969	23,100
38.9%	38.4%	38.6%	38.3%	38.6%	39.1%	38.6%
2,135	2,504	2,791	2,990	10,419	2,659	10,944
17.3%	17.9%	19.0%	18.9%	18.3%	17.4%	18.3%
-278	-285	-292	-309	-1,163	-331	-1,216
•	•	•	,	•	•	9,728
15.1%	15.9%	17.0%	16.9%	16.3%	15.3%	16.3%
1,857	2,219	2,499	2,681	9,257	2,329	9,728
15.1%	15.9%	17.0%	16.9%	16.3%	15.3%	16.3%
-148	-146	-136	-129	-559	-145	-556
1,709	2,073	2,364	2,552	8,698	2,184	9,173
13.9%	14.8%	16.0%	16.1%	15.3%	14.3%	15.3%
-444	-539	-614	-664	-2,261	-568	-2,385
1,264	1,534	1,749	1,889	6,436	1,616	6,788
1,264	1,534	1,749	1,889	6,436	1,616	6,787
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### **OPERATING CASH FLOW**

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4 J	lan-Dec	Q1	Last 12
SEK M	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2015	months
Operating income (EBIT)	1,857	2,219	2,499	2,681	9,257	2,329	9,728
Depreciation and amortization	278	285	292	309	1,163	331	1,216
Net capital expenditure	-266	-272	-388	-345	-1,271	-344	-1,349
Change in working capital	-1,268	-6	-93	1,064	-303	-1,722	-758
Interest paid and received	-52	-201	-101	-103	-457	-71	-475
Non-cash items	8	-61	39	-136	-150	-2	-160
Operating cash flow 4)	557	1,963	2,249	3,469	8,238	520	8,201
Operating cash flow/Income before tax 4)	0.33	0.95	0.95	1.36	0.95	0.24	0.89

### **QUARTERLY INFORMATION - GROUP**

#### THE GROUP IN SUMMARY

CHAP	NGE	IN	NET	DEBT

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Jan-Dec	Q1
SEK M	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2015
Net debt at beginning of period	19,595	21,375	23,072	22,348	19,595	22,327
Operating cash flow	-557	-1,963	-2,249	-3,469	-8,238	-520
Restructuring payments	87	140	107	119	453	90
Tax paid	1,005	409	437	525	2,376	711
Acquistions and disposals	952	180	109	1,213	2,454	978
Dividend	-	2,110	-	-	2,110	-
Actuarial gain/loss on post-employment benefit obligations	97	71	73	455	695	206
Exchange rate differences and other	195	750	799	1,136	2,880	1,392
Net debt at end of period	21,375	23,072	22,348	22,327	22,327	25,184
Net debt/Equity ratio	0.72	0.76	0.68	0.62	0.62	0.64

### **NET DEBT**

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
SEK M	2014	2014	2014	2014	2015
Non-current interest-bearing receivables	-26	-28	-30	-28	-31
Short-term interest-bearing investments including derivatives	-148	-153	-247	-174	-263
Cash and cash equivalents	-498	-615	-809	-667	-515
Pension provisions	2,110	2,242	2,400	2,946	3,260
Other non-current interest-bearing liabilities	14,627	14,209	14,272	15,362	16,497
Current interest-bearing liabilities including derivatives	5,311	7,415	6,762	4,887	6,235
Total	21,375	23.072	22,348	22,327	25.184

### **CAPITAL EMPLOYED AND FINANCING**

	ŲΤ	٧z	Q3	Ų4	ŲΤ
SEK M	2014	2014	2014	2014	2015
Capital employed	51,141	53,282	55,359	58,425	64,699
- of which goodwill	32,930	34,052	35,423	39,778	43,092
- of which other intangible and tangible assets	12,941	13,383	14,055	14,990	16,324
- of which investments in associates	1,696	1,805	1,790	1,861	1,890
Net debt	21,375	23,072	22,348	22,327	25,184
Non-controlling interest	0	0	0	2	2
Shareholders' equity	29,766	30,210	33,010	36,096	39,513

#### **DATA PER SHARE**

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4 J	Q1	
SEK	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2015
Earnings per share after tax and before dilution	3.41	4.14	4.72	5.10	17.38	4.36
Earnings per share after tax and dilution	3.41	4.14	4.72	5.10	17.38	4.36
Shareholders' equity per share after dilution	80.39	81.59	89.15	97.49	97.49	106.72

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#### **RESULTS BY DIVISION**

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	E	MEA		nericas	Asia I	Pacific	Techno	logies	Entra	ance	Oth		То	
SEK M	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
Sales, external	3,458	3,872	2,660	3,644	1,297	1,670	1,505	2,054	3,385	4,012	0	0	12,305 <sup>1)</sup>	15,252 <sup>1)</sup>
Sales, internal	52	72	13	20	123	176	14	17	20	30	-222	-315	-	-
Sales	3,511	3,944	2,673	3,664	1,420	1,847	1,519	2,071	3,405	4,041	-222	-315	12,305	15,252
Organic growth 2)	5%	3%	2%	8%	3%	-3%	3%	12%	4%	5%			4%	5%
Operating income (EBIT)	565	626	563	772	151	189	260	360	394	486	-76	-103	1,857	2,329
Operating margin (EBIT)	16.1%	15.9%	21.1%	21.1%	10.6%	10.2%	17.1%	17.4%	11.6%	12.0%			15.1%	15.3%
Capital employed	10.889	12.790	11,054	14.708	7,951	11.305	6,878	9,942	14,535	16,402	-166	-448	51,141	64,699
- of which goodwill	6,655	7,356	7,259	9,829	4,789	8,266	5,096	7,907	9.131	9,735	-		32,930	43,092
- of which other intangible and	0,055	7,550	7,233	3,023	1,703	0,200	3,030	7,507	3,131	3,733			32,330	13,032
tangible assets	2,755	3.087	2,372	3,229	2,556	3,980	1,357	1,901	3,826	4,039	75	89	12,941	16,324
- of which investments in associates	8	8	-,	-	383	459	-,	-,	1,305	1,422	-	-	1,696	1,890
Return on capital employed	19.8%	19.1%	20.9%	22.1%	7.7%	7.1%	15.7%	16.3%	10.4%	11.6%			14.4%	14.9%
Operating income (EBIT)	565	626	563	772	151	189	260	360	394	486	-76	-103	1.857	2,329
Depreciation and amortization	87	93	55	73	41	65	45	46	51	54	-70	-103	278	331
Net capital expenditure	-78	-124	-47	-59	-48	-57	-59	-83	-34	-19	-1	-2	-,266	-344
Change in working capital	-314	-377	-455	-629	-282	-409	-179	-194	-8	-59	-30	-55	-1 268	-1.722
Cash flow 4)	261	217	116	156	-138	-212	67	130	403	462	-108	-160	601	593
Non-cash items											8	-2	8	-2
Interest paid and received											-52	-71	-52	-71
Operating cash flow 4)											32	/1	557	520
Average number of employees	10,608	10,630	7,013	7,786	13,366	13,749	3,184	3,381	9,363	9,426	200	228	43,735	45,199

#### **RESULTS BY DIVISION**

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		MEA		nericas	Asia F	Pacific	Techno	logies	Syst	ems	Oth			otal
SEK M	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
Sales, external	12,957	14,519	10,074	12,096	6,879	7,755	6,406	7,147	12,166	15,325	0	0	48,481	<sup>1)</sup> 56,843
Sales, internal	209	233	48	60	542	581	65	59	71	84	-935	-1,017	j -	-
Sales	13,165	14,753	10,121	12,156	7,420	8,336	6,472	7,207	12,237	15,409	-935	-1,017	48,481	56,843
Organic growth 2)	-1%	3%	6%	4%	4%	1%	6%	1%	0%	4%			2%	3%
Operating income (EBIT)	2,197		2,140	2,613	1,032	1,187	1,184	1,368			-363	-398	7,923	9,257
Operating margin (EBIT)	16.7%		21.1%	21.5%	13.9%	14.2%	18.3%	19.0%		13.3%			16.3%	16.3%
Items affecting comparability 3)	-300	-	-18	-	-183	-	-38	-	-313	-	-149	-	-1,000	-
Operating income (EBIT) incl.														
items affecting comparability	1,897	2,432	2,121	2,613	850	1,187	1,146	1,368	1,420	2,054	-512	-398	6,924	9,257
Capital employed	10.499	12,299	10.475	12.909	7,436	9.810	6.114	8,239	14 592	16.245	-708	-1.077	48,408	58,425
- of which goodwill	6,395	,	7,319	9,000	4,311	7,931	4,511	5,984	, ,		-	-,0,,	31,817	39,778
- of which other intangible and	0,000	,,,	.,515	3,000	.,511	,,,,,,	.,511	5,50.	3,202	3,013			31,017	33,770
tangible assets	2,703	3.051	2,384	2.982	2,481	3.137	1,338	1.711	3.850	4.021	97	87	12.854	14,990
- of which investments in associates	,	-,	2,301	2,302	371	414	1,550	1,711	1,296	, -	-	-	1,675	1,861
or which investments in associates	Ü	,	İ		3/1				1,230	1,150			1,073	1,001
Return on capital employed	20.7%	21.0%	22.7%	23.1%	16.3%	14.2%	19.7%	19.6%	12.1%	13.1%			17.1%	16.9%
Operating income (EBIT)	1,897	, -	2,121	2,613	850	1,187	1,146	1,368	1,420	2,054	-512	-398	6,924	9,257
Restructuring costs	300		18	-	183	-	38	-	313	-	149	-	1,000	-
Depreciation and amortization	328		179	237	157	183	159	182	168	212	2	-2	1	1,163
Net capital expenditure	-337		-182	-243	-200	-275	-375	-204	-106	-141	-2	-11		-1,271
Change in working capital	-104		-154	31	-57	-164	-98	-63	-2	-118	-82	109	-497	-303
Cash flow 4)	2,084	2,288	1,983	2,637	932	931	870	1,282	1,792	2,007	-445	-302	7,218	8,845
Non-cash items											17	-150		-150
Interest paid and received			!		!				!		-431	-457		-457
Operating cash flow 4)													6,803	8,238
Average number of employees	10,089	10,678	6,726	7,193	14,243	13,439	3,136	3,331	8,191	9,420	171	208	42,556	44,269

1) Sales by Continent, SEK M.	lan Doc	Jan-Dec	lan Mar	lan Mar
Sales by Collullelli, SEK M.	Jan-Dec	Jan-Dec	Jaii-Mai	Jaii-Mai
	2013	2014	2014	2015
Europe	21,111	23,242	5,555	6,076
North America	15,483	20,468	4,321	5,893
Central and South America	957	1,150	233	374
Africa	663	783	162	198
Asia	8,189	8,980	1,556	2,130
Pacific	2,078	2,220	477	581

Organic growth concern comparable units after adjustment for acquisitions and currency effects.
 Items affecting comparability consist of restructuring costs.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4)</sup> Excluding restructuring payments.

#### **FINANCIAL INFORMATION - NOTES**

#### **NOTE 1 BUSINESS COMBINATIONS**

	Jan-Dec	Jan-Mar	Jan-Mar
SEK M	2014	2014	2015
Purchase prices			
Cash paid for acquisitions during the period	2,478	1,053	758
Holdbacks and deferred considerations for acquisitions during the period	2,191	486	727
Adjustment of purchase prices for acquisitions in prior years	-42	-28	0
Total	4,627	1,511	1,484
Acquired assets and liabilities at fair value			
Intangible assets	156	73	511
Tangible assets	289	99	4
Financial assets	-15	-31	6
Inventories	266	76	42
Current receivables and investments	323	80	62
Cash and cash equivalents	204	76	21
Non-controlling interests	-2	-	-
Non-current liabilities	25	79	-128
Current liabilities	-627	-228	-78
Total	619	224	440
Acquired negative goodwill - recognized as other operating income	6	_	_
Goodwill	4,013	1,287	1,044
dodawiii	4,013	1,207	1,044
Change in cash and cash equivalents due to acquisitions			
Cash paid for acquisitions during the period	2,478	1,053	758
Cash and cash equivalents in acquired subsidiaries	-204	-76	-21
Paid holdbacks and deferred considerations for acquisitions in previous years	180	-26	241
Total	2,454	952	978

Fair value adjustments of acquired net assets from acquisitions made in previous periods are included in the above table.

#### NOTE 2 FAIR VALUE AND CARRYING AMOUNT ON FINANCIAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

31 March 2015	Seets seets at fair value through profit and loss r-sale financial assets 112 112 112 r-sale financial assets 13,804 13,804 150 150 150 150 150 150 150 150 150 150	fair value			
	Carrying	Fair			
SEK M	amount	value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Financial assets					
Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss	112	112		112	
Available-for-sale financial assets	5	5			
Loans and other receivables	13,804	13,804			
Derivative instruments - hedge accounting	150	150		150	
Financial liabilities					
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit and loss	4,448	4,448		450	3,998
Financial liabilities at amortized cost	27,765	28,121			
Derivative instruments - hedge accounting	33	33		33	

Financial assets			at fair value				
	Carrying	Fair					
SEK M	amount	value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3		
Financial assets							
Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss	23	23		23			
Available-for-sale financial assets	5	5					
Loans and other receivables	13,138	13,138					
Derivative instruments - hedge accounting	136	136		136			
Financial liabilities							
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit and loss	3,455	3,455		216	3,239		
Financial liabilities at amortized cost	25,697	26,039					
Derivative instruments - hedge accounting	35	35		35			

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